

R. E. GRIMES DIES, AT HIS HOME IN ROBERSONVILLE

Was Well Known in East Carolina As Tobacco Warehouseman

Robert E. Grimes, one of Robersonville's leading citizens, succumbed to a two weeks' attack of ptomaine poisoning and diabetes at his home there Wednesday evening at 6:15 o'clock.

Mr. Grimes was 58 years old, the son of the late James H. Grimes and wife, Caroline Roberson Grimes. He was the grandson of Henry D. Roberson, for whom the town of Robersonville was named, and who was one of the prime movers in procuring the extension of the Albemarle and Raleigh Railroad from Tarboro to Williamston.

Mr. Grimes married Miss Lona Roberson, who, with three children, Mrs. Lester Whitfield, Alton Grimes, and Jessie Walton Grimes, survives. He also leaves one brother, T. Henry Grimes, of Robersonville; and two sisters, Mrs. R. L. Smith, of Robersonville, and Mrs. A. R. Dunning, of Williamston.

Mr. Grimes, well known throughout the county, was, during the past 30 years or more, one of the forward movers in helping any cause for the upbuilding of his community. He made many friends in every walk of life. Taking a part in the establishment of the Robersonville Tobacco Market, Mr. Grimes since that time has been either directly or indirectly connected with the tobacco business as warehouseman, buyer, or manager. At the time of his death, he was sales manager for the Robersonville market. For brief periods he was connected with the Rocky Mount and Williamston markets.

Always outspoken on any question and generally found on the right side, Mr. Grimes, through his personality, made friends wherever he went, and his death comes as a decided shock to his relatives and friends throughout the county.

Funeral services were conducted from the home this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, pastor, and Rev. C. B. Mashburn, a former pastor, of the Robersonville Christian church. Interment was in the new cemetery, Robersonville.

POST OFFICE IS READY FOR RUSH

Postmaster Says There Is No Better Slogan Than "Mail Early"

While there has been no noticeable increase in the volume of mail received and dispatched from the local office up until now, it will be a matter of only a few short days before the Christmas rush is upon us, Postmaster Jesse T. Price said yesterday. At this season of the year, there is no better slogan than the one urging postal patrons to mail early that their letters, cards, and packages can be delivered promptly before Christmas Day.

Thousands of employees are added to the postal forces of the country each Christmas season to handle the increased mails, but even with the aid of this additional force, the department finds it impossible to make prompt delivery when cards and packages are mailed at the last minute.

Mail early and make sure that your greetings of good cheer and presents reach their destination before Christmas day or the day after.

Library Receives First Donation of Books

The library rooms opened several weeks ago in office No. 5 in the Bailey Drug Store Building, received the first books yesterday afternoon. Mrs. W. E. Dunn brought six books and these were checked and entered. Quite a number of citizens have promised to give books, and if they wish them to be sent for, they may notify Mrs. Myrtle Brown, president of the Woman's Club, and she will have some one to call for them. Call Mrs. Brown over phone at her residence. Thursday afternoons between the hours of 2:30 and 5 o'clock the rooms are open.

Curb Market Prices For Saturday Are Announced

By Miss LORA E. SLEEPER Home Demonstration Agent

The curb market here tomorrow morning will open its doors at 8:30 to any farmer or farmer's wife in the county. We hope to have a greater variety of produce by so doing. The following prices will be found at the market here tomorrow:

Hens, 18 to 20 cents pound, live; Broilers, 22 cents pound; Cabbage, 10 cents; 15 cents; collards, 4 cents per pound; rutabagas, 2 1-2 cents pound; turnip greens, 20 cents pound; cream, 30 cents pint; eggs, 26 cents dozen; black walnut kernels, 50 cents pound.

Circus Came, Saw, and Was Conquered; No Performance

Bitter disappointment was evident in the hearts of a goodly number of local people and others from neighboring communities when they gathered on the streets at the noon hour Wednesday to witness Barnett Brothers' parade scheduled at that time. The circus came to town, but left before staging its parade. Cancelling its two performances here, the small circus, traveling in motor trucks, left for Vanceboro.

It was rumored that the organization refused to pay the \$50 State, county and town tax and canceled its engagements. This was branded as false, the management of the circus stating that the weather was too cold for the successful performance of the troupe. And so the traveling band left the country better off, no doubt.

Forced out of employment with one of the larger circuses of the country, the Barnett brothers and a few troupers bargained for the loan of the equipment and are attempting to provide themselves employment and make their expenses during the dull season, it was learned here.

Well, it was the nearest Williamston has come to having a circus since Downie Brothers exhibited here several years ago.

Kentucky Farmers Stop Leaf Tobacco Sales on Account of Low Prices Paid at Opening

Refusing the low prices offered them for their tobacco, Kentucky farmers halted the sales on the Owensboro and Henderson markets this week, using drastic measures in doing so. Apples were hurled at the auctioneers and the burning of the warehouses was said to have been suggested. No material damage resulted, however, but warehousemen were ready to close their houses until next week, at the request of the growers.

Incensed because of low prices offered them, approximately 3,000 farmers attending the opening sale of the season on the Owensboro market broke up the bidding by hurling apples at the auctioneers. Then the farmers unanimously adopted a resolution not to raise any tobacco next year.

Approximately 78,000 pounds of the dark leaf tobacco had been sold at two warehouses for an average of \$4.61 a hundred, compared with an average of \$8.47 on the opening day last year, when close to 500,000 pounds were sold.

As the auction continued and rejections became more numerous, the farmers began voicing dissatisfaction. Shouts of "You can't take our tobacco that way!" interrupted the auctioneers. Threats to wreck the warehouses unless the sale was stopped were heard.

The demonstration assumed serious proportions when some one hurled an apple at W. G. Crabtree, vice president and general manager of the Owensboro Loose Leaf Tobacco Company, operator of six of the seven warehouses here. Crabtree dodged the apple, but the protests became so threatening the sale was halted.

The farmers withdrew and several hours later gathered at the courthouse. Because of their numbers, it was necessary to hold an open meeting in the courthouse yard.

Unanimous approval was given to resolutions to postpone the sale until next Monday, to appoint a committee to confer with James C. Stone, chairman of the Federal Farm Board in Washington, in an effort to obtain financing for a tobacco pool; and to abandon plans for next year's crop. The farmers also agreed to offer no tobacco for sale before next Monday.

In Washington, Chairman Stone, of the Federal Farm Board, said farmers of the Green River District, where the disturbances occurred, would be given whatever assistance the board could render. He added he had not yet considered what could be done. Owensboro farmers are sending a committee to see him.

The regular monthly meetings of the county boards of commissioners and education will be held here next Monday. As far as it could be learned, no important matters of business are scheduled for discussion before either of the two bodies.

Starting a new year next Monday, the officers will arrange their bonds and handle other routine matters in connection with the beginning of a new fiscal year.

Little Miss Patsy King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. King, is celebrating her sixth birthday this afternoon by entertaining her little classmates in the first-grade at school. A huge cake and Eskimo pies were served.

Prospects for even a small representative attendance from this community upon the charity football game tomorrow afternoon in the Duke stadium at Durham are not very bright just now. No tickets have been offered for sale here, and as far as it could be learned today no one in this immediate community has planned to witness the game between Duke-Carolina on the one side and Davidson, Wake Forest and State on the other.

According to reports received here, there is much interest in the game in other parts of the State, and a fair-sized attendance is expected. Money raised through the ticket sale will be used for charitable purposes.

MARTIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT ENDS TERM HERE

Few Cases Are Disposed of During Session Which Closed Yesterday

The two weeks term of Martin County Superior court, convening here November 23 and often referred to as a special court for the trial of civil cases only, was adjourned yesterday, the tribunal clearing a very small number of issues from its docket. The court suspended its operations when two attorneys were held out of court on account of illness and the death of Mr. R. E. Grimes, of Robersonville. Two cases were scheduled for trial during the last day or two, but it was the opinion of the attorneys that the proceedings could not be completed in so short a time, and they were postponed.

Comparatively few cases have been cleared from the docket in open court, but several were removed by agreement, it is understood. The appearance of Pete Bell, colored attorney of Plymouth, attracted much attention when he pleaded for Cora Hill, colored, in a suit against Coburn. The jury returned a verdict favoring the defendant, and it was learned later that the case was settled by agreement.

Fairly good-size crowds witnessed the proceedings during the time the court was in session, and many witnesses were summoned from as far away as Richmond and Harnett county.

Next Tuesday, Judge Jos. W. Bailey will hold a sandwich session of his recorder's court, and the following Monday the regular December term of the superior court will convene here for the trial of both criminal and civil cases.

JUNIORS MEET IN ROBERSONVILLE

More Than 300 Attend District Session Held Wednesday

The work of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics in the country was strikingly reviewed before more than 300 people in a public meeting held at Robersonville last Wednesday evening. Twenty-first District Juniors held their business meeting there that afternoon and that evening prominent figures in the organization made public addresses. Juniors were present from the several councils located in four counties.

Following the business meeting, the Juniors took part in a parade, and soon after supper they assembled, 150 or more of them, in the high school building, where they were welcomed by Mayor C. M. Hurst. The main address of the evening was that of Past National Councillor E. A. Llewellyn, of Cincinnati, who offered an interesting review of the history of the Junior Order and told of the valuable work now being carried on by the organization throughout the United States. Moving pictures, showing the Lexington, N. C. and Tiffany, Ohio, performances were screened by Councilor Harris, of Tarboro. District Deputy S. L. Roberson was in charge of the meeting.

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