

BELOVED WOMAN OF BEAR GRASS COMMUNITY DIES

Wife of Elder J. N. Rogerson Buried There Last Tuesday Afternoon

Mrs. John N. Rogerson, greatly beloved woman of the Bear Grass community, died at her home there last Monday noon at the age of 83 years. In declining health for some time, Mrs. Rogerson was able to be up and about her home until about two weeks ago when she was forced to take her bed. The end came gradually.

The daughter of the late Dennis Peel and wife, Mrs. Rogerson was born in Bear Grass Township, spending her entire life. About 60 years ago she was married to Elder Rogerson, and since that time she devoted herself to her home and family. She was a good neighbor and found much happiness in serving others and members of her family. Coming in contact with hundreds of people prominent in the Primitive Baptist faith, she was soon recognized as a friend to all, and even though she served the church and its leaders she never joined any religious group.

Only one son, Ammon, Rogerson, of Bear Grass, survives, two others having died, Nathan about three years ago, and Javan, who died last January. She was the last member of her family, others having died a number of years ago. A brother, J. S. Peel, died about eight years ago at the age of 83.

Funeral services were conducted last Tuesday afternoon by Elder B. S. Cowin, and interment followed in the family burial plot at the old home place. One of the largest crowds to attend a funeral in this county in a number of years was present for the last rites.

PROCEEDINGS IN FEDERAL COURT

Twenty-three Martin Men Sentenced by Judge I. M. Meekins Yesterday

Pathetic scenes were reported in Federal court over in Washington yesterday, when Judge I. M. Meekins passed sentence on 23 Martin County people and a number of others from other counties in the district. While a few were given their freedom with strings on it, only one was released outright, the grand jury finding no true bill against him.

The disposition of the cases:

Joseph D. Pierce, on probation for 18 months; James Ramsey, a day in jail; Allen Smith, 2 days in jail; Harold E. Hopkins, a year and a day at Chillicothe, Ohio; Grover Nicholson, a year and a day at Atlanta; T. C. and Grover Whitley, probation; John A. Griffin, 6 months in jail and a \$100 fine; Golden Godard, \$25 fine; Gothie Godard, \$25 fine; Thurman Nicholson, a year and a day at Chillicothe; A. C. Sparrow, year and a day at Atlanta; James F. Terry, \$50 fine; Tom Jenkins, year and a day at Atlanta; Ben Whitaker, Namon Whitaker, and Elmer Rawls, \$1 fine each; Mack Knox, probation; Toby Barber, year and a day at Atlanta; John Cratt, not a true bill; William T. Harris, year and a day at Atlanta; Alton Pitt, year and a day at Chillicothe; Norman Council and Lorenzo Council, on probation for 18 months.

Narrowly Misses Driving Into Bridge Draw Here

Ernest Moseley, young white man of Columbia, narrowly escaped with his life last Monday night when he drove his Ford truck through the safety gate at the Roanoke River bridge and almost into the open draw. Apparently unmindful of his driving duties, Moseley was almost to the gate before he saw the danger lights, and by the time he applied his brakes he was nearing the break in the road. He turned his truck into the guard railing, doing considerable damage to his machine.

Rogerson Brothers Start Sale Here Tomorrow

Rogerson Brothers, prominent business men of Bear Grass, are starting a bankrupt stock sale in the Gurganus building, next to J. O. Maning's grocery store, here tomorrow. The firm has employed Mr. Exum Ward, local man, and he will be in active charge during the absence of the owners, it is understood.

Rev. Harrington To Preach At Farm Life This Sunday

Rev. W. B. Harrington will preach Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Farm Life School Auditorium, it was announced yesterday. The public is invited to hear him.

Heaviest Rain Since 1929 Reported Here Yesterday

One of the heaviest rains falling here since 1929 was reported Wednesday night and yesterday morning by Mr. Hugh Spruill, manager of the local gauging station on Roanoke River. According to Mr. Spruill's readings at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, 3.27 inches of rain fell during the 24 hours ending at that time. Within the next two or three hours a little more than one-quarter, or .27 of an inch, was reported by the station manager.

Starting shortly after midnight

yesterday, the rain fell during the next seven or eight hours. The little over 3 1/2 inch fall hardly effect a rise in the streams, as the land was unusually dry and much of the water entered the ground.

While the rain caused a delay in peanut digging, no material damage resulted to the crop, it is believed. Fall and winter crops, especially sweet potatoes were greatly helped by the slow but steady fall said to have been general throughout this part of the country.

Taxpayers Get One More Month To Pay

POSTPONES SALE

The town authorities yesterday postponed the 1931 delinquent tax list sales another month and ordered the initial advertising held up until the first week in November. The action was taken when it was learned the county was delaying its sale another month.

There are approximately 180 unpaid accounts on the town tax books at this time, as compared with 167 a year ago, when the list was advertised for sale. In other words, tax collections this year have been very successful compared with those of last year.

83-YEAR-OLD MAN HASHIKED TOTAL OVER 21,000 MILES

Spends Two Nights Here and Continues Journey Southward

William H. Chapman, 83 years old, and hiker par excellence, is one man who knows nothing about the depression and cares less about politics. That is what he said Wednesday afternoon when he stopped here to spend the night before continuing his 21,000-mile hike, which has already carried him into nearly every state in the Union and into nearly every country in South America.

Maintaining that he could outwalk younger men, Mr. Chapman started out from Milwaukee nearly nine years ago, and a long time since he proved his claim when two men, one 30 and the other 35 years of age, who started off with him, turned back in LaCrosse, Wis. Next July-10 he is to collect \$5,000 offered him by Milwaukee sportsmen at the start if he should outlast his younger companions.

The old fellow's heart is set on walking and that \$5,000 deposited and waiting for him in a New York bank. He is traveling in Atlanta, where he plans to spend the winter and then turn back for New York. He proves his travels by visiting each clerk of court in the counties he passes thru, and it is honestly believed that more than a week would be required for him to tell just where he had traveled.

Viewing some old cannon balls in a show window here that afternoon he recalled the surrender of Lee to Grant at Appomattox. "I was only a drummer boy in the First Connecticut Volunteers," but I never will forget what I saw and what I heard on that occasion," the old man quoting Grant, when Lee offered his sword, "Sheath your sword. I would take it from no gentleman." The old walker added, "And what a night followed. I do believe it was worse than the war. There never has been and never will be another night like that one, when liquor flowed freely, and Federal officers were unable to find their tents."

A snow-white head and a bushy white beard substantiate the man's age claim, but despite the four score and three years he travels ever onward, apparently happy even though his failing figure is clad in blue jeans.

The only complaint offered was made about his feet. "They hurt me much, but I am sure I can make it to Atlanta and back to New York. And then to my little home in Millington, Conn., to live happily."

An optimistic old bird he is.

Worthless Land Feeds Cattle With Lespedeza

Five acres of land, washed and without vegetation, was seeded to five pounds of lespedeza an acre by John E. Ledford, of Shooting Creek, Clay County, and supported eight yearling cattle through the summer.

DOZEN CASES ARE TRIED IN COUNTY COURT TUESDAY

Session Was First To Have Been Held Here During Past Several Weeks

Inactive for more than two weeks while the superior court was in session, the county recorder's court convened last Tuesday, Judge Bailey calling an even dozen cases during the day. The docket was unusually small, considering the length of time the court had been inactive. Several long road sentences and one or two substantial fines were imposed.

The case charging Teddy Jackson with disorderly conduct was not prosed with leave.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Lorenzo Bryant pleaded guilty of possession, and Judge Bailey suspended judgment upon payment of the cost of the action.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Will Bell with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Gus Hardy was found not guilty in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Elbert Green appealed when he was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon and was sentenced to the roads for a period of nine months. Bond was required in the sum of \$200.

Nathaniel Fields was found not guilty in the case charging him with operating an automobile while intoxicated.

Lemon Fields was fined \$96.50 when he was adjudged guilty of driving an automobile recklessly and under the influence of liquor.

Pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, James Peyton was sentenced to the roads for six months. The case charging Herman Farmer with operating an automobile without license was continued.

Willie Gardner was sentenced to the roads for three months, when he was adjudged guilty of an assault, the court suspending judgment upon payment of the cost.

JUNIORS IN MEET HERE THURSDAY

Make Plans for a District Meeting To Be Held Here in December

Preliminary plans for holding a meeting of all Junior Order councils in the twenty-first district here the early part of December were made last night when district officers met and discussed a tentative program. The meeting will be held in the school building and will be open to the public. Several national officers in the organization will be here at that time, and many visitors are expected in addition to the several hundred Juniors holding membership in the several councils of the district.

A membership campaign was also discussed at the meeting here last night, the district officers and Juniors entering wholeheartedly into the drive to gain 25,000 new members in this State during the national councilship of Doctor Brewer. Each council is asked to add 16 new members to its rolls between now and November 17 when a big meeting will be held in Washington. It is believed that several hundred candidates will be initiated at that time. An oyster roast is being planned in connection with the initiation.

Messrs. S. L. Roberson, district deputy; Allen Osborne, J. M. Perry, R. D. Purvis and Wade Vick, of Robersonville, were visitors attending the meeting here last night.

Sunday Services at the Local Christian Church

Regular preaching services will be held in the local Christian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and that evening at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced today. Sunday school will convene at 9:45 a. m.

Return To 2-Cent Stamp Is Favored By Committee

Washington.—A return to the familiar 2-cent stamp on first-class mail is favored by the House committee investigating the postal service.

This group, a subcommittee of the House committee on post offices, gave among its reasons, the reduced volume of first-class mail since the 3-cent rate went into effect as a provision of the billion-dollar tax bill intended to balance the budget.

Mrs. Sylvester Peel, of Griffins, is visiting her son, Mr. Luther Peel and Mrs. Peel here this week.

Over 200,000 Pounds Tobacco Here Today

PEANUT FIRM REPORTS BIG RISE IN TRADE

Local Plant of Columbian Co. Temporarily Closes This Week

The Columbian Peanut Company, with headquarters and sales offices in Norfolk, has had the largest volume of shipments of shelled peanuts during the month of September since the establishment of the business more than 40 years ago. In the last three years the company has expanded from a local Virginia organization to operations in seven states and 25 plants.

Operations of the company in September of this year were 325 per cent more than in September of 1931. Last month 143,000 bags were shipped, as against 43,000 bags in the corresponding period of last year. Eighty per cent of shipments last month were shelled peanuts.

H. C. Smithers, president of the company, attributes this increase to constant education of the public in the food value and other merits of peanuts. It always has been the policy of this company to push all types of peanut consumption.

The United States Government reports that from November, 1931, to September, 1932, there was an increase of 25 per cent in peanut consumption over the corresponding period of the preceding year.

The local plant, one of the largest in the Columbia system, suspends operations this week, but activities will be started as soon as the new crop is put on the market, according to Mr. Pritchard, local manager. Only a few of the more than 100 employees will be retained during the next few weeks, while the plant will be overhauled and made ready for receiving the new crop. Mr. Pritchard stated that the plant might open again the latter part of this month, but it is doubtful if enough of the new crop will have moved by that time to make possible the reopening. If the company finds it impossible to reopen its plant the latter part of this month, Mr. Pritchard believes operations can be started the early part of November, giving employment to about 100 workers.

The local plant has operated longer this year than usual, and its payroll has been of great value to economic conditions here.

INSPECT RIVER NEAR HAMILTON

Government Asked to Clear Roanoke River of Snags Above Hamilton

Major Young and several other United States Army engineers, of Norfolk, made a ground survey of the Roanoke River near Hamilton this week, acting at the request of logging firms interested in shipping logs by water from points a few miles above Hamilton. It could not be definitely learned today whether government dredges would continue work already started on the Roanoke to points beyond Hamilton. The last work handled by the government on the Roanoke beyond Hamilton was in 1912, and since that time it has been dangerous and almost impossible to navigate the stream beyond that point.

The engineers were traveling in the modernly equipped yacht, "Falcon," going up Tuesday and returning the following day.

BABE RUTH IS TO HUNT IN SECTION

Will Visit Friends in Bertie Sometime During Deer Hunting Season

According to official information received here yesterday, Herman (Babe) Ruth, the mighty baseball player, will visit Williamston and the Roanoke section this fall to hunt deer. He will be entertained in the home of Dr. Cliff Whitehead over in Bertie and hunt deer during two or three days along the Roanoke basin. As far as it could be learned, the famous ball player will not stop here but will pass on through to his destination in Bertie County.

Each year during the past several, the ball player has hunted in the eastern part of the State, but this is the first time he has made arrangements to hunt deer in the Roanoke section.

More Cars on Roads as Tag Cost Declines

Since the opening of the tobacco markets in this part of the State, and especially since the price of auto tags was reduced the first of the month, the number of automobiles in Eastern North Carolina has materially increased, according to Mr. A. MacKenzie, automobile license inspector and revenue collector for the state.

Most of the cars taking space on the roads are old ones, the owners having found it impossible to procure licenses until they started harvesting the fall crops. A few new machines are entering the highways just now, a number believed to be larger than the new sales during the fall of last year or the year before.

No marked increase has resulted in gasoline sales as a result of the increased number of cars put into use, according to information coming from local filling station operators.

FIRE THREATENS HIGH SCHOOL AT ROBERSONVILLE

Little Damage Done When Chemicals Start Fire in New Building There

Robersonville, Oct. 6.—(Special to The Enterprise).—In keeping with their high sense of duty and interest in the school, last Wednesday afternoon Miss Margaret Smith, teacher of home economics, and Mr. W. C. Brake, teacher of science, were making preparations to reclassify the science equipment. Many of the chemicals had been in storage for years. Naturally the containers were old and caused seepage. Especially was this true of the containers holding phosphorus. (Due to the depression, the school has been unable to secure new chemicals.)

Of course the phosphorus spread over the shelves, mixing with other chemicals. Phosphorus, as you realize, is a "waxy substance, with a disagreeable smell, poisonous and very inflammable." The fumes in the room became unbearable.

Mr. Brake and Miss Smith did what they could to smother the burning phosphorus. They soon realized the high school building was in danger of burning and called for help. The fire alarm was turned in by Edward Ross, a senior.

The volunteer fire company was soon on the scene, but due to the nature of the burning substance, water could not be used. Accordingly, Mr. Vance Roberson, risking the immediate possibility of being burned, grasped the container holding the burning phosphorus and threw it out. Mr. Roberson was burned on the hand.

A short while after the fire started, the chemicals and all trace of the phosphorus had been removed. Mr. R. E. Coburn remained in the building during the entire night.

All due consideration and credit belong to Miss Smith and Mr. Brake. Their presence at the time saved the building from burning.

The estimated damage to the stock room and to the supply of chemicals is not in excess of \$10.00.—Reported.

Only A Few Expected to Register Here for Election

Not more than 25, and probably fewer, new names will be added to the registration books for the coming election in the opinion of Luther Peel, local registrar, who announced the opening of the books for this precinct at the Farmers Supply Company store on Washington Street. The books open tomorrow and close Saturday, October 29.

Averages 60 Cents a Stick for One Barn of Tobacco

Selling 310 sticks of tobacco on the local market this week, Mr. J. R. Keel, Martin County farmer, received an unusually high average price for his offerings. The 310 sticks sold for enough money, lacking exactly 45 cents, to give the farmer a 60-cent average for each stick.

BRISK BIDDING MAKES PRICES BEST OF SEASON

Doubtful If Sales Can Be Completed Before Night Falls Today

With around 200,000 pounds of the golden weed on the three warehouse floors, the local tobacco market is having today one of the best sales of the season so far. Spirited bidding and buying featured the sales today, and there was a spirit of optimism prevailing throughout the market, numbers and numbers of farmers stating they were more than well pleased with their sales. A price average estimated at about 13 1/2 cents, or probably even higher, was easily in sight as the sales advanced.

There was no evidence of a short tobacco crop here today, when growers were seen unloading their offerings in every nook and corner and many from the sidewalks and streets. Averaging more than 300 piles an hour, the sales were progressing rapidly, but even then there was some doubt at noon as to whether or not they would be completed today. The break is one of the largest reported here this season, and tobacco from eight counties is on the floors.

The rain falling this week turned many farmers from their peanut fields to the packhouses, that partly accounting for the large break today, it is believed. A large break is also expected here Monday.

The drop in the mercury last night seemed to add pep to everything and to everybody, and tobacco was selling good.

URGED TO CHECK UP FIRE HAZARDS

Next Week Set Aside As Period for Prevention Of Fire

Next week has been set aside as a period of fire prevention, Governor O. Max Gardner issuing his proclamation a few days ago urging the people throughout the state to join the movement advanced to save human life and property from the hazard of fire.

In his proclamation, Governor Gardner said "It is my firm belief that fire prevention should be accepted as a major civic duty by every good citizen of the state. During the year 1931, 214 North Carolinians lost their lives by fire. In addition, during the same year fire destroyed property valued in excess of \$13,000,000. This is the direct loss; it is impossible to estimate the indirect losses incident to the destruction of lives and property.

Fire prevention is very timely now that cold weather is almost here and the fire hazard is greatly increased by the larger use of fires in homes and offices. No public observance of the week has been arranged here, but local citizens are urged not to take any chances with cracked chimneys, worn-out pipes and heaters. They are asked to remember that the careful handling of heating equipment might mean the saving of a human life and much property.

Regular Services at Local Baptist Church Sunday

"Empty Souls" will be the sermon theme for the morning service at the Baptist church Sunday morning. The evening sermon will be at 7:30 o'clock.

Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock in the Junior and Intermediate Y. P. U. organizations will meet in their respective places.

The Roanoke Baptist association will convene with the First Baptist Church of Rocky Mount next Tuesday morning. The sessions next through Wednesday.

Gets Advance of 7.20 Cents For Cotton From Co-ops

Dunn.—Grade and staple premiums totaling 170 points were paid G. B. Spence, of Lillington, Route 3, on two bales of strict middling cotton, which he delivered to the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association through its local receiving agent here recently.

Added to the basis advance of 5 1/2 cents per pound the cooperative was paying at the time of delivery, the grade and staple premiums brought Mr. Spence's initial advance to 7.20. Mr. Spence produces one of the improved Coker-Cleveland strains.