

TWO MEN JAILED WEDNESDAY FOR STEALING SWINE

Four Goose Nest Farmers Implicated In Alleged Theft Sunday

Albert and Andrew Flannagan, brothers, and their father, John Flannagan, and Charlie Raynor, all white, were arrested at their homes in Goose Nest township, this county, Wednesday afternoon for the alleged theft of fourteen hogs from W. B. Phelps, Bertie farmer, last Sunday. Pending their trial to be held in Bertie county, the four men were placed under \$300 bonds each by Justice of the Peace J. W. Hines. Unable to furnish bond in the required sum, the two brothers were placed in the county jail here Wednesday and yesterday transferred to the Bertie jail.

The alleged theft is one of many reported by Bertie farmers during the past three years, it was learned yesterday, and the evidence surrounding this case is said to be sufficient to warrant conviction.

According to information received here, Albert Flannagan, a farmer on the old Leggett plantation in Goose Nest, crossed the Roanoke at Palmyra landing early Sunday morning and went to Phelps' home on the Devreux farm in Bertie. With a quantity of shelled corn, he lured from the Phelps pen fourteen nice-sized hogs, weighing about 140 pounds each. Over a course of five miles the hogs followed their charmer, eating a grain or two of corn dropped as bait by the man. And as the Pied Piper and the children journeyed to the river, so did the fifteen swine march to the Roanoke. At the river, Flannagan penned his catch and went to his brother Andrew, for aid. Arrangements were also made with Charlie Raynor to haul the hogs to the elder Flannagan's home.

Returning to the river, Albert, aided by his brother, loaded the swine on a boat and carried them down the river to Burnett landing, five miles away. Raynor met the men there and loaded the hogs on his wagon. They were unloaded at the Flannagan home that evening, the elder Flannagan, when questioned by officers Wednesday, claiming that he did not know the hogs were on his premises.

Missing his hogs, Monday morning, the Bertie farmer tracked them to the river and saw where they were loaded on a boat and carried away. With a boat he paddled down the stream and found where they were unloaded and re-loaded again, but that time in a wagon. The trail was followed by the aid of residents living along the eight-mile route from the Burnette landing on the Roanoke to the elder Flannagan home. A warrant was issued, the owner of the hogs recognizing them as his own in the Flannagan pen.

The case is divided between the two counties, but it is understood that the Bertie authorities have preferred charges against all four men and that the cause will be heard in the court there early in September.

Magistrate J. W. Hines stated this morning that Raynor and the elder Flannagan would be given a hearing here before him next Tuesday.

This morning Bertie authorities were demanding bonds in the sum of \$500 for both Raynor and Flannagan.

CHILDREN HURT NEAR HAMILTON

Suffer Broken Limbs When Cart Turns Over On Them

McDonald Cannon, 10 years old, suffered a broken leg, and his sister, Margaret, 13 years old, suffered a broken arm last Wednesday morning when a cart overturned on them near the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon, near Hamilton.

Her arm badly broken at the elbow, the girl was removed to a Tarboro hospital for treatment. Dr. E. M. Long attended the boy.

The two children had started to a corn field with a mule and cart to get green corn. A rough place in the path of the cart tripped it over, catching McDonald and Margaret underneath.

They were reported as getting along very well at their home this morning.

Rev. Mr. Brown To Preach For Presbyterians Sunday

Sunday, August 23, 1931:
"The Church with an open door."
Church school at 9:45 a. m.
Worship service and sermon at 11 a. m. Rev. W. Payne Brown, of Edenton, will bring the message of this morning. You are invited to hear him.

Beary Grass
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.
Preaching at 8 p. m. by Rev. W. P. Brown.

Roberson's Farm
Sunday school at 4 p. m.

Complete Audit of Town's Books; Publish Statement Receipts & Disbursements

MAKE SURVEY

The task of engineering 15,000 acres of land for drainage of the cattle ranch in this county was started this week, with Engineer Rivers in charge of the work, it was learned here today. Final arrangements for the drainage survey were completed by the owner, Mr. L. A. Thompson, on a recent visit here.

It will be several weeks before the engineering project is completed, and drainage details made known.

CHILD KILLED ACCIDENTALLY BY LOCAL MAN

Stacy Cox Is Exonerated From Blame In Tragedy Near Jacksonville

Henry Henderson, nine years old, was fatally injured last Wednesday afternoon when he was struck near the home of his parents on Highway No. 30, six miles from Jacksonville, N. C., by a car driven by Mr. Stacy Cox, of Williamston. The child was removed to a Wilmington hospital where he died early yesterday morning. Funeral services are being held this afternoon.

Mr. Cox, badly upset by the tragedy, stated yesterday morning that he was traveling at a moderate speed when the child, pushing a small home-made cart, darted into the road in front of the car. Mr. Cox turned to the side of the road, and the front of the car cleared the boy. Apparently seeing the car too late to stop or even think, the child continued and pushed the small cart into the rear fender of the automobile, wrecking the cart and fatally injuring the boy.

The highway forces had placed a pile of sand along the road and the child was carting a few small loads to his home to play with. His mother had warned him of the danger, but he slipped away for just one more load, it was stated.

Mr. Cox with Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Chief of Police W. B. Daniel, returned to the scene of the accident yesterday morning when an investigation, freeing Mr. Cox of blame, was held.

FISHING PARTY HAS REAL LUCK

Catch So Many, Fishermen Didn't Even Argue Over Who Caught Most

Williamston fishermen told strange tales upon their return from a trip down to Swansboro this week.

Last Tuesday, Dr. Jas. S. Rhodes, J. G. Staton, Jesses S. Whitley, Titus Critcher, R. A. Critcher, W. K. Parker, John Cook and Chief W. B. Daniel visited the "rocks", 14 miles south of Swansboro, in the Atlantic ocean, and returned with 600 of various kinds of fish.

The largest fish hooked, a 12-foot shark weighing about 500 pounds, was brought up by Dr. J. S. Rhodes. When the maul-ear came to the top of the water he broke the hook and leisurely swam under the boat and appeared on the surface again. The doctor is said to have moved his seat when the shark looked him in the eye the first time.

Chief Daniel fed the fish. The fishermen caught sea bass, flounders, sailors' choice, red mouth and many other kinds of fish.

Each of the group caught so many fish that there was no claim made to the championship.

A fine bunch of the catch reached the editor's table and were enjoyed and appreciated.

Curb Market To Continue During Tobacco Season

Through the kindness of the warehousemen, the curb market will be maintained on Saturdays in the warehouse during the tobacco season. Even though buyers and sellers have decreased during the month owing to vacations and crops, we are looking forward to an increase in the number of buyers and sellers during September. The following prices will be found at the market this week.

Eggs, 22 cents dozen; grapes, 8 cents pound; cantaloupes 5 cents each; watermelons, 15 cents each; butter beans, 18 cents quart; cabbage, 3 cents pound; corn, 18 cents a dozen; okra, 10 cents pound; tomatoes, 4 cents pound; cukes 85 cents to \$1.

PROFIT SHOWN BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT

A New Record In Finances Established By Town During 13 Months

A new record in the handling of finances was established by the town of Williamston during the thirteen months period, beginning June 1, 1930 and ending June 30, 1931, it was learned from a statement of receipts and disbursements released to the public in statement form this week. Approximately \$165,839.00 was received by the town during the period, the disbursements for the 13 months, amounting to \$162,006.68. On June 30, this year there was a balance of \$5,030.50, of which amount, \$1,197.32 was brought forward from the previous fiscal year.

The condensed form of receipts and disbursements, appearing elsewhere in this paper today, carries a number of off-setting items, and they have no bearing on the town's finances other than swell the totals. In "other receipts" there appears an item in the sum of \$1,245 coming from the Town of Everetts. Under the terms and arrangements provided in the light and power scale contract with the Virginia Electric and Power company, all the money received from Everetts for light and power is turned over to the power company, the transaction just going through the town's books. Temporary loans in several instances are offset by notes paid.

In its operation, the water department showed a profit of \$5,278.76, the more than \$3,000 gain over last year's operating profit having been made possible by the limited need of improvements. Last year, receipts from service accounts totalled \$8,748.03 as compared with \$9,265.20 for the 13 months period ending the 30th of last June. Considering that the \$8,748.03 was for 12 months only and that the \$9,265.20 was the total for 13 months, a small drop in receipts from water service accounts is noted. But in the 12 months period ending May 31, 1930, the town spent \$3,343.29 for improvements, while in the 13 months period ending last June, the town spent only \$73.12 for permanent improvements such as meters, water and sewer line extensions. The operating costs, however, were slightly more during the 13 months period than they were for the preceding 12 months period, by months, the increase being approximately \$29.00 a month. While the water department shows an operating profit of more than \$5,000, the surplus would be more than wiped out if the principal and interest on bonds were taken into consideration in determining the true profit and loss of the system.

Under the head, general administration expenses, including general administration, fire department, police department and street department, the town spent \$14,252.33. The general administration account includes mayor's and commissioners salaries, clerk salary, attorney fees, tax lists, improvements, telephone and telegraph, printing, fuel, stamps, auto tags and other allied expenses.

Since the close of the last fiscal year, the town has made reductions in salary schedules and effected savings in the various departments.

EVERETT SCHOOL FACULTY NAMED

Principal D. N. Hix Making Final Plans For Opening September the 14th

Arrangements for opening the Everetts school the 14th of next month are fast being completed. Principal David N. Hix stated this week upon his return from Durham where he studied in Duke University during the past few months.

The faculty for the 1931-32 term, announced by Professor Hix this week, includes:
Miss Martha Baldree, of Ayden; Miss Allie Marie Roebuck, of Hamilton; Miss Iva Mae Williams, of Durham; Miss Carrie Bell Warren, of Goll Point; Miss Pauline Askew, of Jamesville; Miss Luey Matt-Crofton, of Robersonville; Mrs. D. N. Hix, of Everetts; Miss Alma Baker, of Harrellsville, and Professor D. N. Hix, principal, of Everetts.

Based upon the attendance in the Everetts school and the two units combined with this year, the school was allotted nine teachers with the possibility of adding a third instructor to the high school faculty upon an increase in attendance at the opening of the term.

REGISTRATION IS HALF OVER; FEW NAMES ON BOOKS

Less Than 500 People Have Registered for Election, It Is Estimated

Unless there is a marked increase in the number of citizens registering for the special election to be held in Martin September 14 in connection with the county-wide extended two months school term, the question will be decided one way or the other by one of the smallest votes polled in the county in years, reports received from more than half of the 12 registrars indicated yesterday.

It is estimated that less than 500 people have qualified for the special election, and the registration period is more than two weeks gone. One precinct yesterday reported less than five registered so far, and one or two others reported less than a dozen names on their books. At the rate the registrations has advanced so far, hardly more than 1,500 people will qualify for the election, it is believed. However, a last minute rush might alter the estimate, and a fair vote will result after all.

This precinct, with 132 registered up until late yesterday afternoon, was leading the eleven other districts as far as it could be learned this morning.

RECORDER HAD SMALL DOCKET

Charged with Stealing Hog Colored Man Is Sent to Roads for 6 Months

Another small docket featured the recorder's court session here last Tuesday when only one case was called and disposed of by Judge Joseph W. Bailey and Solicitor H. O. Peel.

Lee Purrington, pleading guilty in the case charging him with stealing a hog, was sentenced to the State roads for a period of six months.

Carl Mobley, haled into court in connection with the same case, entered a plea of not guilty. At the conclusion of evidence, lasting for more than two hours, the court adjudged young Mobley guilty and Judge Bailey sentenced him to the county jail for a term of six months, to be hired out by the county commissioners. Mobley appealed to the higher courts.

Purrington and Curtis Rhodes, sentenced to the State roads by Judge Bailey at a previous term of the county recorder's court, was carried to the State camps in Edgecombe County on Wednesday afternoon.

LARGE CROWDS HEAR SERMONS AT EVERETTS

Will Come to Robersonville For Series of Services at Close Everetts Meet

The revival meeting being held in the Everetts Christian church and conducted by the Rev. J. M. Perry, evangelist, of Vernon, Texas, began with a good start last Sunday night, drawing large crowds from Robersonville, Williamston, and other points near there.

Before coming to Everetts, Mr. Perry held a meeting at Bath, where he had nine conversions, and according to reports coming from that town, the meeting was one of the most successful held there in several years.

Pastor of Rev. Wiegman Ends Here Sunday Evening

The Christian church will hold its regular services Sunday as follows: 9:45 a. m., Sunday school. 11 a. m., Morning worship. "What To Believe About Immortality." 7 p. m., Intermediate, Christian Endeavor.

8 p. m., Union service. Next Tuesday the Junior Christian Endeavor will have its regular meetings. In one month, this organization has grown to 17 interested juniors, and interest is high.

This Sunday will mark the end of the work of the pastor with the local congregation. Therefore, he is very anxious that this Sunday be the best of his entire ministry and is asking the help of the people to make it so. If your pastor is out of town, we cordially invite you to worship with us.

Local Men To Operate Warehouse In Zebulon

Messrs. J. W. Hight and W. B. Watts will operate a tobacco warehouse in Zebulon this season. Both Mr. Hight and Mr. Watts have had much experience in the warehouse business. Mr. Hight having been in the tobacco business, in one position or another, practically all his life.

Reports From Border Markets This Week More Encouraging

PROPOSES BIG REDUCTION IN WEED ACREAGE

Plan Set In Motion at Meet In Kinston To Cut 1932 Acreage 25 Per Cent.

Kinston, Aug. 20.—At a business conference held here last night plans were set in motion for a campaign to make the 1932 tobacco acreage 25 per cent. less than that of 1931.

Fred P. Latham, of Belhaven, known throughout the length and breadth of North Carolina as a successful farmer, told representatives from 29 towns, coming from 19 counties, that Eastern Carolina will come out of this depression only so fast as the people put into effect a well-balanced program.

"We have gone through periods of 6-cent cotton and 5- to 7-cent tobacco, but we did not have the expensive roads, schools, radios, automobiles, electric refrigeration and other conveniences to keep up. As a result of this depression two ugly thoughts are creeping out. First, the thought of confiscation, and the other is repudiation," the speaker said. Latham appealed to the bankers present, representing practically every bank doing business in the east, to study the situation and grant extensions where extensions are justified.

Senator Elbert S. Peel, of Williamston, introduced Miley C. Glover, trust officer of the Branch Banking and Trust Company, of Wilson, who spoke on "Eastern Carolina as an Investment Field." Glover made it plain that he considers Eastern Carolina lands good investments at 50 per cent. more than the present prices. "If I had the money I would invest in Eastern Carolina farms now. In fact, I have already made quite a few investments of this nature," Glover said. His address dealt with the resources of the State, as a whole.

Tobacco Acreage Cut

After the speech-making, Robert Fountain, merchant and banker, of Fountain, and also a large land owner, submitted resolutions which were unanimously adopted calling for a campaign to reduce the acreage of tobacco in 1932, 25 per cent. less than this year. He called upon the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce to set up machinery for putting this campaign into effect immediately. It is the purpose of the resolution to get this campaign going before the tobacco markets open September 1. Speaking on this matter, President Guy V. Smith took occasion to say that he believed a sign-up now will help the prices for this present crop and incidentally work to the advantage of the section next year.

BOARD WORKS ON SCHOOL BUDGETS

Allotments Will Hardly Be Announced Before Sunday or Monday

Unable to complete its work on the many budgets before late tomorrow, the State Equalization Board will hardly announce the allotments for the 100 counties in operating the six months schools before Monday. Yesterday, the board continued working with the budgets, giving much time to transportation costs.

The State Board, struggling over the problem of making \$15,700,000 do the work of \$20,600,000 last year in providing six months school terms, breathed a sigh of relief yesterday when it received from Attorney General Dennis Brummitt rulings on contested portions of the 1931 school law which will insure saving to the state of approximately \$550,000.

The Attorney General interpreted the law on teachers' increment accruals as applying to the present year, thus saving the State \$400,000 that would have under the old system gone into increases of salaries for teachers with one or more years' experience. Between three and four thousand teachers, who will also suffer 10 per cent. pay cuts, will be affected by this section of the law.

Through the Attorney General's ruling on the law affecting disbursements to teachers, requiring that teachers' vouchers be handled through the county board instead of the money being turned over to special districts as formerly, a saving to the State of approximately \$150,000 is looked for, but complications will be added for the special charter districts, most of which have different systems of payment.

TOWN RATE, \$2.10

Although the 1931-32 budget for the town of Williamston has not been filed for public inspection, pending approval by the Local Government Commission, Raleigh, it is understood that it calls for a tax rate of \$2.10 on the \$100 property valuation for the year 1931. While there is no reduction in the rate itself, the amount of tax to be collected will be less on account of an eighty thousand dollar drop in property values. The rate is based on the budget estimate of one and one-half million dollars, or approximately that amount.

General administration costs, including salaries in all departments have been reduced and other general expense items have been lowered in the new budget, it is understood.

The budget is scheduled for publication and inspection within the next few days, it was learned today.

MECHANIC SAYS MANY SCHOOL TRUCKS ABUSED

Would Place Governors On Engines To Hold Wild Drivers Down

"Several of them are in very bad shape," Mr. Charles Coltrain, county mechanic, stated yesterday afternoon when asked about the condition of the county's 34 school buses.

"We'll have them all ready by the 14th of the time for school openings, but we certainly have our hands full," the mechanic continued.

Several of the trucks have been in the hands of careless drivers, Mr. Coltrain explained, while there are a few that have been well kept, unquestionably proving that the selection of drivers is one of the most important factors to the successful operation of trucks.

"Daily burned engines and damaged rear ends are common in the fleet of trucks, and several of the machines were put in operation for the first time last year," the truck man stated. In the opinion of Mr. Coltrain, governors should be placed on every engine, limiting the speed of a truck to 30 miles an hour or even less and preventing wild drivers from burning up a motor.

Truck operations will be closely guarded this year by the mechanic who will also suggest changes in the driving personnel where any are considered needed.

SOME CAUSES OF CROSSED EYES

Unexpected Relationship Is Found Between Eyes and the Master Hand

(By Secretary of North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry)
The study of the influence of heredity upon the physical condition of any individual is interesting. Much more important, however, is a collection of such facts from a large group of individuals from which helpful conclusions may be drawn.

We find, for instance, unexpected relationship between the eyes and the so-called master hand. Many children develop cross-eyes in their early years, that is, one of the eyes turns inward or outward and does not join with the better eye in seeing. It is interesting to note that when the eye which turns is on the side opposite to the master hand, in the majority of cases the correction of the defect is simplified somewhat.

In some individuals it has been found that persons who were naturally left-handed but have been diverted by some unwise parent or teacher into the use of the right hand as the master hand have also developed crossed eyes. It has been observed that about 90 per cent of stammering and speech difficulties are cases where the master hand and the dominant eye are not on the same side of the body.

Left-handed persons should be encouraged to use their left hands, and no influence should be brought to bear upon them to do otherwise. The child should be allowed to develop naturally in this respect, and by so doing the coordination of the eyes, the ability to estimate size, distance, proportion, and position will be greatly benefited. These are all essential in the safe driving of motor vehicles.

AVERAGES ARE NOW HIGHER THAN YEAR AGO

Two Markets Report Their Averages 3 Cents Above Those of Last Season

Reports coming from the border tobacco markets during the past few days have been very encouraging to Eastern Carolina farmers, and while prices are not high, they are said to compare favorably and even more so with those paid last season.

The Export Tobacco Company went on the border markets this week for the first time this season, but the effect resulting from the addition has not been reported. It is the opinion of many, however, that prices for the common grades of tobacco will continue as low as ever. The Export Company will have a buyer on the local market this season it was learned here the other day.

Mr. Wm. R. Ingram, returning from Georgia this week, had encouraging remarks to make in connection with the prospects for the local markets. The low price in Georgia, in many instances, is just because the quality is sorry, Mr. Ingram stated. Tobacco falling in the lower grades is cheaper than it was last season, but the better quality is selling about the same. "It's not better," Mr. Ingram stated as his belief about the prices. Referring to the farmers in Georgia, Mr. Ingram stated that they are in a pitiful plight, that dry weather limited the food crops, and they are getting nothing for their sorry tobacco. Half of the markets in that state will close today, and only a few will remain open the remainder of the month and until the first week or two in September.

Here are a few reports on the border markets released yesterday:

Lumberton Average \$14.84
Lumberton, Aug. 20.—Lumberton's tobacco market remained strong today, even though a large amount of inferior grades appeared on the floors. Common grades showed a little increase in price and cigarette tobacco sold well. Sales today, including scrap, were 26,832 pounds for an average of \$14.84, as compared to an average of \$12.11 for the same day in 1930. Sales are expected to be light for tomorrow, as rain will prevent movement of the weed to market. Farmers express much satisfaction with their sales on this market.

Chadbourne Reports \$13.72
Chadbourne, Aug. 20.—The Chadbourne tobacco market continued this week's good prices with a satisfactory sale today, selling 60,344 pounds for \$8,286.19, an average of \$13.72. The better grades continued to improve in price today with the common grades about the same. This afternoon tobacco was coming in and large sales are expected Friday.

Export on Fairmont Market
Fairmont, Aug. 20.—Yesterday's official sales in Fairmont were 654,288 pounds which averaged \$14.36 per hundred pounds, including everything offered for sale. The estimate today is 700,000 pounds at an average somewhat lower than yesterday's average due to the fact that there was more common tobacco on the sales and much tobacco hauled through the rain, which had a damp and soggy appearance.

There was no weakening in the prices of any grades. The Export's four buyers headed by Henry Woe followed all of the sales, and it is understood they are here now for the balance of the season.

Sunday Morning Service At The Baptist Church

The pastor will preach Sunday morning, following the Sunday school session. Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, the union service goes to the Christian church. And as this will be the last service during the administration of the present pastor, the Rev. Bill Wiegmann, it is planned to make of it a service of appreciation for him during the time he has served in this community.

The membership of the local Baptist church and congregation is mindful of the illness of Mrs. Arthur Anderson and Miss Ellen Williams, both of them at the present time in the Washington hospital.

Mrs. Arthur Anderson Is Improving In Hospital

Mrs. Arthur Anderson, who underwent an operation in a Washington hospital last Saturday, was said to be rested well last night, and that she is getting along as well as could be expected today.