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LARGE QUANTITY SHELLS DUG UP AT FORT BRANCH

Were Buried There During Civil War By The Confederates

The importance of Fort Branch, one of the strongholds of the Confederacy in this section during the Civil War, was called to the attention of a new generation this week when John W. Hines, county game warden, excavated a part of the old fort and found hundreds of shells. Weighing from 3 1/2 ounces to 54 pounds each, the shells and shot were in 14 sizes and types.

Forced to abandon the fort, commonly known as Rainbow Banks, the Confederates buried the unused shells to keep them out of the hands of the Federals. Guided by information given him by his uncles, who served at the fort during the war, and by Noah Thompson, Mr. Hines started the excavation several days ago, and is now attempting to recover several cannon believed to have been buried or thrown down the high banks into the Roanoke River.

The shells, now on display in The Enterprise window, are of peculiar size and make. One of them contained 239 canister shots weighing about an ounce each, one pound of powder and a number of grape shot. Lying in the ground all these years, the shells have rusted a bit, but the powder is well preserved and will readily burn when lighted.

WOMANS CLUB IN MEET THURSDAY

School Man Urges Welfare Work Be Continued for Needy Children

Speaking before the Woman's Club here yesterday afternoon, Principal William R. Watson, of the local schools, stressed the importance of continued welfare work among needy children of school age. There are many children out of school at the present time who are unable to attend because they haven't the necessary clothes, food, and books, it is understood. Mr. Watson called upon the club members to continue their work of last year and assist in returning the children to school.

The meeting was the first held by the club this season, and was well attended, the entire school faculty being present. Following a piano selection played by Mrs. E. A. Green, the social committee served refreshments.

Rev. Mr. McInnis Will Preach Here Sunday

Sunday, September 25, 1932. Church school at 9:45 a. m. Worship service and sermon at 11 a. m.

Rev. W. D. McInnis, of Washington, N. C., will bring the message of the morning. Our church is indeed fortunate in having him with us. The public is invited to avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing him.

Roberson's Chapel

Church school at 4 p. m.

On Thursday night a series of services were begun at this point. A full house greeted the speaker, Rev. M. O. Sommers, of Clinton. Dr. E. C. Gillespie will bring the messages on Friday and Saturday nights. The Rev. M. O. Sommers will return Monday night and continue with us through Saturday. The public is cordially invited to make these services theirs.

Two Arrested for Stealing Tobacco Monday Night

Several hundred pounds of tobacco belonging to F. U. Barnes and Wheeler Gardner were stolen from a packhouse on the Mary Cherry farm near here one night early this week. The tobacco had been graded and was ready for market when the thieves hauled it away.

Charlie Ben McKeel and Lee Gardner, young white boys, were arrested yesterday and formally charged with the theft at a hearing held by Justice J. L. Hassell this morning. McKeel is said to have admitted his part in the theft and implicated the young Gardner boy. They were released under \$300 bonds. The trials will be held in the next term of court.

This Year's Cotton Crop One of Earliest Recorded

And now comes another crop record for this county. Tobacco is late this year, but it has been late in past years. But cotton, why that crop is reliably reported to be the earliest this year than it has been at any time since the crop was first produced in the county years and years ago. Present indications are that at least 90 per cent of the crop will have been picked before the first of next month. December and even January are known to have passed before all the crop was picked in the county during certain years gone by.

And while the acreage planted

to the crop has been materially decreased because of the boll weevil, Martin farmers still have faith in old king cotton. Nearly all the growers in this county are said to be holding the crop for higher prices, one of the several ginners reporting in the county estimating that 90 per cent of the farmers are holding on to their staple in his immediate section.

And there is surely an underlying cause for withholding the crop. The early season has made it possible for farmers to rush crops to the gins, reflecting errors in the estimates offered in connection with the size of the crop.

Caring for Needy Tremendous Task

TO ADVERTISE

The time for advertising delinquent tax lists in county and town is fast approaching, and Saturday of next week the office of the collector will start preparing the lists for publication.

Property owners are rapidly settling their accounts, and it is believed the delinquent list will hardly be as large as they were last fall.

Final notices have been forwarded to all property owners who have failed to pay their 1931 taxes warning them that action would be started the first of October. No further postponement of the tax sale is possible under the law.

JUDGE MIDYETTE DIES SUDDENLY

Attend Local Schools and Worked Here During Early Manhood

Garland E. Midyette, superior court judge of Jackson, Northampton County, died suddenly in an Elizabeth City hotel Tuesday afternoon from an acute dilation of the heart.

Judge Midyette, presiding over a term of civil court in Pasquotank County, ordered a recess shortly after 4 p. m. Court ordinarily does not recess until 6 p. m., and Judge Midyette told attorneys he was "not feeling well."

He retired to his hotel room and telephoned his brother-in-law, Dr. C. B. Williams, of Elizabeth City, to come to see him.

Dr. Williams went and the two sat down for a chat together.

"I have been holding court for eight years now," Judge Midyette said to his brother-in-law, "and this is the first time I have ever had to order adjournment on account of not feeling well."

They were the last words he spoke. Hardly had he finished the sentence before he toppled over dead. It was 5:30 p. m.

When only 14 years of age, Judge Midyette and his sister came to Williamston to live with their brother, the late D. D. Simmons. He attended school here and later kept books for Gurganus and Staton for several years. He left here for college where he studied law. After completing his course and successfully passing the State bar examination, he located in Jackson.

The jurist is well remembered here by many of the older residents both as industrious citizen and an able judge.

Funeral services were conducted in Jackson yesterday afternoon.

Schedule of Services at Local Methodist Church

C. T. Rogers, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. No services at night.

Epworth league, Monday, 7:30 p. m. Good attendance helps both the preacher and people. It will help you physically and spiritually to attend church regularly.

Come and worship with us Sunday morning.

To Start Series of Services at Piney Grove this Sunday

Beginning Sunday night, Rev. W. A. Windham, of Greenville, will conduct a series of services in the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist church, it was announced this week by J. E. Ingalls, clerk. The public is invited.

ESTIMATED THIS COUNTY TO NEED AROUND \$60,000.00

Local Relief Agencies File Reports Covering Work For the Past Year

The serious situation surrounding the needy or unfortunate in this county was well borne out in recent reports received here from the various charity and relief organizations functioning at Oak City, Robersonville, Everetts, Williamston, and Jamesville. The reports, based on accurate records, indicate that there will be around 771 families dependent upon the county or welfare organizations by next December, that the combined efforts of the county and several welfare agencies will fall far short in meeting the demands of the needy.

Last year the county and welfare organizations spent approximately \$14,930 to relieve actual suffering and aid the unfortunate. "And it is believed that this county and its citizens through the relief organizations did more to aid the unfortunate than many other sections did during the period."

While there was a marked cooperation in handling the work, a few were responsible for the burden, and it is believed that these few will be unable to cope with the serious situation confronting the unfortunate of the county this winter.

In an effort to aid those who need aid, Superintendent of Welfare J. C. Manning this week appealed to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for funds. Basing his requests upon the reports received from the several welfare agencies, the welfare head estimates that \$59,895 will be required to care for the needy in the county during the remainder of September and during the next three months. Of this amount, it is believed that county, Red Cross and volunteer relief agencies will raised approximately \$8,815. The request for the remainder has been directed to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, but it is not known what proportion, if any, of the amount asked for will be granted.

Requests for aid are going to the corporation from all parts of the state, but it is not known just how much aid will be offered in meeting the needs of school children, jobless, and the unfortunate in general.

Relief work in this county has been virtually ignored by some, but even then valuable assistance has been rendered, and without hope for aid from the finance corporation the relief workers believe it will be impossible to handle the situation this fall and winter.

The report from this county was forwarded to the authorities in Raleigh Tuesday of this week, and in the meantime welfare workers are continuing doing everything they can to meet the demands of the unfortunate.

Five thousand yards of cloth have been shipped to the Red Cross chapter at Robersonville for distribution there. Approximately 12,000 additional yards have been ordered by welfare heads here for distribution in all those centers not cared for by the Robersonville chapter. The Robersonville shipment is due there any day, but it will be several days, or probably two weeks, before any cloth reaches here, it is believed.

Assistance will be restricted, and those who fail to help themselves when it is possible for them to do so, will find it difficult to share in welfare aid in the county this fall and winter.

Just how long it will take the authorities to pass upon the merits of the requests is not known.

PROCEEDINGS IN MARTIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

\$25,000 Damage Suit Will Reach Jury Sometime This Afternoon

Completing the criminal docket Wednesday afternoon, the Martin County Superior Court started work on the criminal issues yesterday morning. There were comparatively few criminal cases handled Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday, the court spending a greater part of Wednesday hearing the case against the three young boys said to have attempted to steal gasoline from the Salisbury Supply Company some time ago.

Criminal proceedings entered on the docket Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday include the following:

Dave Melton was found not guilty in the case charging him with reckless driving.

Dennis Barber, charged with secret assault, was found not guilty.

A verdict of not guilty was returned by jury in the case charging Boyd Hight with operating an automobile while under the influence of whisky.

Raleigh Roebuck pleaded guilty and J. D. Britton and Nathan Wynn were found guilty by jury in the case charging them with larceny and receiving. Judge Daniels had not passed sentence at noon today, stating that he would withhold the judgment until he was ready to adjourn court for the week.

The cases charging T. E. Hines and William Sutton with operating trucks with improper licenses and B. G. Hines with permitting the operation of trucks with improper licenses were not pressed with leave.

The case charging Leland Roberson and John E. Wells with arson was continued for a bill.

Two judgments were granted in favor of General Talking Pictures Corporation against H. T. Highsmith in the sum of \$3,980.55, and one in the sum of \$390.67 in favor of Archer Knitwear Company against Mrs. N. J. Rhodes.

Starting the Edgar Johnson \$25,000 damage suit against the Hoffer-Boney Transfer Company, of Wallace, the court heard the first evidence at 10:30 yesterday morning after a jury was selected from a special venire. The case progressed slowly during the day and at noon today it was believed the case would reach the jury about 4 o'clock this afternoon, there being some doubt expressed as to how long it would require the body to return a verdict.

Testimony in the case was completed at 11 o'clock this morning, and the attorneys were given three hours to argue the case.

The case is being hard fought by both sides. Rivers D. Johnson, state senator, is leading the defense action.

Bishop Darst To Preach Here Sunday Morning

The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, bishop of the East Carolina Diocese, will preach in the Church of the Advent here Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour, it was announced this morning.

The minister's talks are well received here, and it is expected that a goodly number of people in the community will attend the service Sunday morning. The public is cordially invited to attend. There will be no evening service.

Brief Report Is Made by Grand Jury This Week

After completing its duties this week, the grand jury offered one of the shortest reports filed in court here in some time. But it was to the point. Foreman Green, representing the body saying, "We have examined the county home, county jail, and offices and find them in excellent condition and also find the inmates in the county home and jail being well cared for."

No recommendations were made by the jury, declared one of the youngest ever to serve in this county.

HAS BEEN WORSE

"We are having good times now compared with the times during and immediately after the Civil War," Mr. Mack Gurganus, 81-year-old Robersonville Township resident, said while attending court here this week. "Our father and a brother were killed and a second brother lost an arm in the war, and we had it mighty hard back then." Mr. Gurganus said, declaring that even during this depression we are living far better than they did in the 1860's.

1,000 Applications for Work Will Be Given To Contractor

J. R. ROBERTSON DIED AT HOME HERE THURSDAY

Funeral This Afternoon at Late Home On West Main Street

James R. Robertson, 72 years old, died at his home on East Main Street here yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. For nearly seven years he was confined to his bed, suffering greatly from rheumatism during all of that time. On his birthday, March 17, six years ago, he suffered an attack of double pneumonia, and since that time his condition gradually grew worse, the rheumatism and a complication of other diseases resulting in his death.

The son of William H. and Mary Waters Robertson, he was born in Washington County on the Albemarle Sound, where he spent his childhood days. When a young man he moved here to make his home. He had suffered with rheumatism for nearly 20 years, but was able to be up until he was stricken with pneumonia.

During his long illness, his cousin, Miss Nina Robertson, nursed him night and day. One brother, L. C. Robertson, and one sister, Mrs. R. P. Hawes, of Lanham, Md.; one nephew, James Upton, of California; and three nieces, Mrs. N. C. Green and Mrs. Charlie James, of Williamston, and Mrs. H. C. James, of Fredericksburg, Va., survive.

Funeral services are being conducted by Rev. C. T. Rogers at the home this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Interment will follow in the local cemetery.

COUNTY MEDICAL MEN MEET HERE

Elect New Officers For the Coming Year at Meet Held Wednesday

A reorganization of the Martin County Medical Society was perfected here last Wednesday evening when all the doctors in the county met and elected officers and discussed various subjects in connection with the profession.

Dr. J. E. Smithwick, of Jamesville, was made the society's new president, and Dr. Jesse Ward, of Robersonville, was named vice president of the organization. Dr. J. S. Rhodes was elected secretary and treasurer.

An invitation was extended the doctors of Washington County to join the Martin County Society at the next meeting to be held here in December.

Professor Hickman Will Preach for Baptists Here

Prof. Hickman, principal of the Bear Grass School, will occupy the pulpit of the Baptist church Sunday morning. Professor Hickman is well known in this county and has spoken in this church before. The people are invited to the service.

At the morning hour the pastor will be supplying for a Greenville pastor who is ill, but will be back in the pulpit Sunday night for the 7:30 o'clock service.

Kiwians To Hold Guest Meeting Tuesday Night

The members of the local Kiwanis Club will please take notice that the next meeting of the club will be held next Tuesday night at 7 o'clock, instead of the regular hour on Wednesday.

This temporary change in the time of meeting is announced because this will be a guest meeting, and will make it possible for more people to attend, and will give more time for the deliberations.

"Building Community Good Will" will be the subject and each member is supposed to bring a guest.

Former Local Minister To Locate at Biltmore

Dr. William R. Burrell, formerly pastor of the Williamston Memorial Baptist church but for the past several years pastor of the Murfreesboro Baptist church and Bible teacher in Chowan College, has resigned his duties there and will move to Biltmore the first of next month, it was learned here this week.

The minister is well and favorably remembered here, and his many friends wish him success in his new work.

MILLION MARK

With approximately 125,000 pounds of tobacco on the three warehouse floors here today, the market will have sold at the close of sales this afternoon approximately one million pounds of the golden weed, it was unofficially learned at noon today. The average price so far is around 11 cents.

Black tips are dominating the sales today and are holding the price average down to around 10 cents and probably lower for the sales today. However, the prices remain about the same for the better grades. Very little dissatisfaction has been reported on the market, and hundreds of farmers are being well pleased with their sales here daily.

TWO YOUNG MEN CHARGED WITH TOBACCO THEFT

A. Hardison and Ellsworth Holliday Will Be Tried At Next Court Term

A. J. Hardison and Ellsworth Holliday, two young white boys, of Jamesville Township, were arrested this week and formally charged with the larceny of several hundred pounds of tobacco last Sunday night from Henry Modlin and George Gordon, farmers in that section. A hearing will be given the two young men before Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell. Hardison, a young man of recognized good character, was released under a \$200 bond Wednesday afternoon for his appearance before the justice tomorrow. Holliday, indirectly connected with the alleged theft, is also out under bond.

Starting work on the case shortly after the theft was reported, Sheriff Roebuck visited nearly every tobacco mark in the belt before he located the stolen weed in Washington, where it was sold for around \$50. Gradually he closed in on the boys with his evidence, picking up young Hardison about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning as he was starting to leave for parts unknown.

It is generally believed that bonds will be furnished tomorrow and that the case will be called at the December term of Martin Superior Court.

Two Men Held for Forging Check on Local Warehouse

Robert Lamb and Jesse Beavers, white men of Wilson and Pitt Counties, are being held in the Hertford County jail to await trial in the case charging them with forging checks on the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse here. They passed several of the checks on Ashokie merchants, but were trapped by police there before any great losses developed.

Large Crowds Attending Meeting at Rose of Sharon

According to information received here this week, large crowds are attending the series of services that are being conducted each night this week at the Rose of Sharon church, near Bear Grass. Rev. Willie Hart, of Snow Hill, is conducting the services, and there is a marked interest shown in the worship by the people of that section, it was stated.

Gasoline Prices Undergo Marked Decrease Today

Gasoline prices dropped three and two-tenths cents on the gallon here this morning, the decrease being one of the largest known in years. C. A. Harrison, of the Harrison Oil Company, said this morning. The retail price stands now at 19.7 cents a gallon.

No cause supporting the sudden and sizeable decrease could be learned here today, and it is thought the low price is only temporary.

Whips Aged Mother for Not Preparing His Lunch

Angered because his 85-year-old mother had failed to prepare dinner for him, an up-country farmer is said to have beat her, leaving a few bruises on the aged woman's body. It was also learned that the woman had been standing at a tub all the morning handling the family wash.

The dastardly act has not been introduced to the courts, it was said.

PREFERENCE TO BE GIVEN VETS, HEADS FAMILIES

Labor for Highway Will Be Furnished by Martin and Halifax Counties

Nearly 1,000 applications for work will be turned over to the Gregory-Chandler Company, contractors, when they start surfacing Highway No. 125, it was learned here this week. World War veterans and heads of large families will be given preference, according to information coming from the State welfare department, Raleigh. Approximately 500 of the applications were forwarded here from Halifax County, the work on the road to be done by labor from Halifax and Martin Counties.

It was stated that the contractors would establish and maintain headquarters here, but it could not be learned when work on the road would be started.

The long list of applications filed with the superintendent of county welfare at his office here is being prepared in alphabetical form and will be turned over to the contractors along with the list from Halifax County in accordance with instructions received from the State Welfare Department.

According to plans formulated by the State Highway Department and Federal authorities, one group of workers will be offered only three days' employment each week and another group will be on the job the other three days of the week. The wage scale, it is understood, is 15 and 20 cents an hour.

It is not known just how many men the contractors will employ, but it is believed that after the work is started, nearly 900 of the approximately 1,000 applicants will still be without jobs unless they get work elsewhere.

Former Locl Boy Writes On Deep Sea Trawling

The September issue of "The Fishing Gazette," the national news journal of the commercial fisheries, published in New York City, carried the announcement of the resumption of the series of articles written by William A. Ellison, Jr., formerly of Williamston, on deep sea trawling. A number of articles by the same author have appeared in previous editions. The announcement appeared under a picture of Mr. Ellison taken aboard "The Kingfisher," a large trawler operating in the north Atlantic. The Atlantic Coast Fisheries Co. for whom he has done biological work since leaving Yale University several years ago, has had him searching records in the Patent Office at Washington City this summer trying to establish the infringement of rights to a patent by another company. For the past year he and Mrs. Ellison have made their home in New York City, but recently returned to New London, Conn., where he has a laboratory. His duties take him to sea for two weeks of each month.

Regular Services at The Local Christian Church

The following services will be held in the local Christian church Sunday: Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., by the pastor.

A hearty welcome awaits you and an invitation is extended to all who will to attend these services.

Announce Curb Market Prices For Tomorrow

A partial list of prices for the curb market follows for this week: Eggs, 23c doz.; string beans, 3c lb.; corn, 13c doz.; cucumbers, 3c each; tomatoes, 3c lb.; salad, 5c lb.; cabbage, 2c lb.; peppers, 7c doz.; sweet potatoes, 2c lb.; onions, 3c lb.; peaches 5c lb.; apples, 3c lb.; grapes, 2c lb.; carrots, 3c bunch; turnips, 3c bunch; and Irish potatoes, 1 1/2c lb.

Caswell Sheriff's Office Raided; Liquor Is Stolen

Danville, Va.—Sheriff Yancey Gatewood, of Caswell County, is looking for a thief who broke into his office at Yanceyville, N. C., the other night, stole his best-looking pistol and 5 gallons of liquor.

The liquor was evidence which was being held pending disposition of a seizure case. The thief used a crow-bar on the window and did not molest the cash register in which was a small sum of money nor the small iron safe.