

## FEDERAL AGENTS ARREST MAN AND CONFISCATE CAR

### Find Car In Middle of Road and Driver Apparently Drunk

J. T. Matthews, white man living near Robersonville, was arrested by Federal Prohibition Agents C. S. Coats and F. E. Street and his car, a Buick sedan, was confiscated between Conetoe and Bethel early this week. The officers were riding the road during a thunder storm and found the car turned sideways on the highway and Matthews apparently drunk. A fruit jar, half filled with whisky, was found in the car.

Matthews was given a hearing here and was ordered held for the next term of Federal court in Washington. His car is now in government storage.

Mr. Matthews has been a defendant in the Martin courts several times for operating a car while under the influence of liquor. Found guilty of driving a car while intoxicated, he was fined \$75 in the court here in 1927. About two years later he was found guilty of a similar violation of the law, the court imposing a \$50 fine and a four-months suspended road sentence. His license to operate a car was revoked for a period of 12 months.

## WRITES ABOUT TOBACCO MARTS

### Mr. Dode Hassell Tells of Conditions in Georgia Tobacco Belt

"The situation is the most peculiar ever witnessed in this section," Mr. Dode Hassell stated in a letter written in Camilla, Ga., and received here this week. He tells of the conditions there, as follows:

"This is the beginning of the third week for the Camilla market, and at this writing the market has sold 117,350 pounds at an average of \$6.09. "Rains during the past several days are causing the tobacco to be held back, and also puts on new growth. All dealers in the weed state emphatically that it is the most peculiar situation they ever witnessed. It is something new under the sun. The weed is stubborn, does not have a tendency to ripen and half of the crop is now standing in the fields, green. All of it will never be pulled, and the worms have taken charge of it, stock and barrel.

The offerings are of an exceptionally inferior quality. Still it should bring a little better price than what it is selling for. It is not worth the pulling under the present condition of prices, and the grower would derive more benefit by allowing it to remain in the fields and plow it under during the coming fall.

"The greater part of the crop was set out during the month of April, and rains arrived too late for a fair crop. The opening, by all means, should have been postponed for two weeks as the crop could have been disposed of in a short time.

"At present, rains are paying us a visit, and plenty of it."

## RECORDER HAD BUT SIX CASES

### Proceedings at Tuesday's Session Are of Little Consequence

Six cases were called in the county court at the session held here last Tuesday, the proceedings being of little consequence.

Jim Whitley was sentenced to jail for one month, to be hired out, when he was found guilty of an assault upon a female.

The case charging Delilah Purvis with an assault with a deadly weapon, was continued for two weeks.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Jerome Simmons and James Pollard were found not guilty.

Curtis Rhodes was sentenced to the State roads for a period of four months, the court finding him guilty of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor.

The case charging Frank Woolard with an assault upon a female was continued for two weeks.

The case charging Joe Boston with being drunk and disorderly was heard and continued two weeks.

## "Jake" W. Berger Starts Work As Warehouseman

Mr. "Jake" W. Berger, of Florence, S. C., arrived this week preparatory to operating the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse this season. He will be associated with Mr. W. T. Meadows.

Mr. Berger, a prominent tobacconist with many years of experience in the warehouse business, has been in the field this week in the interest of his business.

## Majority of County Schools To Open on September 14th

One more month and vacation days will be over for the several thousand Martin County school children, it is likely that the three schools will be opened a few days later. And if the election fails, then the opening will likely be postponed for several weeks for these three schools only.

Several of the school faculties have been selected and contracts are now pending in many cases in other schools. The names of the faculty members have not been announced so far, but complete lists will be made public within the next few days, it is understood.

## YELLOW JACKETS

Waynesville, Aug. 11.—Two yellowjackets he swallowed Sunday while eating an apple nearly cost the life of Onie Pressley, Haywood County farmer, who is recovering at a hospital here after suffering intense pain and poisoning from the stings.

Pressley, suffering agony after the yellowjackets stung the tender membrane of his throat, managed to dialogue them alive. He was unable to speak until today, when his throat responded to treatment.

Physicians said his life was saved with difficulty as the poison had spread through his body.

## BAPTISTS HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC

### Nearly Two Hundred Go To Rea's Beach for Outing Wednesday

Nearly two hundred men, women, children, and babies of the local Baptist Sunday school picnicked at Rea's Beach last Wednesday afternoon.

Plans were made to leave the church at 1:30. And for more than an hour the people were gathering from far and near. Many came from far out in the country on buses, trucks, and automobiles. While from all over town they converged on the church lawn until there was much difficulty in getting sufficient conveyance to handle them.

At the beach there was bathing and swimming, followed by abundant refreshments, the parties reaching Williamston about nightfall.

It was one of the best attended picnics the Sunday school has had for years, and every one reported an enjoyable occasion.

## Program of Services at Local Christian Church

Attendance upon the church and Sunday school services at the Christian Church has held up unusually well during this summer, the pastor stated this morning. There are just two more Sundays left before the pastor leaves, and he is anxious that the good record be maintained. Services for Sunday and next week are as follows:

9:45 a. m. Sunday school.

11 a. m. Morning worship, "What To Believe About God."

7 p. m. Intermediate Christian Endeavor.

4 p. m. Tuesday, Junior Christian Endeavor.

8 p. m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

The union service Sunday night will be held at the Presbyterian church.

## Mr. Z. H. Rose To Teach In The Columbia Schools

Mr. Z. Hardy Rose, a man of many years' experience in the school room, has accepted a position in the Columbia High School this season and will start work early next month. A self-help student in college, Mr. Rose was graduated from the University of North Carolina and headed the local schools for two years, those at Benson for four years and those at Scotland Neck for two years. He also taught in the public and private schools of Wayne county for five years.

A learned scholar in mathematics and Latin, the professor will teach those two subjects in the Tyrrell County high school and direct athletic programs.

## Good Program of Pictures At the Watts Next Week

Marie Dressler and Polly Moran climax the amusement program at the Watts Theatre here next Thursday and Friday when they appear in "Politics."

Monday and Tuesday, Constance Bennett appears in "The Common Law," a story of love in the art studios of Paris. Wednesday, Douglas Fairbanks, jr., appears in "Chances," another good picture.

## CHANGES MADE IN GAME LAWS EFFECTIVE 1931

### Open Season on Squirrels Begins September 1 This Year

The 1931 session of the General Assembly of North Carolina made a number of changes in the game laws of the State, the most important affecting this section being briefly summarized as follows open seasons and bag limits:

Squirrel: September 1 to December 31. Bag limit, 10 in one day.

Rabbit: May be killed with gun at any time, but hunted with dogs November 20 to February 15. No bag limit.

Deer, buck: September 15 to January 1. Bag limit, 2 in one day, 4 during season.

Deer, doe: Season closed until September 1, 1933.

Fur bearers: Raccoon, mink, opossum, skunk, otter, and muskrat: With dog and gun October 1 to February 15. Trapping November 15 to February 15th.

Quail: November 20 to February 15. Bag limit, 10 in one day.

Wild Turkey: November 20 to February 15. Bag limit, 2 in one day, 5 during season.

Dove: November 20 to January 31. Bag limit, 25 in one day.

Pheasants: Season closed until September 1, 1933.

Woodcock: December 1 to December 31. Bag limit, 4 in one day.

Duck, geese, brant, and coot: November 1 to January 15. Bag limit, 15 ducks in one day, 4 geese, and 8 brant.

Swan, wood duck, and eider duck: No open season.

Species unprotected are: Wild cat, English sparrows, Great Horned Owl, Cooper's and Sharp-Shinned hawks, crows, blackbirds, jays, and buzzards.

License selling agents will be the same as last year.

## Mary Gray's Auto Wrecked By Fire On Roanoke Dam

The Pontiac sedan, belonging to Mary Gray, colored, was wrecked by fire early last Wednesday night when a short circuit in an overhead light started a blaze in the car top. Chas. Jagner, driver of the car at the time, stated that when he first saw the fire it was eating into the top fabric very rapidly. He was traveling on the Roanoke River dam and was between the two bridges when the fire started.

The fire burned itself out before it reached the engine and the front tires, destroying the body and the back tires. A small amount of insurance was carried on the machine.

## Announce Curb Market Prices Here for Saturday

In announcing the prices on the curb market here for tomorrow, the home agent, Miss Lora E. Sleeper, stated, "Even though our curb market is small compared with others, we believe no greater variety of produce can be found on any other market of this size. Try our eggplant and okra."

The prices:

Beets, 3c a bunch; butter beans, 18c a quart; cabbage, 3c a pound; corn, 18c a dozen; cucumbers, 5c a pound; egg plant, 9c a pound; okra, 9c a pound; watermelons, 15-25c each; bell pepper, 9c a pound; potatoes, 2c a pound; rhubarb, 15c a pound; tomatoes, 5c a pound; country butter, 35c a pound; eggs, 20c a dozen; cantaloupes, 5-8c each; hens, live, 20 cents a pound; hens, dressed, 28 cents a pound; broilers, 30 cents a pound.

## Rev. E. P. West To Preach At Union Service Sunday

Rev. E. P. West, Baptist minister from Hobgood, will preach the union sermon at the Presbyterian church next Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

Mr. West has preached in Williamston on other occasions, where he is always gladly heard.

At the Baptist church Sunday morning the pastor will have for his sermon theme, "The Glory of Having a Job."

## REGISTRATION FOR ELECTION LESS THAN 200

### County Chairman Warns Citizens to Register if They Want to Vote

Registration for the special school election to be held in this county September 14 is progressing very slowly, reports received yesterday from several of the registrars indicated. The books have been open about one week and less than 200 people have registered, it is estimated. In this precinct, 38 citizens had registered up until yesterday noon.

The books will remain open through Saturday, September 5, and regardless of how many times a person has registered heretofore, he will have to register before that date if he votes in the election, September 14. Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections is making official announcement this week, warning all citizens that if they would vote in the election, they must register on or before Saturday, September 5.

Citizens in this precinct are urged to register with Registrar Luther Peel at the Peel Motor Company garage on Washington Street.

A continued discussion of the proposed extended term for the entire county is being heard here and there, and it is generally believed that the public will favor the measure at the polls next month.

## MAN STEALS HIS OWN FORD AUTO

### J. P. Jackson Is from Wilmington and Not from Williamston

J. P. Jackson, arrested in Edinburg, Texas, last week and giving his address as Williamston, is a Wilmington man, it was learned by Deputy S. H. Grimes here this week from the State Auto Theft Bureau, Raleigh. Jackson was in the company of one J. F. Curtin who was arrested in the Texas town for forgery. No charge was preferred against Jackson, but in the exchange of information it was learned that he was from Wilmington and had run away with his own car, leaving his creditors behind.

When arrested by the Texas sheriff, Jackson stated he was from this town. The Texas officer wrote Sheriff C. B. Roebuck who investigated the report, and it was later learned that Jackson was not a Williamston man.

## MANY FARMING TOO MUCH LAND

### 10 Acres of Land Plenty To Make Living Say Some Authorities

A recent press dispatch states: "Many farmers who are unable to make a living" on 25 acres of land would find it easier if they worked only 10 acres. We have in mind one foreigner who came to North Carolina and purchased 10 acres of land. Some of the neighbors inquired of the newcomer if he thought he could make a living on 10 acres. His reply was that if he couldn't he would sell five acres."

It requires two acres of land to feed the average American according to an article in Good Health magazine. The story points out that while it takes 2 acres to produce enough food for the average American, only one acre is required to provide food for the average German, half an acre to feed a Chinaman, and one-fourth an acre for a Japanese. The difference doesn't come about, it is pointed out, in the amount of food consumed by the members of the different races, but because of the difference in diet.

## Peaches for Hogs, Corn for Burning Is Farm Economy

Chicago, Aug. 12.—Sagging of market prices for commodities today brought figures from statisticians to show that farmers in many cases could save money by burning corn for fuel and feeding peaches to hogs.

Corn took a dive of nearly 3 cents a bushel to 48 cents before recovering on the Board of Trade, while first-crop peaches in Southern Illinois went on the market for from 35 to 50 cents a bushel. Allowing for transportation grain experts figured farmers could get only about 22 cents a bushel for maize so that a ton of the coarse grain in corn regions would be from \$2 to \$4 a ton cheaper than coal.

While the fattening power of peaches had not been demonstrated, market experts said it was merely a matter of figures that seven bushels of cheap peaches would cost only \$2.45 as against nearly \$3.50 for seven bushels of marketed corn, supposed to produce 100 pounds of pork.

## Tobacco Production Is Being Curtailed by Many Farmers

### Curtailling tobacco production at every turn has been reported by farmers in the county this season. The acreage was cut greatly at the start. The bottom leaves were pulled and thrown away as a second step in the production curtailment program. And now the growers are cutting down the stalks with the tips and even the next to the last primings in some cases on them. The complete curtailment policy involving the three

processes has not been widely followed in this county, but one or more of the steps have been taken by a majority of Martin farmers.

Many farmers are completing the curing work this week and a goodly number has already cut the tobacco stalks. It is reliably advanced that the harvesting of tips of prospective poor quality will result in a loss to the grower, and that it would be profitable for him to leave them in the field.

## SOUTH DOESN'T THINK MUCH OF BOARD'S PLAN

### Governor Gardner Opposed To Making Southern Farmer the Goat

A plan was advanced by the Federal Farm Board in the Nation's Capital this week whereby the cotton farmer would not have to give but two-thirds of his crop away. The other third, the Farm Board would have the farmer plow under, and to make it simple and eliminate all errors, the board suggests that the grower plow under every third row. To make the apparently absurd plan one of fairness to all, nothing was said by the Farm Board about dealers and the board itself burning or destroying one-third of their holdings that the price of the remaining two-thirds might be boosted.

As a lash hanging over the head of the growers, the Farm Board threatened to turn loose its large holdings and flood the already flooded market.

Governors of the Old South yesterday sneered at the plan advanced by the farm board, several declaring that it would be better to harvest the crop now, nearing maturity and plant no cotton next year. Governor Gardner stated when his opinion of the plan was asked, that he "opposed making the Southern cotton farmer the goat," and added that the farmers of this State did not plant the 'third' row this year. He proposed that the Farm Board destroy a third of the supply it holds.

Old Huey P. Long, governor of Louisiana, said, "the plan sounds good, but damned if I know."

The low price of cotton will not affect this county to any great extent. Of course, it will be felt, and there will be some difference. Last year Martin produced 4,913 bales. This year a smaller production is predicted.

## Regular Preaching Services Jamesville Baptist Church

Rev. W. B. Harrington will conduct the regular preaching services in the Jamesville Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and that evening at 8:00 o'clock, it was announced yesterday.

In announcing the series of revival services at the Cedar Branch Baptist Church, it was stated recently that the first of the series would be preached Sunday, September 9. The services start Wednesday evening, September 9th. Rev. Harrington will conduct the services.

## New Prohibition Agent Temporarily Located Here

Federal Prohibition Agent V. G. Spivey, of New Bern, was temporarily located here this week and made his first raid near Corey's old store in Bear Grass Township yesterday morning. The plant was found, but the owner had removed the still.

## Presbyterians Announce Their Sunday Services

Sunday, August 16, 1931: "The Church with an Open Door." Church school at 9:45 a. m. All members are urged to be present as there will be no preaching service this Sunday.

Bear Grass Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 8 p. m. Rev. W. P. Brown, of Edenton, will preach.

Roberson's Farm Sunday school at 4 p. m. Come, worship with us.

Brazil is more than 200,000 square miles larger than the entire United States.

The world's tallest ferns exist in the Hawaiian Islands, where they grow to a height of 30 to 40 feet.

Born without ears, 10-year-old Frank Litch, of Lynn, Mass., now hears with the aid of artificial ears which may be attached to and removed from the head at will.

A white hot meteorite, 3 inches in diameter and weighing one pound, fell into the yard of J. L. Ruckman's home at Corbley, Mont.

## NEW USE

Chicago, Aug. 11.—If the price of cotton falls much further, William Wrigley, Jr., said today that he probably would use it instead of excelsior to pack his chewing gum.

Wrigley, multi-millionaire business man, owner of the Chicago Cubs, and developer of California's famous Catalina Island, started five months ago to trade gum for cotton in the South. At the time cotton was selling for about 12 cents a pound. Cotton since has gone down to 6.80 cents, leaving Wrigley with a large paper loss.

"But, as we said originally," Wrigley added, "we will continue to buy cotton with the proceeds of all gum sold in the South, no matter how low the price goes, until December 1."

## BEGINS REVIVAL AT EVERETTS

### Rev. J. M. Perry to Conduct Series of Services, Beginning Sunday

Beginning next Sunday and continuing through August 27, Evangelist J. M. Perry, of Vernon, Texas, will conduct a series of revival services in the Christian church at Everetts. The services will open each evening during the period at 8 o'clock.

Rev. Mr. Perry, a native of this section, but for the past several years connected with the Vernon church, is well known in this section and large crowds are expected to hear him during his engagement at the Everetts church. He was pastor of the Robersonville Christian church for a number of years.

## LOCAL SCOUTS TO MAKE LONG TRIP

### Seven Planning To Spend Week on Indian Reservation Near Asheville

Seven local Boy Scouts, honorary members of the Tribe of the Kuniuh, are planning to leave here early next Tuesday morning for the Cherokee Indian reservation in the mountains of western North Carolina where they will camp for a week. The boys, Ben Hopkins, Lawrence Lindsley, jr., J. D. Bowen, Horace Ray, Wheeler Martin, jr., Billy Clark and Oscar Anderson, jr., planning to make the trip are to leave Williamston with a large number of other scouts at eight o'clock Tuesday morning and camp one night en route to the reservation. They will spend five days and five nights on the reservation and return here Tuesday week. Scoutmaster Wheeler Martin stated this morning.

At the present time, the boys are finding transportation means difficult, and it might be that some of the number will be unable to go on account of that.

The trip, one of the most promising undertaken by scouts in this section, is limited to members of the Tribe of Kuniuh, Williamston having an unusually large number in the group.

## PLANT REFUSES MANY TOMATOES

### Bertie Growers Haul Their Fruit Back Home and Feed It To Hogs

A glutted market for tomatoes was reported at the Plymouth packing and canning plant yesterday when hundreds of crates filled with the ripe fruit were refused by the company. The action is said to have been resented by the growers, who were delivering the tomatoes under contract.

John Bell, large grower in Bertie, sent 330 crates to the plant yesterday, and when the load was refused, he accepted the approximately \$60 loss and hauled the tomatoes back home for his hogs.

Some farmers in Washington County are said to have sold all their crops, while many others, a few of whom live in this county, are said to be little more than half through with the harvesting work.

It was unofficially reported yesterday that the plant would not operate any more this season.

## CANNING RECORD IS ESTABLISHED IN THIS COUNTY

### Several Carloads of Glass Containers Distributed In Past Few Weeks

More fruits and vegetables have been canned in Martin county this year than have been canned in any other period heretofore, it is believed. And the preserving work is still underway. Several solid carloads of fruit jars have been distributed at this point during the past few days, and the supply is now exhausted with an apparently strong demand for the containers still expected.

Local merchants state they sold more of the glass containers this season than ever before, that an all-time record probably would have been established had the supply held out. A few of the stores have a small supply of jars in the half-gallon size, and those containers are moving fast. Pint- and quart-size jars are to be found in local stocks, the dealers experiencing much difficulty in getting new shipments.

Cheap peaches, delivered here by Sandhill growers, have been one of the boosting factors in the canning business in this section during the current season. The choice offerings of the peach growers were delivered here for \$1 a bushel, and street sales attracted ready customers, truck load after truck load being sold from one curb spot.

One of the deplorable features, other than the starvation price received by the growers, is that the preserving was, more or less, limited, those who all but face hunger and want this winter apparently ignoring the golden opportunity to store up food for the winter. Then there were some who could not advance the price of the peaches, sugar and preserving containers, indicating that there'll be a heavy draft on charity this coming winter.

The sale spots have been real centers of activity here during the past few days, and the sales have been made to all classes, including farmers and small peach-growers themselves in this section.

No reliable estimate as to the number of jars used for preserving in this county this season is to be had, but it is believed that the number will total many thousands.

## HALT ATTEMPT TO RAISE BARGE

### High Water in the Roanoke Here Will Delay Salvage Work a Week

High waters in the Roanoke this week again delayed the salvage operations started nearly two weeks ago in an effort to raise the barge, "Lynn" that went to the bottom of the river here with 731 tons of fertilizer aboard.

Before the high waters came, the salvage crew was planning to start pumping water out of the boat this morning, but the high tide brought a halt to the work yesterday. The high water mark will be reached about Saturday or Sunday, and it will be some time next week, probably Tuesday or Wednesday before pumping operations are resumed, Captain Williams, of the "John Haggerty" stated late yesterday.

## SNOW FALLS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

### Weather Report from South Dakota Reads Like Fairy Tale

It sounds as if it might be a good-natured story, the report from South Dakota stating that snow fell there early this week.

The report coming out of Watertown, S. D., reads: "Snow in August! A very fine, light snow, sufficient to be identified, fell for a few minutes Monday. The weather was cloudy and threatening and the temperature at 7 a. m. was 56 degrees above zero."

"Percy Albrook, official weather observer, said the snow came in two squalls and melted before touching the ground."

## Harvey Gardner Grows Large Melon Near Here

His reputation as a watermelon grower seems to follow him wherever he goes, and this year on the old Sitterson farm, located on the McCaskey road, Mr. Harvey Gardner raised a crop of the melons weighing any where from 40 to 70 pounds, a general run.