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MARKET REPORT IS INTERESTING, ALTHOUGH LATE

No Marked Difference In Food Prices Charged In Year 1857 and Now

Here a market report, a little late, probably, but even, then timely and interesting.

"The Democratic Banner," a newspaper published here on Sixth Street, now Smithwick Street, carried in its June 25, 1857, issue, several commodity prices, furnished by C. B. Hassell, a prominent merchant of the county at that time.

Hams were quoted at 18 cents a pound; bacon, 17 cents; butter, 25 and 35 cents a pound; corn, \$1 a bushel; cheese, 20 cents; coffee, 14 and 15 cents; candles, 20 to 40 cents a dozen; flour, 5 cents a pound; fodder, \$1.25 per 100 pounds; pork, 15 and 16 cents a pound; rags, 3 cents a pound; sugar, 15 to 18 cents; tallow, 10 to 12 cents a pound; and whiskey, 50 cents a quart. "The Banner," published weekly, cost \$2 a year in advance and \$2.50 a year on six months time.

Today, hams are quoted at 25 cents a pound; butter, 35 cents; corn, 40 cents a bushel; cheese, 20 cents a pound; loose coffee, 15 cents; no sale for fodder; flour from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 cents a pound; lard, 8 to 10 cents a pound; meal, bushel, \$1; pork, 10 to 12 1/2 cents a pound, and sugar, 5 cents. Unofficially, whisky commands a price of about \$2 a gallon, but it is to be assumed that the quality is inferior to that sold back in 1857 at 50 cents a quart.

The Enterprise, published semi-weekly, is \$1.50 a year, and its advertising rates are less than half those charged by the "Banner."

FORMER CITIZEN WINS PROMOTION

Benjamin F. Griffin Made Captain in Air Corps of U. S. Army

The promotion to captain of First Lieutenant Benjamin F. Griffin, of Robersonville, N. C., was recently announced by the War Department.

Captain Griffin was graduated from the Kansas State College of Agriculture in 1917, and he began his military career as an enlisted man in October of the same year. In March, 1918, he was commissioned second lieutenant of Air Service, and promoted to first lieutenant in July, 1920.

He is at present stationed at Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas.

Captain Griffin is the son of the late Calvin and Maggie Griffin and before entering the Kansas College he lived between Gold Point and Hassell.

Pile of Peanuts At This Office Growing Steadily

There is no danger of the Enterprise cornering the peanut market, but it now looks as if The Enterprise has been cornered, using stock terms. With the market prices dropping lower and lower, deliveries have been increased in exchange for subscriptions to the paper, and the supply will last for several years. Recent deliveries were made by the following:

Pertie and Elmer Modlin, Jamesville, Route 1; J. R. Knowles, Dardens; Mrs. Ruth Price, Williamston, Route 5; F. W. Holliday, Jamesville, Route 1; C. C. Bailey, Williamston, Route 2; Mrs. J. W. Bailey, Williamston, Route 2; John Daniel Biggs, Williamston, Route 5; Leonard C. Bennett, Williamston, Route 5; G. T. Gardner, Williamston, Route 3; R. J. Hardison, Williamston, Route 4; W. E. Elbertson, Grover Bowen and Mrs. Margaret L. Harrison, all of Route 5, Williamston; Mrs. J. W. Warrington, Jamesville; John A. Griffin, Route 1, Williamston; A. D. Griffin, sr., Williamston, Route No. 1.

Everetts Honor Roll For Third Month

For their studious efforts put forth during the third month, 32 pupils in the Everetts school had their names appear on the honor roll for the period as follows:

First grade—Dora Bailey, Reuben Bailey, Joe Beach, William Donald, William Mallory, William Porter, Jas. Stalls, Fred Power.
Second grade—Susie Ausbon, Jas. Grimes, John Fulford, Slade White, and Florine Clark.
Third grade—Grace Clark, Susie Ayers, Agnes Hopkins, Ruth Forbes.
Fourth grade—Norma Hardy, Mary Mallory, Demetra Meeks.
Fifth grade—Ethel Bailey, Mattie Keel, Martell Hardy.
Sixth grade—Joseph Barnhill, Harcum Matthews, Gracia Britton.
Seventh grade—Velma Britton, W. E. Grimes, Anna Louise Taylor, Loyce Clippner.
Eighth grade—Helen Keel.
Ninth grade—Glenn Grimes.

Local Schools Come To Aid of Destitute

5 Shopping Days Before Christmas

There are just five more shopping days before Christmas, and now is no better time to boost local enterprises. The governor cries "live at home,"—the need to trade at home is just as important. Local merchants are better prepared to serve you at sizeable savings.

SIX CASES WHERE HELP IS NEEDED ARE PRESENTED

Have Been Investigated by Welfare Workers and Declared Deserving

While a general charity work has been carried on in the community for several weeks, specific cases or families have been added to the list this week, and those in charge of welfare work are urging six or more people to handle the cases. These cases have been investigated, and any one wishing to go to the aid of the unfortunates can get definite information from Mrs. L. B. Harrison or Mrs. W. C. Manning, sr.

1. The opportunities:
No. 1. Mother and two small children.
2. Family in destitute circumstances, four small children.
3. Family with small children, have neither food nor clothing.
4. Family with children that haven't anything at all.
5. Four children living with old grandmother, have neither food nor clothing.
6. Two little girls, aged 8 and 10.

CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE HERE SLOW

Intensive Campaign Will Be Waged Between Now and Christmas

While a goodly number of Christmas seals has been sold here during the past few days, the sale is far behind the quota assigned the town and community, it was learned from the chairman, Mrs. L. B. Harrison, today.

A concentrated drive is planned between now and Christmas and our people are urged to buy as heavily as possible of the seals that tuberculosis might be stamped out.

"Tuberculosis takes its heaviest toll when times are hardest. Great as are the tragedies of hunger, cold, and unemployment, there is no tragedy greater than that of tuberculosis. The Christmas Seal sale needs your help this year more than ever. There can be no let-up, no holding back, no putting off until next year. We must maintain a united front against the common enemy, tuberculosis."

Presbyterians Announce Program of Services

Sunday, December 20, 1931.
"The Church With An Open Door."
Church school at 9:45 a. m.
Worship service and sermon at 11 a. m.

Bear Grass
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.
Worship service and sermon at 7 p. m.

Roberson's Farm
Sunday school at 3 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7 p. m.

We recall at this season of the year that there was no room for Jesus in the inn, or the homes, or the cities, or the synagogues of His day, but let us remind you that there is always a welcome and room for you at all our services.

DECEMBER MELON

Prompted by the unusually warm weather that has prevailed in this section this fall, many plants started their second growth, and farmers in many places have reported second crops of this and that vegetable or crop.

Marie Burnett, colored woman living on Washington Street here, plucked a watermelon from her second crop Wednesday of this week. Measuring 18 inches in length and six inches through, the melon was very appetizing.

MUCH CLOTHING, FOOD GATHERED HERE THIS WEEK

Welfare Program Is Staged In Auditorium Thursday Morning

Pupils in the local schools turned their thoughts to the unfortunates this week, when they gathered large supplies of food and clothing for distribution throughout the community during the Christmas season. Hundreds of articles of food and clothing were brought in this week, every child offering his gift in the spirit so well advanced in the hearts of all by the Christmas season. The cause of charity was further advanced yesterday morning when a welfare program was presented in the high school auditorium before the several hundred little folks.

Last Tuesday was potato day in the schools here, the pupils bringing 22 bushels of sweet and eight bushels of Irish potatoes. Hundreds of cans and jars of preserves, various fruits and vegetables were added to the collection Wednesday, canned goods day. Yesterday was miscellaneous day and 19 pairs of shoes, story books, toys, and nearly 100 articles of clothing were added to the collection that will be of untold value in relieving unfortunate people in this school district during the Christmas season.

Following the presentation of the program yesterday morning, the collected articles were turned over to the local welfare committee for distribution to the needy.

The school children and teachers are deserving of sincere thanks for their thoughtfulness and gifts so willingly offered. Surely their action will be mutual in that it will add to the enjoyment of their Christmas holidays and be of much benefit to others less fortunate than they are.

Schedule of Prices For Curb Market Announced

The curb market will open its doors at 8:30 tomorrow morning. We shall appreciate patronage in our new home at the courthouse. The following prices will prevail this week:

Butter beans, dried, 3 pounds 18c; cabbage, 5 pounds for 13c; collards, 5 head; Irish potatoes, 10 pounds for 12c; sweet potatoes, 1 1/2 c pound; rutabagas and turnips, 5c bunch; turnip greens, 5c pound; cream, 30c pint; butter, 32c pound; eggs, 25c dozen; corn meal, 3 1/2 c pound; hens, live, 23c pound; broilers, live, 25c pound; turkeys, live, 20c pound; turkeys, dressed, 32c pound.

The market will be held Wednesday morning previous to Christmas and Wednesday before New Year's Day. Please notice change during these two weeks.

Watts Has Good Program Booked Christmas Week

With three exceptionally good pictures on the program, the Watts Theatre here is offering real entertainment all next week.

"The Front Page," booked for showing Monday and Tuesday of next week had one of the greatest and most successful runs of any play or picture when produced. Adolphe Menjou and several other famous stars appear in the picture.

Wednesday night, 10 cents to everybody, there will be shown "Forgotten Women," another interesting picture. Christmas day and the day thereafter, Will Rogers appears in "Ambassador Bill."

Everetts School Pupils To Stage Christmas Program

The students of Everetts High School will present a Christmas program entitled, "Santa Claus on the Air" Monday night, December 21, at 7:30. The program will consist of a one-act play, in which Santa accepts a permanent position as radio broadcaster and singing of the Christmas carols by the high school glee club. The public is invited to be present.

Sudden Death of Colored Man Causes Excitement

So sudden was the death of Raymond Bonds, 30-year-old colored man, at his home on the farm of M. D. Wilson here late last night, that an investigation was made by Sheriff Roebuck and Coroner Biggs. No inquest was held, the coroner learning that Bonds fell dead out of a chair as the result of a heart attack. Much excitement surrounded the sudden death of the man.

LEAF GROWERS GET \$21,000,000 LESS FOR CROP

North Carolina Production of Tobacco 56,199,385 Pounds Under 1930

Marketing 56,199,385 pounds less than they did last year up to December 1, North Carolina tobacco growers received \$21,747,333 less up to December this year than they received up to that time last year.

The amount marketed this year was smaller by 56,199,385 pounds, but the price average was smaller \$9.62 a hundred pounds as compared with \$13.57 for the same period last year, when lower prices for cigarettes prevailed.

Up to December 1 of this year, the latest data available, producers had received a total of \$34,364,765.92 for their tobacco, and warehousemen estimated that 78 per cent of the crop had been marketed. On the same date last year they had received \$56,112,098.93.

The \$34,364,765.92 paid to producers so far this year was for 357,222,099 pounds of tobacco. The producers received for 413,421,484 pounds in the same period last year the sum of \$56,112,098.93.

Prices paid this year have held considerably under the average of 1930, the November, 1931, average price for 100 pounds being \$8.81, against \$13.92 in November, 1930.

TO MAKE WAR ON BAD HEADLAMPS

Blinding Lights Declared To Be One of Greatest Menaces on Road

If the headlights of your car blind the driver coming in the opposite direction, you may be instructed by officers of the State Highway Patrol to do something about it, according to Captain Charles D. Farmer, of the patrol, who is backed up by a rule adopted by the State Highway Commission. The rule was passed in order to place every motorist on an equal basis as regards the strength of his auto-headlights. Prescribing a uniform and proper headlight service, the Highway Department has named several hundred official service stations throughout the State to render assistance to motor car owners.

Captain Farmer attributes many highway accidents to drivers becoming blinded by glaring headlights. He said, "It would seem that every man now figures on having the biggest and strongest light so as to overcome the glare of the other fellow's lights. A blind man is not permitted to drive a car, yet a man who can not see through the rays of another's glaring headlights is virtually a blind man, and there is no telling what he will do.

"The highway death toll in North Carolina is still going up. It has got to go down. Two of the chief causes of night accidents are blinding headlights and the lack of a rear light, and the Highway Commission has ruled them from the highway. We have stations set up to eliminate this trouble, and we hope the public will cooperate with us in taking advantage of the service now offered."

Fire Company Answers Call Tuesday Afternoon

The local fire company was called out last Tuesday afternoon when fire threatened the home of Miss Sarah Harrell on Simmons Avenue. A burning chimney dropped sparks on the roof of the home but they failed to burst into flames. Using a small hose from the fire engine tank, the firemen spilled water on the roof and on the boards. No damage resulted.

Bank Employees To Have Two-day Holiday Here

Employees of the Branch Banking and Trust Company here will enjoy a two-day Christmas holiday next Friday and Saturday, Cashier C. D. Carstarphen announced today.

The two-day holiday was arranged because the bank remained open on certain days enjoyed as holidays by other institutions that business would not be so greatly affected.

EARLY EDITIONS

That The Enterprise gang might enjoy the fullness of Christmas next Friday, arrangements are being made to issue the two editions earlier next week than is the usual custom. The first of the editions will be mailed Tuesday morning and the second Thursday morning, if present plans pan out all right.

Public announcements should be in the office not later than Monday morning for the Tuesday editions and not later than Wednesday noon for the last edition of the week.

Joe Peel Is Found Not Guilty Of Manslaughter Here Today

Expect 250 To Be Without Homes Before Winter Over

Warm weather prevailing during a greater part of the fall and winter season so far has, no doubt, limited the calls for unfortunates in our midst, but from here and there a need for clothing has presented itself. In the local schools there is need for clothing, particularly among the children between eight and thirteen years of age. "And there is some need for food, but this need has not become acute," Principal William R. Watson said when discussing charity work this week.

The coming of Christmas and its spirit of good cheer will soon be over, and with that gone the call of charity will be louder, especially will it be so when the hundreds

of tenant families, both white and colored, are turned out of their humble homes to seek shelter and food elsewhere. It isn't the aim of those in charge of welfare to paint a gloomy picture and burden the fortunate with the pleas and woes of the unfortunates; it is their aim to present the facts as they are and with the help of all handle the situation to the very best advantage.

Remember the little alms jars that are located in various stores of the town. Patronize charity every opportunity possible. It is estimated that nearly 250 families will be without homes before the winter season is over. To care for them much money, clothing and food will be necessary.

JURY HAS CASE 22 HOURS BEFORE DECISION MADE

Court Scheduled to Adjourn Today After Completing Two Civil Cases

The one-week term of Martin Superior court will be brought to a close today with the completion of two civil matters, Edmondson against Wooten and George Myers against M. C. McIver. Criminal proceeds were practically brought to a close yesterday, after the court had listened to nearly thirty cases.

The case charging Joe Peel, jr., with manslaughter, took on important proportions when the jury took the case at 12:25 yesterday and nursed it all yesterday afternoon, last night, and until 10 o'clock this morning, when the twelve men declared the defendant not guilty. It was unofficially learned that the jury took a count of 10 to 2 for acquittal, nearly 22 hours being required to break the deadlock.

Early last Monday evening, Peel shot Hubert Sutton, colored, when he (Sutton) attempted to climb in a second-story window of the Blount Manufacturing Company on Smithwick Street here, where Peel had locked himself in. Just as Sutton pushed his head in the window, Peel fired a load of shot into his forehead, resulting in instant death. A charge of manslaughter was preferred against Peel, and the court started listening to the evidence late Wednesday. Further testimony was given yesterday morning, the lawyers completing their argument shortly before the noon hour.

Last night several of the jurymen slept but little. Argument was maintained until a late hour, and then members from Griffins Township arose at their usual time, about 4 o'clock, and continued the argument.

At the conclusion of the Peel case, court was virtually over, the crowd leaving the courthouse for home and places of business.

Two other murder cases were called during the week, Will Mordecai, jr., drawing the heaviest sentence of the court, five years in the State prison, for killing his father in Robersonville some time ago. Mordecai pleaded guilty of manslaughter.

Phyllis Barnhill, New Bern negro, was sentenced to the roads for six months in connection with the death of Wheeler Hassell, jr., on the Washington Road, near here, several weeks ago. The murder charge preferred against him was not pressed.

Other cases not previously reported include the following:

Mary Smallwood, adjudged guilty of larceny, was given a four-months suspended sentence in jail.

Lovingood Modica was found not guilty in the case charging him with larceny.

Adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Raymond Hyman was sentenced to the roads for a period of two years.

Charged with an assault on a female with intent to rape, Jobie Rogers was found guilty of an assault on a female and was sentenced to the roads for a period of 18 months.

Charlie Perry was sentenced to the roads for a period of four months when he was adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon. This case was long-drawn out, and much contradictory evidence was offered.

The nasty case of the term was that of State against Primus Cherry, Goose Nest negro, charged with seduction. Women spectators were given an opportunity to leave the court room, and they did before much evidence was offered. Cherry was found not guilty, and accepting the decision of the court, the tiny baby will have to go in search of another papa.

The case charging L. E. Freeman with passing worthless checks was continued.

David Gurganus was sentenced to the roads for two months when he was adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon.

The last case, a civil action, scheduled in the court is that of Geo. Myers, colored man of Goose Nest, against M. C. McKiver, the case growing out of an automobile accident.

Program of Services At Methodist Church

C. T. Rogers, pastor.
This will be our Christmas Sunday, the time for every member to attend and show their appreciation and love for Jesus, our Saviour. Christmas music will be rendered by the choir.
Sunday school and other services will be at the regular hour. You are cordially invited to worship with us.

REPORT IS MADE BY GRAND JURY AT BEAR GRASS

Thirty-Nine Pupils Win Coveted Honor During Past Month

Thirty-nine pupils in the Bear Grass schools made honorable records in their work during the last school month and had their names appear on the honor roll for the month, as follows:

First grade: Naomi Rawls, Olivia Rogers, Jeannette Rogers, Laura Leggett, Evelyn Cowen, Naomi-Brown, Emma Manning.

Second grade: Junior Wynn, James Elbert Peel, Mary Lou Hodges, Elva Leggett, Nine Lee Britton, Mary Emma Rogers, Daisy Peaks.

Third grade: Anita Wheelless, Rachel Ayers, Virginia Dare Whitaker, James Warren Jones.

Fourth grade: Albert Gray Bennett, Fred Rogerson, Evelyn Hodges.

Fifth grade: Effie Davis Britton, Magdaline Harrison, Millie Grace Peel, Lizzie Mae Rogers.

Sixth grade: Elizabeth Bailey, Nody Shaw, Surreatha Peaks, Bessie Mae Terry, Louallie Whitehurst, Catherine Wynne.

Seventh grade: Henry Taylor, Susie Gray Harris, Evelyn Mobley, Hilda Roebuck.

Ninth grade: Joseph Harris.

Tenth grade: Evelyn White, Ruth Roebuck, Ruth Hazel Rogers.

Christmas Services At Baptist Church Sunday

"If There Had Been No Christmas," is the subject of the Christmas sermon, which will be delivered in the Baptist church Sunday morning. There will be special music, prepared by the choir.

The twilight service will be held at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and the people of the community will be very welcome. Mrs. Louie Martin has trained a group of children, who will sing Christmas carols, and Mrs. Pattie Edmondson Taylor will read the Christmas story. The white gift service idea will be carried out, and the special Christmas money offering received in handsomely decorated holiday envelopes.

This church and its pastor appreciates any opportunity to serve this community, and wishes for one and all a joyous holiday season, made sacred to our common Saviour.

Square Dance Will Be Put On Here Next Wednesday

Offering 20 per cent of the gross receipts to charity, R. L. Taylor and several other strong supporters of the "ole-time" square dance have arranged for a square dance ball here next Wednesday night. A small admission charge will be made, it was stated.

At a square dance held here several days ago, nearly \$25 was raised and turned over to welfare workers, but the entire proceeds were turned over at that time.

PLENTY TO EAT

"We haven't much money in our section, but we have plenty to eat, and there is corn and other feed in the barns out our way," Mr. F. W. Holliday, of Jamesville, R. F. D. 1, said this week, while delivering a bag of peanuts here in exchange for a three-year subscription to The Enterprise. And the real spirit in Mr. Holliday's statement was that they were not complaining because there was little money but rejoicing because there was plenty of food to eat.

REPORT IS MADE BY GRAND JURY

Completes Work At Noon Wednesday; Discharged With Thanks of Court

Reading the report of the grand jury and thanking the members of that body for their services during the early part of the week, Judge W. A. Devin was highly complimentary in his remarks.

Investigating the reports of the several justices of the peace throughout the county, the grand jury found them to be in regular order, the report, signed by Foreman John W. Green, read:

"We have examined the various county offices, county jail, and county home and found them in good condition, and the inmates of both the county home and jail well cared for," the report concluded.

The jury completed its work shortly before the noon hour Wednesday and was discharged immediately after the report was submitted to the court and read by Judge Devin.

86 Auto and Truck Tags Sold at the Local Bureau

Up until noon today the local automobile license bureau, located in the Williamston Motor Company building on Washington Street, had sold 86 tags, 76 for autos and ten for various size trucks.

The sales are increasing daily, many purchases being made by car owners living in other counties.

Town automobile license tags are also selling. Messrs. Bruce Wynn and N. K. Harrison making the first two purchases of the black-yellow plates.

The town tags with their black letters and numerals on a yellow background match those of the staff almost perfectly.

Supervisor Speaks To Farm Class at Jamesville

Jamesville, Dec. 17.—Mr. Meekins, the district supervisor of vocational agriculture, spoke to the boys of the Jamesville Agriculture Classes Wednesday morning. Mr. Meekins directed his remarks to the organization of the Young Tar Heel Farmers. This is a unit of the Future Farmers of America. The supervisor discussed the qualifications that boys should have before they become members of the organization. The ability to work, ability to plan, and ability to be clean and upright gentlemen were the chief qualifications set forth by the speaker. The boys were intensely interested in the talk by their supervisor.

Standard Oil Co. Adds To Local Plant Capacity

Discontinuing its plant in Jamesville the Standard Oil Co., has removed its tanks there and is standing them on the property at the Roanoke River here. The company now has five tanks at its river plant and two on the railroad, near the Columbian Peanut Company plant.

The tanks were brought here on trucks last week.

Endeavor Society Gives Program At Everetts

Going to Everetts early this week, members of the local Christian Endeavor society gave a program before the young people of the church there. The program, having to do with the Christmas season, was given in aiding the establishment of a similar society in the Everetts church.