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NEW PASTOR FOR THE METHODISTS

Rev. C. T. Rogers, of Red Springs, Succeeds Rev. D. A. Petty Here

Rev. C. T. Rogers, of Red Springs, was appointed at the Methodist conference in Henderson yesterday to succeed Rev. Dwight A. Petty, as pastor of the local charge, the change being one of many made at the annual meeting of the various preachers and conference leaders. Rev. Mr. Petty, who has carried a splendid work in the various religious fields of his church during his stay here, goes to the Rowland charge in Roberson county.

According to tentative arrangements Mr. Rogers and his family will move here some time next week, when Mr. Petty and his family leave for the new charge at Rowland. Before going to their new home, Mr. and Mrs. Petty will visit relatives in Durham for a few days.

EXPECT QUIET THANKSGIVING

Practically All Businesses To Suspend Operations During The Day

With suspension of practically all business here Thursday, an unusually quiet Thanksgiving day is expected in this county. As the day is included in the list of national holidays, no mail deliveries either in the town or rural districts will be made, and mail will only be received and dispatched from the various offices.

The tobacco market will be closed that day and Friday reopening the following Monday. Stores and banks will close for the day, leaving only the drug stores, filling stations and soda fountains open to carry on a regular business.

TWO IN COURT FOR AN AFFRAY

Unable To Pay Fine Man Is Sentenced To Work On Town Streets

Unable to pay his fine imposed when he was found guilty of disorderly conduct, Jesse Cox, colored, was given employment on the streets of the town by Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell yesterday morning. The street sentence is a forerunner to others that will more than likely follow when the defendants found guilty in Justice Hassell's court, are unable to pay fines imposed upon them.

Cox and Charles entered into a lively quarrel at the negro pool room on Washington Street last Saturday night when Cox accused Gray of cheating him out of a quarter. Gray hit Cox with a piece of coal and fled with Cox following. Gray won the race, hurriedly bringing the quarrel to an end. Gray paid his fine, \$5 and his part of the costs, and escaped forced employment on the streets of the town.

Everetts Baptist Society Serves Supper Tonight

The Ladies Aid Society of the Everetts Baptist Church is serving a supper from 5 to 8:30 o'clock there this evening, extending a wide invitation to all who will to eat with them.

Farmers To Have Square Dance Here Friday Night

Sponsored by several farmers living near here, an old-fashioned square dance will be held in the Planters warehouse here Friday night of this week, it was announced yesterday. Several musicians have been employed to furnish the music and a large crowd is expected to attend. The dance begins at 8 and continues until 12, it was stated.

Jamesville Seniors Will Present Play at Farm Life

Following the successful presentation of the play, "Two Days to Marry," in the Jamesville high school recently by the seniors of that school, the production will be staged in the Farm Life auditorium this evening, it was announced yesterday.

Poultry Flocks Show Net Cash Return of \$2,089.26

Five poultry flocks in Davidson County show a net cash return of \$2,089.26 above feed cost from the sale of eggs alone. The records were reported to County Agent C. A. Leonard who states that no charge was made on eggs consumed on the farm or for the birds sold.

Makes \$34 Net Profit by The Use of Potash

W. C. King of Union Ridge in Caswell County invested ten dollars in potash to be applied under his tobacco and made a net profit of \$34.00 on the trade, reports County Agent H. L. Seagrove.

President Experiences Hard Task Issuing Proclamation Thanksgiving Observance

Issues Fitting Proclamation Even If Depression Did Not Make for Gratitude

Of all the various public officials issuing Thanksgiving Proclamations, probably President Herbert Hoover found the task the most difficult. The recent election returns offered him little inspiration. Poverty and general depression did not make for gratitude, but after picking and carefully choosing his words, he proclaimed:

A Proclamation

To the People of Williamston: Whereas, our early forefathers of this nation in the midst of privations and hardships were exceedingly grateful for a bountiful harvest, and out of the gratitude of their hearts set apart a day for thanksgiving in order that they might more appropriately offer up their devotions to a kind providence for their many blessings, and

Whereas, that manner of offering thanks has become a national custom approved and requested by our President and Governor: Now, therefore,

I, Robert L. Coburn, Mayor of Williamston, happy to follow this custom, do hereby proclaim and set aside Thursday, November 27th, as Thanksgiving Day, and call upon the people of the town to honor and observe it by suspending all unnecessary activities and by giving expression to the gratitude that is in their hearts for all the blessings enjoyed during the past year.

While a survey of our town reveals the fact that our business, educational and religious institutions have gone forward and made great progress in the midst of a general economic depression and that our general business conditions are much better than thousands of other communities about us, it is nevertheless true that there are some of our townspeople who are in want and need. I therefore, earnestly urge the people of Williamston to contribute liberally to the funds for charity; that our people make real sacrifices for the relief of suffering humanity everywhere. Let us ever remember that our greatest contribution to life is the bringing of cheer, happiness and good will to those who suffer. Then when we have made sure that all of our people will be able to enjoy the blessings of food and raiment, let us on this Thanksgiving Day take time to offer up our devotions to Diety for our many blessings, and petition divine relief for suffering humanity of all nations.

In conclusion, I further urge that our people remember that we are all imperfect, but that our human errors are not all moral wrongs; that we forget our individual differences, and unite in gratitude to God for our progress, health and happiness.

ROBERT L. COBURN, Mayor of Williamston.

BLIMP PASSES OVER SUNDAY

Cruises At Low Altitude Over Town On Its Trip Back to Langley Field

After experiencing disappointment when the "Puritan" Goodyear zeppelin, failed to come over this place on its trip to Robersonville several days ago, local citizens had their turn in viewing the craft as it passed over here late Sunday afternoon for Langley Field, Norfolk. The blimp had filled an engagement in Washington during the day and was returning to its temporary base when the hundreds of local people happened to glance skyward to see the thing.

The ship was flying comparatively close to earth when it passed over here and the motors were driving it around 45 miles an hour. Thirty minutes after the blimp passed over, the ground crew passed through on a specially equipped bus.

Unusual Picture at Watts Wednesday and Thursday

Included in the list of feature pictures at the Watts Theatre here this week is the dramatic story of women and war depicted in the "War Nurse," a production that has attracted much attention on the talkie screen during the past few weeks in the big cities of the country.

Bringing the woman's side played by her in the great war, "War Nurse" comes to the Watts theatre here for a two-day showing beginning tomorrow. The picture house, in addition to its regular schedule of shows, will run a special matinee Thanksgiving afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Friday and Saturday of this week, Jack Holt supported by other able stars of the screen will appear in "Hell's Island," a picture of thrilling action and much romance.

Superior Court Here Has Few Cases In Two Days

During the past two days that it was in session, the superior court in progress here heard but two or three cases, settlements resulting, however, in several others. The proceedings have been of no great importance.

Everetts School Honor Roll for Second Month

Reporting an enrollment of 206 for the second school month of the current term, the Everetts school had an average daily attendance during the period of 87 per cent, according to figures furnished by Principal D. N. Hix yesterday afternoon.

During the month, 27 pupils in the school met all requirements to have their names appear on the scholastic honor roll, as follows:

First Grade
Susie Ausbon, Louis Mobley, Mary Lon Roberson, Van Taylor, Milton Moore.

UNION SERVICE THANKSGIVING

Rev. Wiegmann Will Deliver Sermon In Presbyterian Church Here

The Union Thanksgiving Service will be held this year in the Presbyterian Church on Thursday morning at ten o'clock. The ministers of the town had several requests to change the time from Wednesday night to Thursday morning in order to give the service a real Thanksgiving atmosphere. It was deemed wise to do this and hope the people will cooperate in this sentiment.

The pastor of the Christian Church, Mr. F. W. Wiegmann will conduct the service. The offering to be taken at the close will go to the benevolent work of the churches. The program planned is as follows:

Hymn—Come Ye Thankful People, Come.
Invocation
Responsive Reading
Hymn—O, Worship the King
Responsive Reading
Hymn—Doxology
Prayer
Special Music
Sermon—F. W. Wiegmann
Offering
Hymn—Blest Be the Tie That Binds.

FOOTBALL FOR THANKSGIVING

Morehead City Will Meet Locals Here Thursday Afternoon

Completing the season here next Thursday afternoon, the local high school football boys will figure in one of the main Thanksgiving Day events in the town when they meet the strong Morehead City squad on the high school field that afternoon.

With practically a new working organization at the beginning of the season, the local team has developed and during its last several engagements it has registered success. The boys are ready for the tilt Thursday, and a good game is assured. The locals and the Morehead City eleven are about equally matched, and the play is expected to attract a large number of fans that afternoon.

FIND STOLEN CAR TRAILER

Car Trailer Abandoned In Woods Near Parmele Several Days Ago

Furnishing no clue but indicating theft, an automobile trailer was found by Chief Wm. Gray and Officer Griffin, of Robersonville, late last Friday afternoon parked several hundred yards from the road between Robersonville and Parmele. A few tobacco sticks and three small bundles of tobacco were found in the trailer.

Chief Gray, reporting the find, was at a loss to explain the apparent theft, but it was his belief that thieves had stolen a quantity of tobacco and borrowed the trailer to transport it. They did not trouble themselves with the return of the trailer. The trailer, described as a very good one by the police chief, had been there for several days and its owner is not known, at this time by the officers.

CHRISTMAS SEAT SALE STARTED

Three thousand Christmas seals have been received by the chairman of the sale, Mrs. L. H. Gurganus, here and will go on sale this week.

The quota is very small for this community, and those in charge of the sale are hoping that it will be met. Three-fourths of the revenue received will be used locally for charity needs, the other fourth going to aid in the fight against tuberculosis.

Last year, approximately 2,000 of the seals were sold here, and the receipts were used to a decided advantage in carrying on charity work, it was stated by Mrs. Gurganus who had charge of the sale.

The drive is scheduled to start Thursday, and it is hoped that the public will receive the agents as they make their rounds from them until the close, several weeks later.

Fire Company Answers Call This Morning

The local fire company was called out this morning when a chimney blaze threatened the home of Mr. Jas. Everett on Main Street. The wood work nearest the chimney was browned by the heat, but the main damage resulted to the chimney.

Two White Youths Jailed, Charged With Car Thefts

Health Officer's Report for First Ten Months of 1930

CONDITIONS ARE BETTER THAN IN THE PAST YEAR

Twenty-Five Cases Scarlet Fever Reported in Five of Ten Townships

CONTAGIOUS DISEASE POSSIBLE TO FURTHER LIMIT NUMBER OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES OFFICER STATES

One hundred and forty-seven cases of the more common contagious diseases have been reported to the health department in this county so far this year, it was stated yesterday by County Health Officer Wm. E. Warren. The number of deaths resulting from the cases reported has been limited, and the general health conditions are considered much better this year than they were last year and years before that, Dr. Warren remarked. "As a whole, however, it is possible to further limit the number of cases of contagious diseases," the health officer remarked.

While the situation is not considered serious, scarlet fever is prevalent in many sections of the State at the present time. There are quite a number of cases in this county, several of them being in this town. Twenty-five cases have been reported so far in five townships, and additional cases are breaking out almost daily, it is understood.

In commenting on the report, Dr. Warren stated that every one of the cases preventable by vaccination was limited to those persons who did not take advantage of treatment offered, that all those who availed themselves of the treatment had so far been unaffected by either typhoid fever and diphtheria.

The report of the various diseases, by townships, follows:

- Scarlet Fever: Williamston, 11; Cross Roads, 4; Robersonville, 8; Jamesville, 1; Bear Grass, 1.
- Diphtheria: Williamston, 18; Robersonville, 8; Hamilton, 3; Cross Roads, 2; Jamesville, 1; Griffins, 1; Poplar Point, 1; Goose Nest, 7; Bear Grass, 1.
- Typhoid Fever: Robersonville, 3; Cross Roads, 3; Griffins, 1; Williamston, 1.
- Infantile Paralysis: Williamston, 1.
- Whooping Cough: Griffins, 10; Jamesville, 1; Williams, 23; Williamston, 5; Robersonville, 1; Hamilton, 1.
- Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis: Jamesville, 5; Williamston, 1.
- Chickenpox: Goose Nest, 4; Robersonville, 2; Hamilton, 4.
- Pellagra: Robersonville, 1; Williamston, 6; Griffins, 1; and Williams, 1.

AGENTS RAID IN EAST LAKE

Destroy 20,000 Gallons of Beer and Equipment Valued at \$10,000

Local federal prohibition agents, C. S. Coats, J. H. Roebuck and J. R. Crumpler, took part in one of their biggest raids of the year last Thursday and Friday when they destroyed four large liquor plants of the steam type and equipment valued at \$10,000 in the East Lake section.

Leaving here Wednesday, the agents boarded a coast guard cutter at Elizabeth City and reached Mill Tail Creek about noon Thursday. That afternoon they found two plants, and destroyed 9,000 gallons of beer and 142 gallons of aged liquor. The following day, the agents destroyed 11,000 gallons of beer and 90 gallons of liquor. No arrests were made at either of the plants, and the stills had not been operated in several days.

Much of the liquor destroyed by the agents was found hidden in lake tributaries. Twenty-four jugs, filled with the red "spirits" were found buried in the water at one spot.

Government Replenishes Fish in Halifax Streams

Taking 5,500 small fish from the U. S. Government ponds near Edenton employees of the Department of Fisheries passed through here last Saturday on their way to Halifax county where they will replenish the supply of fish in the various streams there. Millions of fish are hatched at the various hatcheries by the federal government, and real often the large trucks carrying from five to ten thousand of small fish pass through here going to and coming from the hatchery near Edenton.

No requests have been made to the government for a supply of the small fish to be placed in the streams of this county, it was learned Saturday. The recent dry season was so effective in this immediate section that many streams went dry, leaving thousands of fish to die. It is believed that there will be a scarcity of fish in the ponds and creeks here for several years, that the supply should be replenished by some agency.

ABANDON CAR, ASK SHERIFF FOR A RIDE

C. S. Lupton and Arlie Liverman Are Charged with Theft in Norfolk

TRY TO CHANGE CARS

Car Stolen In Norfolk Belonged To P. A. Whitfield, Resident Of Bethel

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck has experience many unusual happenings during his short service as an officer of this county, but the most unusual one occurred last Sunday night when suspected car thieves stopped him and asked for a ride on the highway near here. The officer was looking for the boys at the time, and their arrests were easily effected.

Sunday evening while Mr. L. T. Holliday was preaching in the Macedonia church, eight miles from here, two young boys, Clyde S. Lupton, of Belhaven, and Arlie Liverman of Norfolk, drove an old Chevrolet, a car, it was learned later, that had been stolen on the streets of Norfolk, on the grounds. They deserted the Chevrolet there and started to drive off with Mr. Holliday's new car. In their hurry to get away, they flooded the carburetor of the car and it would not start. One of the two got out to push the machine when parties from the church went out to investigate. The boys abandoned both cars and ran away.

Sheriff Roebuck was called and he with Officer Allsbrooks went to the church, heard the description of the boys, and started back. The two officers had not traveled far on their return trip before they were hailed by the boys and asked for a ride. The boys were entering the car when they recognized Officer Allsbrooks' uniform and then they hesitated, but it was too late to turn then for the officers had them covered. They are now in jail, and it is likely that they will face the U. S. Courts for violating the Federal Motor Vehicle Act.

Sheriff Roebuck examined the abandoned Chevrolet car and learned that it belonged to Mr. P. A. Whitfield, of Bethel. Mr. Whitfield's son was using the machine in Norfolk where the boys are said to have stolen it a few days ago.

BARELY ESCAPES ELECTROCUTION

Nicholas Manning Badly Shocked When Wire Is Thrown on Light Line

Nicholas, the 12 year old son of Mrs. Mittie Manning, of Griffins township, narrowly escaped electrocution last Saturday afternoon while playing with his classmate, Alexander Corey, Jr., near the Corey home in Jamesville.

The boys were playing with a coil removed from an old Ford car, and the Manning youth held one end of the wire while the young Corey boy unraveled the fine wire. After uncoiling a part of the small wire, Corey threw the coil over one of the high-powered lines of the Virginia Electric and Power company furnishing a connection. The shock reached the Manning youth, knocking him down and burning him badly about the hands and knee. He also suffered several bad blisters on one foot.

The wire was so small that it burned into instantly and it is believed that the shock would have proved fatal had the ground been wet.

BANK DEPOSITS SHOW INCREASE

Bank of Robersonville Reports Market Gains In Its Business

In its statement issued last Saturday at the close of business, the Bank of Robersonville reported total cash securities in the sum of \$192,780.29 and total resources amounting to \$504,582.98, indicating a healthy condition for the institution. A marked increase is noted almost daily in the bank's deposits which are climbing as much as from eight to ten thousand dollars almost daily.

Backed by capable and able directors and officers, the bank stated in a financial report rendered last Saturday to its patrons, "We stand ready to meet any emergency, as we have always stood, during a period of emergency as well as in a period of prosperity. This bank has ample cash and marketable securities to meet the requirements of the public. We have no hesitancy in assuring you that all of our loans and discounts are in good shape and well secured, and we solicit patronage upon our record established over a period of 27 years, assuring our patrons an absolutely safe place for their money."

Avery County Farmers Ship Many Onions

Farmers in Avery County shipped 5,000 pounds of onions last week and have received additional orders totaling 5,000 pounds for shipment next week.

Montgomery Farmers Buy Twelve Cars Of Limestone

Twelve cars of ground limestone have been placed in Montgomery county during the past two weeks for use under fall-planted crops.

Halifax County Farmers Are Shipping Honey Bees

Twenty-two baby beehives were shipped from Halifax county last week and 44 more will be shipped as soon as the market advances, says J. B. Britt, county agent.