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HOME AND BARN OF J. E. HARRISON IS FIRED SUNDAY

Unable To Establish Cause For Malicious Act In Bear Grass Section

The stock barn and nearly all the contents belonging to Mr. James E. Harrison, near Bear Grass, were fired and burned about 9 o'clock Sunday night and the dwelling occupied by Mr. Harrison and his family was fired, but the blaze there was extinguished before much damage resulted.

Mr. Harrison and several members of the family left home shortly after 7 o'clock and were at church in Bear Grass when the fire was discovered by Wheeler Rogers just before 9 o'clock. Seeing the blaze from his home, just a short distance away, Mr. Rogers ran to the Harrison barn. The fire was burning rapidly in the loft, and he went to turn out the team and found all the doors open. Snatching harness from a rack, he ran outside to throw it down and saw a fire in one room of the dwelling. He ran there and found a small blaze, which he extinguished with two buckets of water. Other neighbors arrived there about that time and a few farming implements and a small quantity of feed were saved from the barn shelter. Nearly 200 bales of hay, 35 barrels of corn, a hay press, several tobacco trucks, and a few other farm implements were burned.

The building was valued at about \$1,200, with \$750 insurance. No insurance was carried on the contents.

In that part of the dwelling where the fire was discovered, the bed and several blankets had been saturated in kerosene, but it just happened that Mr. Rogers reached there before that caught fire. While rushing to the fire, two neighbors met a colored man running from the fire. They did not question him, and he continued on his way away from the fire. Other neighbors coming along a minute or two later did not pass the colored man, and when they reached the home, he was there. Investigating the colored man's actions, it was found that some one had entered a corn field and retraced his steps to the road. The man's shoe was examined and the tracks matched, but it was not reported to officers until yesterday morning, and no arrests had been made up until noon today.

Mr. Harrison, stating that he did not know any one who wasn't his friend, was unable to explain why any one should want to destroy his property.

Many people were called from here by telephone, but they reached there too late to be of any assistance in checking the blaze.

Several hours before noon today, neighbors had assisted Mr. Harrison in clearing away the debris preparatory to building again.

Call Baseball Players To Practice Here Tomorrow

A first call for candidates for Martin County's baseball team of the Albatross League was issued today by Thomas Mayo Grimes, temporary manager. An initial "warm-up" practice will be held in Williamston Wednesday, June 1st, at 4 o'clock. Mr. Grimes states that every interested player in the county is earnestly requested to take part in the try-outs, and that they will be given every available opportunity to make the grade. Mr. Asa T. Crawford has accepted the responsibility of temporary business manager, and other plans for completing the local organization are going forward rapidly. It is understood that prior to the official opening of the season a permanent field manager and other club officials will be elected by the players and fans.

Ollie White Arrested for Selling Pint of Whiskey

Ollie White, an Elizabeth City negro but who has been working here for the past few days, was arrested at the Roanoke filling station here late last Friday night for selling a pint of liquor to a man traveling out of Norfolk. Officer Allsbrooks walked into the filling station just as the transfer was being made and he placed White in jail. Bond was later arranged for his appearance in court here.

Polls Will Be Located In Chevrolet Showroom Here

The Williamston precinct election will cast its vote in the showrooms of the Chevrolet Motor Company (Gro-More Transfer Company) on Washington Street, here next Saturday, the management gladly offering the courtesy without cost. Several elections have been held there in the past, and the room is very suitable and convenient for the people.

The polls are scheduled to open at 4:45, sunrise, and close sharply at 7:10, sunset. Voters are asked not to wait until the last hour or few minutes to visit the polls to cast their votes.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH



Where the church membership, friends, and the public generally will honor Mrs. Fannie S. Biggs next Sunday in honor of her eighty-first birthday. Mrs. Biggs, donor of the church building, has been one of its greatest benefactresses.

Baptist Church To Celebrate 81st Birthday of Mrs. Fannie S. Biggs With Special Service

POPPY SALE

The poppy sale, conducted throughout the United States last Saturday, is said to have met with much success, Williamston overselling its quota. Reg Manning, Louise Cook, Ruby Harrison, and Ella Wynn Critcher, selling the poppies locally, turned in \$12.50. The money was forwarded to the Washington Auxiliary of the American Legion, where it will be forwarded on to families of veterans in hospitals.

BEAR KILLS HOG; IS LATER SLAIN

Vance Price Continues His Reputation as Champion County Bear-Hunter

Vance Price, Jamesville Township farmer, still leads as Martin County's champion bear hunter. It might be just because he is in a kind of a bear territory, but a reason hardly ever passes without him killing one or two bears. His experiences have been many with the hog bear, he having hunted alone for the killers of his hogs.

Last week Mr. Price was plowing in his field when he heard a hog squeal. Going by the house for his gun he rushed to the scene and found the hog dead and the bear gone. Believing the bear had made a temporary departure, Mr. Price and his nephew, Henry, arranged a hunt of their own. Instructing the boy to circle the bear Mr. Price remained near the dead hog and was planning to flush the bruin when the beast made a dash in his direction.

When within 20 feet of Mr. Price, the bear started to climb a pine tree. The animal was 10 feet from the ground when Mr. Price fired the first shot. Bruin offered a stubborn resistance, and at least 12 shots were necessary to kill him.

Section's Climate Becoming More Like That of Florida

That the climate of Eastern North Carolina is becoming more like that enjoyed in Florida was vouched for here yesterday, when Mr. W. W. Griffin, Williams Township farmer, exhibited green potato vines from last year's crop. The vines had remained in the field all winter and had lived through the cold and wet seasons.

Few people have ever heard of potato vines living through a winter in this part of the country before.

Report Amplifiers Already Here for Speaking Tonight

"Will there be room enough for the speaking tonight," Robert R. Reynolds, candidate for the United States senatorial nomination, asked one of his supporters over the telephone this morning. He was assured there would be and that amplifiers were already here.

PRECINCT MEETING

Martin County Democrats will hold their organization meetings in the various precincts next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, it was officially announced today by Attorney E. S. Peel, chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee.

In addition to the reorganization of the local committees, the party men will select delegates to the county convention to be held here within the next few days, Mr. Peel stated. As this is a presidential election year, more interest in the precinct, county, and State meetings is predicted than is ordinarily the case.

BUILDING WAS GIVEN BY MRS. BIGGS IN 1915

Large Number Expected To Attend Service Here Next Sunday

A church birthday service, in honor of the eighty-first birthday of Mrs. Fannie S. Biggs, is being planned by the Memorial Baptist church for next Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour.

The entire church organization is being represented in the church birthday party exercises. The church as a whole will assemble, together with the Sunday school membership, the friends of the congregation and many other friends of Mrs. Biggs, who are in no way affiliated with the local church organization. The service is, of course, open to the general public and all who come will be very welcome.

For many decades Mrs. Biggs has been closely affiliated with the local church group. She has been a member of the church for a half-century and was a Sunday school teacher in one department for 40 years.

The original organization of the church was made in the year 1870, and the beginning membership was composed of only three persons, a Mrs. Brown, a Mrs. Hadley, and Mrs. Dennis Simmons, who was the sister of Mrs. Biggs.

About ten years after the organization was formed, Mrs. Biggs became a member. And from that time has been a most substantial and helpful servant of the church.

She will, doubtless, be longest remembered and most appreciated by the church membership because of her benefactions to the church and thus to the community and people at large. For in the year 1915 she felt inclined to place the organization on a more substantial basis, and to provide it with equipment which has, in very large manner, made it possible for the church to make the many strides it has made in the succeeding years.

Out of her bounty, and from the goodness of her heart, she gave the funds outright with which the splendid church edifice was erected. And when it was dedicated, she gave it, without any qualifications, to the Williamston Baptist church, to be used for the service of the community and to the glory of God.

This church is a magnificent structure and is today one of the most valuable pieces of property in the city. It is equipped with one of the sweet-toned organs in Eastern Carolina. It has a Sunday school equipment that has made possible a Sunday school enrollment of 200. And the church today stands as one of the most powerful agencies for community good and religious influence in Williamston.

During her many years of connection with the church, Mrs. Biggs has seen the organization grow from a few members to its present membership of about 300. She has seen it advance from the time when Dr. Vann came here from Scotland Neck as its pastor with services once each month, until now when the church carries on a full program of every Sunday services in the year, with a resident full-time pastor.

Very much of the progress the organization has made in these years has been due to the faithful activities of Mrs. Biggs, and to her magnificent bounties. And in addition to the gift of the church house she has, from year to year, put into the organization many other thousands of dollars.

Because of these benefactions, and because of its love and appreciation of her, the pastor, membership, and friends of the church have wanted, in some fitting way, to recognize her service to the church and the community.

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WIDE VARIATION IN ESTIMATES OF VOTE SATURDAY

Thirteen Estimates Indicate Around 2,698 Votes Will Be Cast in The County

Approximately 2,698 votes will be cast in this county next Saturday, according to estimates furnished by political observers, including a few of the old-time politicians. The estimates varied from low 2,200 to high 3,070, the average being 2,698. There are many features to the several contests to consider, some of the estimators believing the sectional contests within the county will cause an increase in the vote over the one polled in the 1930 primary.

In Jamesville, there are two district men out for the board of education and a third one out for the State Senate. It is believed a large vote will be cast there. Williams has its candidate for register of deeds, while Griffins and Bear Grass are each supporting a man for the board of county commissioners. Interest in other districts is said to be centered around the race for governor and United States Senate. Whether the line-up will bring out a larger vote than was cast in the June, 1930, primary remains to be seen. Use the blank on this page and see how accurately you can predict the size of the vote next Saturday.

Here's how the 13 estimates of the expected vote next Saturday average by precincts:

Jamesville	304
Williams	121
Griffins	272
Bear Grass	184
Williamston	661
Cross Roads	245
Robersonville	409
Gold Point	74
Poplar Point	61
Hamilton & Hassell	180
Goose Nest	187
Total	2,698

The Hamilton and Hassell votes were combined in the 1930 primary, and the estimates were made for the two districts on the collective vote.

Methodist Revival Has Successful Closing Here

The one-week revival at the Methodist church was brought to a successful close last Sunday evening, when many members were added to the roll of the church.

Visiting ministers occupied the pulpit during the period and large congregations were reported nightly. Miss Carolyn Hosford, assistant, left yesterday for Robersonville, where she is taking part in a meeting there this week.

Justice Hassell Moves His Office To New Location

Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell has moved his office from the building next to Harrison Brothers and Company to the one formerly occupied by the Midway Barber Shop in the Gurganus Building. The Parker Grocery Company, W. H. Gurkin and John Parker, operators, will open in the building formerly occupied by the justice's office.

Just How Good at Guessing Are You?

The size of the vote that will be polled in this county next Saturday has been a guessing matter, some citizens figuring that there will be a comparatively small one, and some other calculating there will be a large vote polled that day. For the three nearest estimates or guesses, The Enterprise Publishing Company will give a one-year subscription for The Enterprise to each of the best guessers.

As an aid to those who would like to see how nearly they can guess a vote before it is cast, The Enterprise has assembled some information that might prove helpful to them. Study it carefully and send in your estimate, by precincts, not later than Thursday of this week.

The new registration, complete registration, and the number of votes cast, by precincts, in the 1930 primary are as follows:

Precinct	Your Guess	New Registration	Total Registration	Primary Vote, 1930
Jamesville		42	540	317
Williams		11	212	137
Griffins		27	471	312
Bear Grass		5	340	205
Williamston		128	1,217	776
Cross Roads		26	353	274
Robersonville		62	805	464
Gold Point		5	118	92
Poplar Point		16	125	82
Hamilton		20	277	202*
Hassell		7	126	
Goose Nest		21	399	215
Totals		370	4,983	3,076

* This is the combined vote of Hamilton and Hassell in 1930, no precinct having been established at Hassell in time for the 1930 primary. The precinct was created in time for the general election that year, and 71 votes were cast then.

58 Candidates To Be Before Voters in County Saturday

Six and Half More Barrels of Flour Given Away Saturday

Six and one-half barrels of flour were given to needy families of this and surrounding townships last Saturday by welfare workers at the distribution center in the temporary quarters of the Red Cross on Main Street here.

A few applications were refused, in one case the welfare workers learning that an applicant had no children when he claimed he had 10 children. He might be the father of 10, but evidence showed that they were not under his roof or in his care. That applicant received no flour.

Silas Green's minstrels, entertaining here last Saturday night at

ALL DEMOCRATS BUT TWO; 32 ON STATE TICKET

Time for Slinging "Hooey" Is About Spent; Interest Said to Be Increasing

The time for slinging the political hooey is about spent, and next Saturday the voters will record the effects all the baloney, advice, good and bad, at the polling places throughout the State. Martin County is all set for a primary of medium interest, it is believed. There might be a last-minute turn that will add interest, and probably Reynolds' talk tonight will start the wheels speeding here.

Managers for the three candidates for the nomination of governor are each claiming a lead for his man. Next to that the race for the United States Senate is attracting the most attention.

The names of 58 office aspirants will be before the voters of this county next Saturday, 32 on the State Democratic ticket, two on the State Republican ticket, 20 on the county Democratic ticket, and 4 on the Democratic township tickets.

No large vote is expected in the county for Jake F. Newell and George W. DePriest, Republican candidates for the United States Senate nomination.

The list of candidates:

State Democratic Ticket
For United States Senator, for term ending March 3, 1933: Tam C. Bowie, Robert R. Reynolds, Frank D. Grist, and Cameron Morrison.

For United States Senator, for term ending March 3, 1939: Tam C. Bowie, Frank D. Grist, Cameron Morrison, Robert R. Reynolds, and Arthur Simmons.

For Governor: J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Richard T. Fountain, Allen J. Maxwell.

For Lieutenant Governor: A. H. Graham, Denison F. Giles, and David P. Dellinger.

For Secretary of State: James A. Hartness, Stacey W. Wade.

For Auditor: Baxter Durham, Chester O. Bell, George H. Adams.

For Attorney General: Dennis G. Brummitt, Peyton McSwain.

For Commissioner of Labor: Clarence E. Mitchell, A. L. Fletcher, John D. Norton, W. Henry Davis, R. R. Lawrence, B. Fritz Smith.

For Corporation Commissioner: E. C. Macon, Stanley Winborne.

For Insurance Commissioner: Dan C. Boney and D. W. Morton.

Republican State Ballot
For United States Senator, for term ending March 3, 1939: Jake F. Newell and George W. DePriest.

Democratic County Ballot
For State Senator, Second Senatorial District (Vote for two): Carl L. Bailey, A. Corey, A. D. MacLean.

For Register of Deeds: Lucian J. Hardison, J. Sam Getzinger.

For Judge Recorder's Court: C. B. Riddick, Herbert O. Peale, and Lewis H. Peal.

For Solicitor Recorder's Court: Jos. W. Bailey and W. H. Coburn.

For County Commissioners (vote for five): H. S. Everett, Joshua L. Coltrain, Henry C. Green, John E. Pope, T. C. Griffin, V. G. Taylor.

For County Board of Education (vote for three): John W. Eubanks, Joseph F. Martin, J. Eason Lilley, E. H. Ange.

Cross Roads Township Ballot
For Constable: H. O. Daniel and B. B. Biggs.

Jamesville Township Ballot
For Constable: Clarence Sexton and Joseph H. Holliday.

Local Merchant Installs Refrigerator Counter

Mr. C. O. Moore installed a large refrigerator counter this week which adds considerable to the appearance of his store. The counter is the newest thing in the way of a refrigerator and gives this store ample room to store and keep fresh all perishable food carried by the large grocery store.

In this issue of The Enterprise, Mr. Moore extends a welcome to every one to visit his store and inspect this new equipment, which was made in Raleigh.

Jordan Street Is Faithful Subscriber To Enterprise

Jordan Street, 76 years old and one of the community's most highly respected colored citizens, was down bright and early today to renew his subscription to The Enterprise for the 8th time.

A former employee of the Atlantic Coast Line, he is now enjoying a pension, and each year he renews his Enterprise subscription as regularly as spring follows winter. He is what one might call a reliable old fellow.

Enterprise to Give Returns Primary Day

In an effort to serve its patrons and the public generally, The Enterprise is making arrangements with the various precinct authorities and State releases for gathering the primary returns next Saturday. Two bulletin boards will be maintained in The Enterprise windows, one for the county and a second for the State returns which will be posted as soon as they are received.

During the past several contests the returns for Martin County were tabulated and reported among the first in the State. With the aid of the precinct election authorities, The Enterprise hopes to be able to furnish a cracker-jack service next Saturday. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

ARREST MAN FOR DESERTING WIFE

Alton Sawyer, of Columbia, Facing Adultery Charge In County Court

Charged with leaving a family in Columbia, N. C., and running away and living as man and wife with a young woman, Millie Brickhouse, also of Columbia, during the past several weeks at boarding houses here and in Robersonville, Alton Sawyer, middle aged white man, was arrested and placed in the county jail Sunday afternoon.

He was released under bond yesterday morning and is scheduled to appear in recorder's court here today. Sawyer admits he is married to a Tyrrell County woman, but as an excuse for leaving his family he said he and his wife had not spoken to each other during the past five years.

The case was not called to the attention of officers until just a day or two ago when the girls' parents failed to hear from her and started an inquiry. Calling relatives in Elizabeth City where the girl said she was going to visit, the parents learned that she had not been there. Sheriff Reynolds, of Tyrrell County, learned she was living in Robersonville and he asked Chief Wm. Gray of that town, to arrest the man.

Local Woman's Club Holds Business Meeting

The regular meeting of the local Woman's Club last Thursday was featured by a business session. The president, Mrs. Myrtle Brown, the treasurer, Mrs. J. G. Staton, and all the standing committees made yearly reports which were very interesting.

No other business of importance was attended to during the afternoon. Because of its comprehensiveness and the insight it gives to the activities of the club and its various departments, it was decided to have the treasurer's report published. It will be given, in detail, within the next few days.—Reported.

Start Delivery of Ballots and Boxes Tomorrow

Mr. Sylvester Peel will start delivering ballots and boxes to the various poll holders in the county tomorrow. The Bailey-Pritchard contest ballots will be removed from the boxes in the morning with Republicans and Democrats witnessing the operation, this procedure being considered necessary because Pritchard contested the vote.