

FARMER IS SHOT WHILE HUNTING EARLY SATURDAY

Roy Andrews Wounded by Unknown Assailant in Williams Township

Mr. Roy Andrews, Williams Township farmer, was mysteriously shot while hunting squirrels in that district last Saturday morning. His wounds, said not to be serious, were very painful and weakened the man as he trudged out of the woods alone to place himself in the care of a doctor.

"I was hunting squirrels in the lower part of the township, and before I knew what had happened a gun was fired, a number of shots striking me in the face and arm, Mr. Andrews said when he came here to have his wounds cared for. He saw no one, and Mr. Andrews stated he heard no sound before or after the shooting. He guessed the attacker was not more than 25 yards away when the gun was fired.

Mr. Andrews was unable to say whether the shooting was accidental or intentional, but the facts surrounding the shooting indicate that the man was fired upon intentionally. Mr. Andrews yelled and called for help, but he was given no attention by the one firing the gun.

Several painful wounds were inflicted about the man's body by the small shot, especially the one near the left eye. The eye was almost closed by swelling and blood had formed a coating over a part of his face and arm.

CHURCH MEET AT BEAR GRASS

Cordial Welcome Extended Presbytery Members by Church There Friday

A warm welcome was accorded the auxiliary of the Albemarle Presbytery by members of the Bear Grass Presbyterian church at the annual meeting of the group held there last Friday morning and afternoon. Churches in Elizabeth City, Edenton, Aboakie, Tarboro, and Williamston were represented.

The two sessions were very interesting, and the program was greatly enjoyed by the delegates. Members of the entertaining church served a picnic lunch that drew favorable comment from all.

Since it was started two years ago, the work at Bear Grass has met with a favorable response and has attracted much attention throughout the Albemarle Presbytery.

PETE FOWDEN'S CAR IS STOLEN

Taken From In Front of Home Early Monday Morning

A bold thief went to the home of Mr. Leslie T. Fowden on Church Street here yesterday morning and stole a Ford coupe, leaving no forwarding address nor any clue that could be used by officers in locating the machine.

The Fowden's cook saw the car parked in front of the home when she went to work, and it was there when two of the boys left the home shortly after 7 o'clock. The machine was gone a short while later, when a third boy left the home.

The car had been driven about 10,000 miles and was in good condition. Mr. Fowden, like many other automobile owners, had forgotten his car number, as he generally identified his machine by the green wheels on it.

Coastal Plain Fair At Tarboro Next Week

Tarboro, Oct. 20.—The Coastal Plain Fair here will open its gates for the 18th annual fair on Tuesday, October 27, with everything in tip-top shape. The buildings and grounds have been thoroughly renovated, and everything is in fine shape.

Much interest is being shown in all departments, and prospects are bright for the best exhibits ever shown at a fair in this section.

This fair gives a true index of the growth and development of the county along agricultural lines. Agricultural development is stressed by this fair, and each year witnesses a great expansion.

In addition to all the other features there will be an abundance of the famous Edgemont County barbecue to satisfy the "inner man." The best school, farm, and home demonstration exhibits ever shown here are already assured the fair management.

There will be plenty of amusements. The midway will be the best in several years, and free attractions promise to suit all. There will also be a large number of horses in the daily races, promising the best in Eastern Carolina.

Local Tobacco Market Has Best and Largest Sale of Present Season Yesterday

The Williamston tobacco market had its best sale of the season yesterday, when approximately 246,000 pounds of the golden leaf were sold, leaving a block of more than 50,000 pounds for sale today. With the best offerings of the season, the two houses completing their sales yesterday averaged more than 12 cents, the highest of the season.

Sales yesterday continued late

into the afternoon, leaving the offerings in one house untouched. Several hours were required to sell the block this morning, one of the largest reported on the local market this season.

During the past several days, sales have been light on account of peanut digging. That work is about completed in this section, and sales are expected to increase during the remainder of the week and on throughout the season.

KIWANIS MEETING

A musical program is to be rendered at the Kiwanis luncheon in the Woman's Club hall here tomorrow, Rev. C. H. Dickey, member in charge, announced this morning.

Miss Florence Overton, member of the local high school faculty, will sing, and Russell Roebuck, a pupil in the high school, will render a piano solo. John Philpot will offer several violin selections. The entire membership is requested to be present for the luncheon and for the musical entertainment.

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL HERE 689

Enrollment Is 753; Percentage Daily Attendance 93.7 First Month

Enrolling 753 children during the month, the local schools reported an average daily attendance during the period of 689, an attendance of 93.7 per cent, a very good record, considering that many children were held at home to assist in grading 6-cent tobacco and digging cent and cent and one-half peanuts.

The high school reported a fairly good record for the period when all but 8 of the 181 pupils enrolled attended regularly. The attendance figures in the grammar school show that the little folks are bearing the brunt of the burden. Other than a few who are prevented from attending on account of illness, many of the little tots in the non-attendance group are held at home to assist in crop harvesting.

Apparently welfare workers are on top in this district when it comes to compulsory school attendance. Surely there are some children not in school who should be there, and who are within the compulsory age limits, but Principal Watson reported 298 children not in the compulsory limit enrolled in the local schools. More than 150 high school pupils are not affected by the compulsory attendance law, and there are 143 others in the grammar grades who attend of their own volition.

In this district, as well as in virtually every other one in Martin County, there are many children not in school who should be there. Local school authorities are anticipating an increase in enrollment and attendance within the next few days, or just as soon as tobacco grading and peanut harvesting are completed.

FILES REPORT IN DOWNS CASE

Referee Smith Says Report, In Substance, Favors Defendant Downs

"In substance, my report favors the defendant," Attorney J. C. Smith, acting referee in the lawsuit of Dill-Cramer-Truitt Corporation against Downs, stated at noon today just as he officially filed his report in the case. Evidence was given in the case before Judge Smith here several months ago, and covered approximately 350 pages.

This is a third case in the issue in which the title of a piece of land in Goose Nest township is disputed by the litigants.

Details of the report had not been made public at noon today, the referee only stating that in substance it favored the defendant Downs.

Another case, involving the same litigants, was sent back recently for retrial by the State Supreme court. And still another case, involving the same litigants, was sent back for retrial in the Edgemont County Superior court.

TEACHERS AND PARENTS HOLD FIRST MEETING

40 Members At Initial Meet of Present Term Last Week

The first meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association for the 1931-32 school year was held in the grammar school auditorium last week with Mrs. S. R. Biggs, the new president, presiding. It was a very enthusiastic meeting and a foundation for a year's work was laid which promises to make the work of the association more effective than it has been for several years. There were more than 40 members present.

Miss Lucille Allen was reelected secretary and Mrs. L. H. Gurganus and Mrs. Warren Biggs elected to the offices of vice president and treasurer, respectively. The various committees will be announced later.

Mr. Watson was asked by the president to discuss the field of work from the standpoint of the teachers, and his talk was practical and to the point. He gave the figures and facts which were needed to go to work at once, and after his talk, the suggestions he made were discussed and acted upon in detail.

His subject was "Needs." The first was the actual need of the children themselves. The books for those who can not buy them have been provided by the men of the town and loaned to the various grades to be used year after year, but the clothing problem has not been met. A committee, composed of Mrs. James C. Manning and Mrs. W. R. Watson, was appointed to work with the welfare department of the Woman's Club, which is trying to provide clothing for about 75 needy children.

The next need that Mr. Watson pointed out was that of tools or equipment with which to work effectively. On account of the changed basis of school support, the State allows so little for equipment and repairs that it will be absolutely necessary for funds to be raised locally for such purposes. Mr. Watson said that supplementary grade books in the grammar and primary grades were especially needed on account of the teachers having so many pupils and having to divide them into so many groups in each grade.

When the teacher is giving her attention to one group the supplementary books would keep the others busy. Playground equipment is badly needed, almost all the equipment on the grounds being worn out. Playthings are very necessary to the proper training of children.

The need of beautifying the school grounds was mentioned and Mr. Watson said the senior class had offered to do the work if the equipment and necessary material could be secured.

The above needs as enumerated by Mr. Watson were purely physical, and very important, but he particularly stressed the need of moral support, loyalty, and cooperation of the parents by the teachers of the school. He asked the parents to insist on the children getting up their work at home.

After discussion of the various things mentioned by Mr. Watson, the president appointed some special committees to get to work immediately on the school yard project and helping in getting clothing provided.—As reported.

Former Martin People On Visit To Relatives Here

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan E. Mizelle, of Malvern, Pa., friends of The Enterprise for nearly thirty years, were here today renewing old acquaintances. Mr. and Mrs. Mizelle were married in this county in 1903, leaving soon thereafter for the Pennsylvania town. Since that time, The Enterprise has gone into their home each week, carrying that news which Mr. and Mrs. Mizelle say they thoroughly enjoy.

They will return to their home early Thursday morning.

84 STUDENTS ON HONOR ROLL OF LOCAL SCHOOLS

75 From Grammar Grades, 9 in High School Meet Requirements

A goodly number of pupils whose names appeared on the scholastic honor roll in the local school for the last month during the 1930-31 term failed to "get going" during the first 1931-32 school month just ended, and the list of honor pupils is much smaller than any one reported in many months. Eighty-four pupils, nine in the high school and seventy-five in the grammar school, met the requirements to have their names appear on the honor roll, as follows:

Grade 1-A: Jim Critcher, Joseph Dixon, Franklin Lilley, Joseph Gurganus, Jimmy Manning, Therman Perry, Bennie Weaver, Evelyn Griffin, Betty Gurganus, Patsy King, Mary O'Neal Pope, Odell Harris, Mary Warren, Millie Biggs, Haywood Cherry.

Grade 1-B: Samuel Moore, Rachel McClaron.

Grade 2-A: Anne Fowden, Mary C. Godwin, S. C. Griffin, Bina Jackson, Mary L. Manning, Mildred Moore, Kathleen Nicholson, Elizabeth Parker.

Grade 2-B: Katherine Roberson, David Hardison, Simon Perry, jr.

Grade 3-A: Nancy Biggs, Nina Bland, Marjorie G. Dunn, Katherine Manning, Katherine Morton, Mary G. Osborne, Madeline Pope, Sarah Taylor, Dorothy Harrison, Stuart Critcher, Jerry Manning, Emory McCabe, Warren Pope, Joseph Thigpen, Jimmie Watts, Arthur Anderson.

Grade 4-A: Nettie M. Gurganus, Sallie G. Gurkin, Rachel McKee, Louise Melson, Doris Moore, Pearl Roberson, Eleanor Taylor, Pearl Ward, Julia Watts, Reid White, Susie Whitley, Jerry Clark, Dick Dunn, and Gordon Manning.

Grade 5-A: Elva G. Barnhill, Thelma Griffin.

Grade 5-B: James Mendenhall.

Grade 6-A: Julia Everett, Addie L. Meador.

Grade 7-A: Ben Manning, Clayton Moore, jr., Dinsel Simpson, James Williams, Frances Cox, Ella W. Critcher, Marie Griffin, Allie Harrison, Marjorie Lindsley, Myrtle Price, Gwen Watts, Jean Watts.

Grade 8-A: No report.

Grade 8-B: Alice Harrison, Grace Manning.

Grade 9: Jessie Mae Anderson, and Olive McCabe.

Grade 10: Louise Green, Catherine Shute, Jennie Green Taylor, Russell Roebuck.

Grade 11: Lala Griffin.

CLUB WOMEN TO HOLD ANNUAL MEET THURSDAY

Officers Will Be Elected For Ensuing Year; Miss Piland To Speak

Members of the several home demonstration clubs in this county will hold their annual business meeting here next Thursday afternoon, Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home agent, announcing today that the assembly will be the most important and interesting in the history of Martin County club work.

Announcing the meeting, Miss Sleeper stated:

"The women in home demonstration clubs in the county are asked to meet at 2:30 p. m. Thursday for their annual business meeting. Officers are to be elected for the coming year in the county organization, and reports will be given from various clubs over the county. All clubs two years old and over have been asked to put on exhibits showing the work in the county. Canning records are coming in daily, and all clubs are asked to submit a guess of the number of containers canned by all club women in the ten clubs. The club guessing the nearest figure to the total amount will receive \$5. Home demonstration club members will greatly assist if all records from all clubs are turned in together with a club guess.

The clubs in the county will unite for a meeting at 3:30 p. m. in the Williamston Woman's Club. At this time, Miss Georgia Piland, of Columbia, will be the speaker. Miss Piland was formerly connected with the State Board of Education, traveling over the State assisting in improving, planning, and planting of the grounds and premises of public and school buildings. For many summers she has been an instructor at the woman's short course held in Raleigh, and the women have received much practical help. The program is in charge of the home department of the woman's club. All the women in the county will gain much information by attending the meeting.

Further Tax Reductions To Be Made in Some Districts

MUCH TOBACCO IS BEING SOLD OVER AND OVER

W. T. Meadows Tells of Recent Visits To Farms Near Here

That unusual methods are being employed in the marketing of tobacco this year, more than in any other, was learned at first hand by Mr. W. T. Meadows, local warehouseman, when he made a short visit in the country recently.

"Going into the country recently," Mr. Meadows stated, "I visited 15 farmers out of about 30 on one road, none of them living more than 9 miles from Williamston."

And here is what he learned: "My first man sells all his tobacco in Williamston with the several warehouses. The second man sells all his tobacco in Williamston with the three houses. Seven others had just returned from other markets, bringing their tobacco back home with them. My next man had two barns of common land, which closes him out for the season. The next man had two curings ungrade, and two other lots he had brought back from another market.

"Continuing down the road, the next man I saw was a large farmer. He was plowing his garden. He said all his tobacco was of poor quality, that he would not make enough from its sale to pay his fertilizer bill. He had graded none, and talked as if he did not care whether he graded any."

"My next visit was made at the home of a widow. She had some very good tobacco, and stated that she had just returned from another market with a 7-cent average. A large planter was the next man on my list, and when I saw him he had just returned from another market, bringing two barns of his crop with him. He has five or six more barns, and the quality looked good.

"I met the next farmer returning from another market with two barns of tobacco. At the next three farms, the owners were in the fields digging peanuts, and other members of the families were grading tobacco.

"In making my last call of the day, I found a load of tobacco on the porch that had been offered for sale Monday. The price was not satisfactory, and the farmer offered it for sale again Tuesday, and it brought him just a about half as much as it did the day before."

Mr. Meadows referred to his visits that day as being very interesting, adding that the two farmers first mentioned were as well off as the others. The road traveled and the names of the parties visited may be learned at the office of Mr. Meadows.

"The moral is," he says, "Sell your tobacco in Williamston."

THOS. A. EDISON DIED SUNDAY

Complication of Diseases Causes Death of World Famous Inventor

Thomas Alva Edison is dead. The great inventor, known the world over for his far-reaching experiments, passed away at his West Orange, N. J., home shortly after 3 o'clock Sunday morning. He had suffered a complication of diseases for some time, but his stamina and vitality supported him until a short while before his death.

"I have done my work, and I am ready to go," Mr. Edison said a few days before he died, adding that he would rather leave the world than keep the burden and disabilities of age and illness on his devoted wife and children.

He knew that his body was at last showing infirmities of old age and that if one organ should recover, another would soon show signs of weakness and inefficiency. If he could not work effectively, life had no further object, so he grasped the situation clearly, as he had always done, and fearlessly prepared to die.

The immediate cause of death was uremic poisoning. This was the result of nephritis, which first became actively manifest at the time of his illness with pneumonia two years ago. He also had a diabetic condition which had been present to a greater or less extent for 35 or 40 years.

The home demonstration curb market was started at Scotland Neck on September 26 with \$14.60 worth of produce sold. A rain storm prevented buyers and sellers from attending the opening sale.

Number Deer Killed During Past Few Days

Turning their attention from the small squirrel to bigger game, Martin County hunters killed five deer last Saturday and a sixth one yesterday.

A Robersonville party, headed by G. H. Cox, bagged two fine bucks last Saturday morning. G. P. Hall, local man, killed one the same morning, and the Godard brothers, of Williams Township, brought in two the same day.

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck killed a good-sized buck yesterday morning, "and it is certainly fine sport," the officer remarked following his return here.

Protected by the game laws, deer have multiplied rapidly in the Martin and Bertie Swamps during the past year or two, and many hunters are taking part in the sport now. The stock law is said to have affected the number of deer, as there are few wild hogs in the swamps now to prey upon the fawns.

HOG BREEDERS OF COUNTY WIN PRIZES AT FAIR

A. E. Smith, of Robersonville, and D. M. Roberson, Williamston, Winners

Exhibiting a few of their hogs at the State Fair last week, Martin County breeders won \$336 in cash prizes. Mr. Aaron E. Smith, of Robersonville, winning \$202 with his prize-winning Poland-Chinas, and Mr. D. M. Roberson, of Williamston, winning \$134 with his Chester Whites.

Mr. Roberson stated that there was keen competition in the swine show, breeders from Ohio and Kentucky arranging the strongest competition of all the others. With four pigs, Mr. Roberson was awarded five first prizes, the four winning the junior championship awards. His exhibit included 10 Chester Whites and four Hampshires.

Mr. Smith, who makes a specialty in the Poland-China breed, drew most of his money on his 20 barrows. The pigs were 7 1/2 months old and weighed 5,380 pounds, an average of 269 pounds. Mr. Roberson bought this herd from Mr. Smith and brought them to his slaughter house here.

BIG CROWD SEES GAME PICTURES

Over 100 At Free Movie in City Hall Here Last Night

Over 100 persons gathered at the city hall last night to see the free moving pictures of game life and conservation work in North Carolina. The pictures were furnished by the State Department of Conservation and Development, with Deputy State Warden Charles H. Moore, of Washington, in charge, assisted by County Warden J. W. Hines.

Many scenes were shown of the State game farm, where wild life of all kinds are raised for distribution to understocked areas throughout North Carolina. Mr. Moore also made a short talk between reels, outlining the program of the game department, and asking the cooperation of local sportsmen in conserving the supply of wild life in this section. He also attacked the legislature for opening the squirrel season this year on September 1, declaring that this action was against the advice of the Department of Conservation and Development, and that it was believed the number of squirrels would be greatly reduced next season by this short-sighted policy.

After the scenes at the State game farm, the photography of which left room for improvement, several reels supplied by the U. S. Forest Service and Field and Stream, national sportsmen's magazine, were shown. Most interesting, perhaps, were scenes of quail hunting in Louisiana and wild turkey shooting in Maryland. These pictures were remarkably clear and accurate and were thoroughly enjoyed by the large gathering. There were also several reels showing propagation and distribution of fish from hatcheries to streams in this section, as well as in other parts of the country.

SCHOOL BOARD LIMITS SPECIAL TAX BUDGETS

Amount of Reductions In The Several Districts Will Be Small

That there will be an additional reduction in several of the special school tax rates levied in this county for the year 1931 was made certain in an announcement made by the State Board of Equalization recently. The amount of these reductions have not been determined in actual cents upon the \$100 property valuation, and how they will be met by the schools remains unknown. The rates might vary from one to probably five cents, but the exact variation has not been learned here at this time.

As the new limit, mentioned by the State body is understood here, all the schools in this county will not be allowed to levy a rate in excess of five per cent of the standard cost set up by the State. There is one exception, Williamston, in which district there are more than 30 teachers, and the limit will not exceed 15 per cent of the cost standard set up by the State Board of Equalization.

The new schedule of rates has not been certified to county authorities here and until that is done, the auditor cannot begin his work in preparing the tax books for the current year.

After deadlocking on the question of district budgets at two sessions, the State Board of Equalization last week adopted a schedule of maximum supplements for the entire school term ranging from 5 to 50 per cent, based on school population. All districts were divided into six groups, four for special charter districts, and two for rural districts. Schools in Martin county fall in the last two groups.

State support of schools is limited to current expenses and the limitation does not affect debt service and capital outlay items, which are paid for entirely out of local funds. However, the limitation applies to all expenditure of local funds, whether derived from a county-wide supplement or obtained by district tax levy.

It is believed that the new ruling of the State Board will not affect the operation of the schools in this county to any great extent as the budgets virtually parallel the standard cost set up by the State.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET THURSDAY

County Home Demonstration Club Members Will Be Special Guests

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club will be held Thursday afternoon at 3:30, instead of 4 o'clock, which is the usual hour. The change has been made because the home demonstration club members of the county will be guests of the Woman's Club, with Miss Lora E. Sleeper in charge of the program. The home demonstration club members will have exhibits of work done during the past year, and Miss Georgia Piland, formerly connected with the State Department of Education, but now agent of Tyrrell County, will give a demonstration on "Planning Home Grounds."

All members, as well as all the women of Williamston are invited to attend this meeting and give the women of our county a cordial welcome.

MRS. J. R. THOMAS DIES NEAR HERE

Funeral Held Wednesday; Was Native of Pitt County

J. R. Thomas, 69 years old, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. R. Whitley, near here, last Tuesday, and was buried Wednesday in the Whitley cemetery, with Rev. C. T. Rogers, of the local Methodist church, conducting the last rites.

Born in Pitt County during the second year of the Civil War, Mr. Thomas spent a greater part of his life there, moving to this county about 20 years ago. He was married three times, each of whom preceded him to the grave. He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. W. R. Whitley and Mrs. Henry Nicholson, of Williamston, R. F. D. No. 3, Mrs. C. B. Bennett, of Lewiston; and Miss Doris Thomas, of Dunson; and one son, J. H. Thomas, of Robersonville.