

Man Killed in Auto Accident Yesterday

CAR TURNS OVER; ROBERT PRICE DIES INSTANTLY

Ernest Vick, Driver, Held In Jail Here at Order of Coroner's Jury

Robert Price, 26 years old, and a Goose Nest Township farmer, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon when the automobile in which he was riding turned over at the Joseph Early farm, near Palmyra. Price's neck was broken, while Ernest Vick, driver of the car, and Hackney High, a third rider, escaped serious injury when the car turned over on a curve in the road. Vick was ordered held by a coroner's jury investigating the fatal accident.

Borrowing a car belonging to a man by the name of Lee, of Roanoke Rapids, Vick went to the Price home and called for Robert. "Following a short talk, the two drove away, Vick driving rapidly. Traveling toward Palmyra, the two men stopped and picked up High." Price was seated in the middle of the Model A Ford roadster, and they had gone hardly a half mile further down the road when Vick wrecked the car. Witnesses, examined by a coroner's jury, stated that Vick was driving around 45 or 50 miles an hour when he tried to make the curve and failed. Some said they believed the man had been drinking; other believed differently, the issue remaining undetermined.

The jury, composed of Messrs. J. W. Hines, W. E. Early, J. W. Manning, B. M. Worsley, J. H. Ayers, and J. L. Pritchard, ordered that Vick be held, bond to be fixed by the proper authorities. No bond has been mentioned, and Vick continues in the county jail here. The case will be turned over to Solicitor Gilliam, and it is believed that a manslaughter charge will be preferred against the man.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon and interment will follow in the Johnson burial ground, near Oak City, it was stated. The price's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Price and a brother, Eugene Price, of this place survive.

COMPETE RANCH DRAINAGE PLANS

Fifteen Miles of Canals Are Necessary To Drain Dymond Ranch

Engineer's plans for draining Dymond Ranch, the 15,000 acres of land commonly known as the old J. and W. tract in this county, were completed this week by Mr. Henry Rivers. They will be submitted to Mr. L. A. Thompson, of Waukesha, Wis., within the next few days, it was stated.

The drainage project, centered around the old Dymond City site in this county, calls for the removal of approximately 770,000 square yards of dirt. Several canals, of about fifteen miles in length, are to be dug, according to the engineer's plans. When completed, the drainage project will lower the water level of the 15,000 acre tract by three feet and will make possible a promising development in that section of the county, Engineer Rivers stated yesterday.

Draining into Smithwick's Creek, the canals will be as wide as 38 feet in some places with a bottom 20 feet wide and a depth of eight feet. One main canal, several miles long, will handle most of the water with subsidiary ditches connecting about one mile apart. The cost has not been definitely determined, but it is estimated that more than \$50,000 will be required to drain the Dymond City area, or about 12,000 of the 15,000 acres in the tract.

According to unofficial information received here, the owners are planning to start drainage work there some time in late October, using the latest drainage machinery in handling the project. It is believed that the drainage project in this county cannot be completed within fifteen months after actual work has been started.

No Church Services Will be Held Here Sunday Night

As far as it could be learned today, there'll no church services in the town Sunday night. Three of the pastors are away vacationing and Rev. W. B. Wiegmann left this morning for Lexington, Ky., where he will study during the next two years. The only morning service will be held in the Baptist church with Rev. W. B. Harrington in the pulpit.

"Under these conditions, we'll take a rest Sunday night," one church member stated this morning.

EXPECT BIG CROWD TUESDAY

THREE BIG WAREHOUSES HERE ALL SET FOR OPENING TUESDAY



Williamston's three warehouses and proprietors are all set for the 1931-32 season, opening here next Tuesday, when one of the largest crowds ever to visit the tobacco market is expected to observe the first auction sales of the year in this section. Activities will center around these three warehouses that day, the county court having suspended its morning session that the officers and litigants might attend the opening of the tobacco market.

Messrs. Joe Taylor, S. Claude and Roy Griffin at the Planters; Messrs. W. R. Ingram, Leman Barnhill, and Harry Meador at the Farmers; and Messrs. W. T. Meadows and Jake W. Berger at the Roanoke-Dixie, are extending the people of the whole country-side an invitation to visit their houses next Tuesday.



CLUB MEMBERS ENJOYED FIELD DAY THURSDAY

Representatives of Several Clubs In County Take Part In Exercises

(By MISS LORA E. SLEPER)

Women representatives from the Robersonville Woman's club, home demonstration clubs of Jamesville, Holly Springs, Bear Grass, Parmele, Palmyra and Farm Life were present at the second annual field day held at the home of Mrs. Dora Bowers in Parmele yesterday.

A short business meeting led by Mrs. Julian Mizelle, of Palmyra, was followed by a style show given by the small girls in the community. The dresses, made for the girls at small cost, gave proof of skilled workmanship and attractiveness. Mrs. John Sexton and Mrs. A. B. Rogerson, of the county, acted as judges and prizes of candy were given the attractively dressed winners little Betsy Bowers, of Parmele, receiving first place and Betty Wildman, also of Parmele, second-place. The style show was arranged for the occasion by the hostess club.

Rev. J. F. Wildman welcomed the club women of the county to the field day gathering with a short but very appropriate and well-received talk. Rev. Mr. Poole, of Parmele, was present on the program for the invocation.

Mrs. W. D. Hyman, of Palmyra, Williams Chapel club, gave a demonstration, "Slip Covering a Chair." Mrs. Hyman has given the demonstration for the women of Pitt county during their short course and through the demonstration one Pitt county club woman reported earning \$15. by slip covering chairs. The women were very glad to have this demonstration.

A bountiful picnic supper was served after the demonstration and owing to the appearance of storm clouds the women immediately left for their homes in various sections of the county.

Planting Fall Gardens Is More Popular in Section

One of the largest sales of seed in many years for fall planting in this section was reported this week by local seed dealers.

Collards, a favorite dish throughout this section, are being planted on a large scale along with rutabagas, turnips, kale, and a few other of the fall and winter crops.

Repeat seed orders have been made by local dealers, and it hardly seems possible with the large quantity of fruits and vegetables canned this summer and prospects for green vegetables in the gardens this year that Martin County people will go hungry this fall and winter.

The Value of a High School Education

A recent study by Dr. Everett William Lord, of Boston University, reveals the monetary value of an education at certain definite levels. Each level of training, this study shows, endows a person with a certain life-time earning capacity, the higher the level the greater the ability to earn. For example, a person having only an elementary education would, on an average, earn the sum of \$64,000 during his whole lifetime. A high school graduate, on the

other hand, would earn approximately \$88,000 during his lifetime. In other words, by attending school four years, \$24,000 has been added to his life-time earnings. Or viewed in a different way, it can be said that each year spent in high school is worth \$6,000.

But there is more to a high school education than its monetary value. There is the joy of accomplishment, the increased knowledge, the broadened outlook, and the wider contact with the

outside world, as well as with the immediate neighborhood, county, and state. The whole world is brought to the high school student through the textbook, the library, and the laboratory. Therefore, even the satisfaction of learning is sufficient as its own end. The public high school of today is equivalent to the college of years ago in its offering to present-day boys and girls. The public high school of today, however, is within the reach of every boy and girl in the State.

REGISTRATION NUMBER SMALL

Only One Week Left To Register for Special School Election

With only one week left for Martin County citizens to register for the special school election to be held the 14th of September, there'll have to be a decided rush to the registrars if there is to be a representative vote cast, reports received lately from several registrars received recently indicated.

The number already registered is comparatively small throughout the county, it is understood. This precinct reported 177 registered for the election up until yesterday afternoon, and a majority of the names on the books being those of citizens living in the town. Cross Roads reported a few more than 80 registered yesterday with Williams trailing far behind with only a few over a dozen registered.

According to rumors heard this week, an opposition is developing in two or three districts for one reason or another, and with such a situation existing, a close election can be expected next month.

The books close Saturday of next week. If you have not registered, be sure and see your registrar and have him enter your name on the books. A new registration is required, and if you fail to register you cannot take part in the election September 14th.

Presbyterians Make Their Sunday Announcements

Church school at 9:45 a. m. There will be no services in this church Sunday morning. The pastor will preach the first Sunday in September.

Bear Grass Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 8 p. m. by Rev. W. P. Brown, of Edenton. Roberson's Farm Sunday school at 4 p. m.

DELAY SESSION

That the court attendants and others might have an opportunity to witness the opening of the tobacco market here next Tuesday morning, there will be no morning session of the county recorder's court, it was announced yesterday by Judge Jos. W. Bailey. The court will convene that afternoon at 2 o'clock for the trial of the few criminal causes on the docket, it was stated.

HALF HOLIDAYS ARE ENDED HERE

Not Another Holiday For Storekeepers Until Next Thanksgiving

Local merchants and store employees enjoyed their last half-day holiday last Wednesday, and it'll be Thanksgiving—about three months from now—before they have an opportunity to enjoy the out-of-doors again, other than on Sundays.

The half-holiday program was unanimously observed here during a part of July and all of August, those affected finding the half-day very beneficial to them.

It is believed that the practice will be followed by local merchants and business houses again next summer, during the hot months, at least.

Local People See the DO-X Over Beaufort Wednesday

Mrs. James E. King, little Miss Patsy King, and Miss Rosa Lee Ingram, visiting in Beaufort, last Wednesday saw the large German flying boat, DO-X, pass over the town on its way to Norfolk. The DO-X, ten months from Germany on a cruise to New York City, has attracted world-wide attention, and was described as a "big thing" by the local people who saw the ship at close range last Wednesday.

RECORDER HAD LONG SESSION LAST TUESDAY

Large Crowd Attends To Testify and Hear the Proceedings

The county recorder's court session last Tuesday was one of the longest held in several weeks. Continuing into the afternoon, the court called more than a dozen cases, the proceedings attracting people from several sections of the county. The court room was filled with spectators, witnesses, and defendants, and the session reminded one of a superior court.

Several cases were called and continued, Judge Bailey withholding final judgment in several other cases.

Rufus James was found not guilty of larceny.

O. M. Stokes, charged with operating a car while intoxicated, was found guilty of reckless driving and was sentenced to jail for a period of 30 days.

The case charging Clinton Merritt with violating the liquor laws was continued until next week.

Hearing the case in which Charlie Brunson and Emma Moore were charged with adultery, Judge Bailey withheld final judgment.

Leon Knight, found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs.

The case charging Fletcher Bryant with seduction was continued.

The family quarrel between the J. P. Harris family and others, and resulting in a free-for-all brick and mortar fight in Poplar Point several days ago, was reviewed by Judge Bailey. Woodard Harris was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, the court continuing prayer for judgment upon the defendant paying the costs of the case. J. P. Harris and Dillon Wynne were found not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, as charged in the warrant preferred against them.

A nol pros resulted in the case in which Delia Purvis was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Clarence Wallace was found not guilty in the case charging him with disorderly conduct.

The case charging Chester Terry with violating the liquor laws was continued three weeks.

Special Shows Arranged at the Watts Here Tuesday

With the admission reduced to ten cents to everybody, large crowds are expected to see the shows at the Watts theatre here next Tuesday. Hoof Gibson appears on the screen in "Clearing the Range," an unusually good picture.

The first show will be started at 10 in the morning and others will follow throughout the day.

RECORD-BREAK NOT LIKELY ON OPENING DAY

Interest in Opening Here Next Tuesday Is More Marked Than Ever

The opening of the Eastern Carolina tobacco markets next Tuesday is expected to attract the attention of thousands of people, but present indications point to small breaks throughout the entire belt. Local warehousemen stated yesterday that farmers in this section have graded very little of their crop so far, that many of them are delaying the work until they get first-hand information as to the prices that will be paid for the offerings this season.

That the opening of the markets this season will attract more attention than at any past opening is almost certain, for the conditions surrounding all farm markets throughout the world are the most unusual ever known. Fancy prices for the crop this year are not expected, but there'll be bitter disappointment for Martin farmers if they fail to get a fair price for what is considered by our farmers one of the best crops raised in this section in many years.

With the common grades selling for much less than they did last year, and with the slight increase in the price paid for the better grades being too little to offset the low price for the poorer grades, it is believed that the opening day average will hardly surpass the one reported on the opening day last year, which was \$7.53 a hundred pounds. However, it is believed that the season average will be slightly higher than it was last year, but it is all a matter for speculation when it comes down to that point where one has to guess what the tobacco companies will actually pay for Eastern Carolina tobacco.

The Williamston market is all set for a conspicuous opening next Tuesday. Several of the buyers are arriving here today for the season, and the tobacco board of trade was advised that all the companies, including the Export Leaf Tobacco Company, would be on the market opening next Tuesday to continue throughout the season. Several of the old buyers will return, it was learned yesterday, but the Export and a few other companies will send new buyers to the market here this season.

The three large warehouses here have completed every arrangement and handled every detail preparatory to the opening next Tuesday and to the successful operation of the market here this year. The personnel of the houses is the strongest to head the market here in many years, and percentage sales are expected to be greater than they were last year.

Agent Announces Prices For Saturday Curb Market

We are hoping our patrons will keep in mind the curb market again tomorrow. We have missed our sellers and patrons the past few weeks owing to vacations and work on the farm, but we hope to have everything possible to supply the needs of our patrons. We shall appreciate your suggestions at all times. A few of our prices follow:

Butter beans, quart, 18 cents; cabbage, 3 cents a pound; corn 14 cents a dozen; new potatoes, 2 cents a pound; peaches, 3 cents a pound; cantaloupes, 5 cents each; watermelons, 20 cents each; eggs, 23 cents a dozen.

You will find many of our cakes excellent. We try to give the best. Please report any cake which is unsatisfactory to Miss Sleeper, together with the name of the seller and this matter will receive prompt attention.

Rev. W. B. Harrington to Preach Here Sunday at 11

In the absence of Rev. Chas. H. Dickey, pastor, the Rev. W. B. Harrington, of Farm Life, will conduct the morning services in the local Baptist church Sunday at 11 o'clock, it was announced yesterday. Mr. Harrington, a county man and pastor of the Jamesville, Cedar Branch and Riddick's Grove Churches, comes to the church here, for his first sermon, and a large audience is expected to hear him at the morning hour.

The Sunday school will convene at the usual hour, 9:45 o'clock, a. m.

Kumieh Scouts Return from Western Trip Wednesday

The seven local Kumieh Boy Scouts who camped for a week on the Indian reservation in western Carolina, returned last Wednesday. The boys reported a wonderful trip.