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## REUBEN BLAND FAMILY AGAIN IN SPOTLIGHT

### One of Boys Caught by His Brother in Attempt To Steal Gasoline

Robersonville, N. C., Oct. 20.—Roy Bland, one of the famous Reuben Bland tribe, and Dennis Whitaker, young white boy, were arrested here last week in the act of stealing gasoline from the private tank of Mayor C. M. Hurst. At a hearing held before Judge Bailey in Williamston last Tuesday the boys were offered their freedom under bonds of \$300. Unable to raise that amount the two boys are now in jail awaiting trial at the December term of the Martin County Superior Court.

Missing gasoline from his tank almost regularly and finding it difficult to trap the thieves, Mayor Hurst left Reuben Bland, jr., an employee of the Robersonville Ice & Fuel Company, on guard. About 10 o'clock the two boys forced an entrance to the ice plant, and siphoned out five gallons of gasoline and were making ready to fill a second five-gallon can when watchman Bland interrupted. Upon learning that it was his own brother playing the role of thief along with Whitaker, Reuben, jr., entered into a conversation with the two boys. Coy told his brother that he stole the gas and was going to carry it away, that if he (Reuben) "turned him up" he would cut his throat. Reuben informed the two that if they attempted to carry the gasoline away he would shoot them. The threat apparently made an impression upon the erring boy, and as Reuben called the police the two boys ran and left the gas. They were arrested later and held for a hearing Tuesday, when bond was fixed, but not raised.

Many stories have been told about Reuben Bland and his 34 children, but this is the first that has been offered when one caught the other stealing.

## 4 CASES TRIED BY RECORDER

### Seven Cases Were On the Docket for Trial Here Last Tuesday

Seven cases were scheduled for trial in the county recorder's court here last Tuesday, Judge Bailey disposing of four of them and continuing the others for trial next Tuesday.

George Smith, adjudged guilty of larceny and receiving, was sentenced to the roads for a term of four months. Charged with violating the liquor laws, Rowena Wilkes pleaded guilty of illegal possession of liquor and was sentenced to serve six weeks in jail. She appealed, the court requiring bond in the sum of \$100.

Oscar Whitley, previously adjudged guilty of violating the liquor laws, was sentenced to the roads for a term of 60 days.

Probable cause appearing in the case charging Dennis Whitaker and Coy Bland with housebreaking and larceny and receiving, the court bound them over to the superior court, requiring bond in the sum of \$300 of each defendant.

The case charging Wilbur Keys with violating the liquor laws and resisting an officer was continued one week.

The cases charging Burt Gorham and Edward Long with non-support were continued until next Tuesday, the court requiring bond in the sum of \$150 from Long.

## Schedule of Presbyterian Services In This County

Sunday, October 23:  
Church school at 9:45 a. m.  
Worship service and sermon at 11 a. m. At the 11 o'clock hour this morning Rev. Mr. Hickman, principal of the Bear Grass school, will preach in this church. His many friends are invited to hear him at this hour.  
Roberson's Chapel  
Church school at 3:30 p. m.  
Bear Grass  
Church school at 9:30 a. m.  
Worship service and sermon at 7:30 p. m.  
Rev. Mr. Hickman will bring the message of the hour.  
Ballard's Farm  
Prayer meeting at 7 p. m.

## Miss Russ Conducting a Class in Violin Here

Conducting a class in violin, rhythm and expression here, Miss Melba Russ, of Washington, has already enrolled a large number of pupils. The class is progressing very nicely, and there are available only several appointments.

Miss Russ has studied at Peabody Conservatory under Louis Cheslock, America's foremost composer and violinist. She conducts classes at the studio of fine arts and is a very capable teacher.

## GOOD SALES

That good tobacco are bringing fancy prices on the local market is being proven every day. John Gurkin, selling 1,538 pounds here yesterday, received \$651.32, or an average of \$42.35 a hundred pounds. Charlie Beach also sold a lot and averaged \$43.09 for 656 pounds. Robert Everett and Bill Bland reported another good sale yesterday, one barn of tobacco selling for \$506.55, an average of \$40.33 per 100 pounds.

## MANY EXPECTED FOR RODEO HERE

### Depression Cart Parade Is Scheduled for 11:30 Here Tomorrow Morning

Martin County's depression cart parade and then a Roosevelt parade followed by a public speaking in the Roanoke Fair grounds and later by a race and other entertaining features will get underway here tomorrow morning at 11:30 o'clock when the carts are lined up and carried to the fair grounds, it was announced today by Henry Johnson, promoter of the events.

While Mr. Johnson stated that there would be a prominent speaker for the event, he withheld his name, adding that the address would be delivered at 1 o'clock tomorrow.

A number of carts, races and other entertaining events have been planned and large crowds are expected here during the day, Mr. Johnson said this morning.

## CURB MARKET SUPPORTS SELF

### Agent Announces List of Prices in Effect on the Market Tomorrow

It will be of interest to the many patrons of the curb market and sellers to know the market is self-supporting. The tables, scales, and market report sheets have all been paid for from the 2 cent fee charged on each dollar sale. Changed used in the curb market, and all extra money from the 2-cent fee will be allowed to accumulate in the curb market bank and help to make new improvements, occasional prizes to the patrons, etc.

The following prices will be found on the market this week:  
Eggs, 28c; butter, 27c; cream, 25c pint; string beans, 3c lb; cucumbers, 2 for 5c; squash, 5 lbs. 25c; tomatoes, 3c lb; radishes, 5c bunch; carrots, 4c bunch; turnips, 3c bunch; cabbage, 2c lb.

All sellers are urged to secure prices before making sales to patrons. A price-adjusting committee, composed of Mrs. C. L. Daniel and Mrs. H. U. Peel, was appointed last week by the sellers.

## Regular Services at the Local Methodist Church

C. T. Rogers, pastor.  
We are very anxious for all the members to meet Sunday morning. Special prayer for the absent ones will be made by the congregation. Come and join in this petition.

Remember the annual conference is about four weeks off, middle of November. Every member do your best and begin now for there is much to be done. Our report, as well as the orphanage, missions, worn-out preachers, etc., depend on what you do now. Services at the usual hours. Meet with us.

## Judge Daniels Continues Court Restraining Order

Judge Daniels continued a restraining order on the case of Mrs. Power against Church Barnhill and others, keeping the defendants from moving a crop of cane. The issue was carried before Judge Daniels in Tarboro last Wednesday.

## Reach Agreement in Land Suit at Tarboro Wednesday

An agreement was reached in the suit of J. S. Ayers and others against James Allen Warren last Wednesday when the case was carried before Judge Frank Daniels at Tarboro, the jurist giving a judgment granting the plaintiffs possession of certain land, effective January 1. The case was tried in the Martin Superior court several years ago.

## WEDDING IN HIGH SCHOOL HERE TONIGHT AT 8:00 P. M.

A goodly number of parents, patrons and friends are planning to attend the Tom Thumb wedding in the high school building this evening at 8 o'clock.

## 71 STUDENTS ON HONOR ROLL AT LOCAL SCHOOL

### Number Honor Pupils Very Small During the First Month of New Term

Depression struck the honor in the local school last month, when the number of honor pupils dropped above 100 reported for the eighth month last term to 71 for the first month, ending October 7. The weather and the custom of holding out the first-grade honor names for the first month are partly responsible for the decrease, but Principal Watson predicts a substantial increase this month.

The names of the honor pupils:

Grade 2-A: Mary Pope, Milly Biggs, Evelyn Griffin, Patsy King, Velma Perry, Madeline Taylor, Dorothy Watson, George Cunningham, Joseph Gurganus, Bill Griffin, Franklin Lilley, Bennie Weaver, Hurley Shaw.

Grade 2-B: Sallie Williams, Daisy Manning, Thelma Lowe, Rena Howard.

Grade 3-A: Haywood Rogers, Thomas Walters, Susie Griffin, Edith Andrews, Mary C. Godwin, Dollie Godard, Bettie Hoard, Bina Jackson, Mary L. Manning, Elizabeth Parker, Sybil Roberson.

Grade 3-B: George H. Wynn, Charles Mizell, jr.

Grade 4-A: Nancy Biggs, Mary G. Osborne, Marjorie Dunn, Katherine Manning, Katherine Morton, Maude Taylor, Arthur Anderson, Martin Anderson, Stuart Critcher, R. J. Hardison, Jesse Johnson, Warren Jones, Jerry Manning, Emory McCabe, jr., Raymond Rawls, Joseph Thielen, and Jimmie Watts.

Grade 5-A: Jerry Clark, Jack Edmondson, Gordon Manning, Delsie Godard, Sallie G. Gurkin, Louise Melson, Doris Moore, Martha Ward, Virgil Ward, Julia Watts, Reid White.

Grade 5-B: Doris Andrews, Ellen M. Coburn, Dixie Daniels.

Grade 6-A: Elva Grace Barnhill, Reg Manning.

Grade 7-A: E. G. Wynn, Addie Lee Meador, Helen Shaw.

Grade 8-B: Ben Manning.

Grade 10: Dora Ballard, Olive McCabe.

Grade 11: Russell Taylor Roebuck, Jennie Green Taylor.

## EXPECT EARLY HOG KILLINGS

### Feed Shortage Makes Early Killings Necessary In Two Townships

Experiencing a marked shortage in their feed crops this year, farmers in Jamesville and Griffins Townships are expected to kill hogs earlier this season than in years past, according to Mr. C. C. Coltrane, Griffiths resident, when asked about conditions in his district this week.

Some farmers in the two districts kill hogs before Christmas and some after the holidays, but this year, it is believed a majority of them will have killed and packed their meat before the Yuletide season.

The two districts experienced one of the driest seasons this year than in many past, making the early killings advisable.

Hog killings in those sections are major events. Seldom ever do farmers there fail to pack enough meat for home consumption and have some left over for sale. Last season much meat was lost there on account of warm weather, and that is a second factor in the predicted earlier killings this fall and winter.

## Course in Bible Literature Planned at Robersonville

The Atlantic Christian College, of Wilson, has arranged an extension course in Bible literature, and the first class will be held in the high school building at Robersonville next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Instruction will be offered there at the same hour each Tuesday afternoon during the remainder of the term, it was stated.

The course, arranged mainly for teachers, carries three hours college credit for the half term and six hours credit for the complete term, and counts on teachers' renewal of certificates and grade advancement.

## Suffers Two Broken Arms Within Past Six Weeks

Nina, the 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bunch, suffered a broken arm last Wednesday afternoon, when she fell from a swing at the home of her parents here. About six weeks ago she fell from a tree and broke her right arm, and before that had hardly healed, she fell from the swing and broke her left arm.

She is getting along as well as could be expected.

## Fire Company Called To Main Street Home Here

The local fire company was called out shortly after 8 o'clock last Wednesday morning, when fire was discovered in the home of Fred Chescon on West Main Street here. The fire, believed to have been started by a rat, damaged clothing and blankets valued at about \$75. Starting in a clothes basket, the fire spread to a bed and damaged that considerably, but the blaze was discovered before it damaged the building.

## ISSUE WARRANTS FOR THREE BOYS ON THEFT COUNT

### Officers Effect Arrests In Every Tobacco Theft Case This Season

Warrants charging Dennis Whitaker, Pete Wynn, and Lin Williams with the theft of about 400 pounds of tobacco from Stanley Ayers were issued here Wednesday. The warrant alleges that the three white boys went to th Ayers home in Cross Roads Township Tuesday night of last week, broke into the packhouse, stole the graded tobacco and carried it to Wilson for sale Wednesday morning. The tobacco was sold in Williams' name and brought \$25.50, it was stated.

Deputy Sheriff Grimes, working on the case, gathered evidence from every available source possible and visited Williams to question him. Williams admitted selling tobacco in Wilson, but claimed it was his own. The sheriff questioned him further and learned that Whitakers and Wynn were along when the tobacco was sold. As the happenings in the case progressed Williams stated that Whitaker and Wynn came to his house Tuesday night in Whitaker's car and asked him to go to Greenville with them. He joined them, but not until he had refused to go with them to the Ayers home and make the steal, he claims.

Wynn was next with his story, declaring that Whitaker and Williams came to his home about 4 o'clock on Wednesday morning and asked him to go with them to Greenville, and he went.

Whitaker neither denied nor admitted a part in the theft, telling nothing.

Wynn, now 19 years of age, was in some trouble some time back, and was sent to a reformatory. He skipped after spending two weeks there, but later was found and returned to the correctional institution. He made his second escape and was not retaken.

Williams was released under a suspended sentence at the last term of Martin County Superior Court by Judge Daniels.

Whitaker is alleged to have stolen gasoline from the Robersonville Ice and Coal Company last Thursday and was already in jail when officers implicated him in the tobacco theft.

## LITTLE WORK ON HIGHWAY SO FAR

### Haul First Load of Rock on The Hamilton Road Near Spring Green Yesterday

Very little work has been accomplished on the Hamilton road so far on account of the rains that fell during the early part of the week. The contractors started plowing up the road last week, but were unable to start hauling rock and other material until yesterday afternoon.

According to information reaching here, the contractors plan to surface that section of the road from near Spring Green to Hamilton first and then move its loading equipment to Williamston and complete the connecting link. When that portion of the road is completed the contractors will remove their loading equipment back to Oak City and then finish the Oak City-Hogwood link.

Traffic between here and Hamilton is now being detoured through Poplar Point.

## Announce Sunday Service at Riddick's Grove Church

Rev. W. B. Harrington will fill his regular appointment at Riddick's Grove Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend and take part in the afternoon worship.

## Judge Takes the Johnson Case Under Advisement

The motion to set aside the verdict rendered in the superior court here last month and giving Mr. Edgar Johnson \$13,000 damages in his suit against the Boney-Hoffler Transfer Company was heard by Judge Daniels in Tarboro last Wednesday afternoon. After hearing the motion, Judge Daniels took the case under advisement, and at this time it is not known whether the jurist will set the verdict aside or not. It is understood that the defense plans to carry the case to the supreme court if the verdict is upheld.

The Robersonville man sued the transfer company for \$25,000 damages sustained in an automobile-truck collision near Wilson about a year ago.

## WOOD WANTED

The Enterprise is in the market for a few cords of pine and hardwood and will give in exchange subscriptions to the paper. First comers will be served, and the quicker you come with the load the better we will like it. Highest market price will be allowed on subscriptions, either new or renewal.

## EXPECT RISE IN RIVER WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS

### Stream Likely To Overflow Banks by Twelve To Eighteen Inches

Heavy rains throughout the Roanoke Basin this week have effected a rise of 40 feet in the stream at Weldon, indicating a big rise here about the early part or middle of next week. The exact rise expected at this point could not be determined yesterday, as it was difficult to accurately guess the effect local rains had on the stream. A rise of one foot in Weldon generally means a rise of one inch in the stream at this point.

Nearly two and one-half inches of rainfall was reported here during the first three days of the week. Ordinarily that much rainfall does not effect a rise in the stream here, but the clouds went up the river, filling the basin as they went. The expected rise will hardly put the waters outside the banks here, but should a second rise follow, the stream is likely to cover the swamps and lowgrounds.

According to later information received here, a 12 or 13 foot rise in the stream is expected at this point within the next week. Should the expected rise increase materialize, the waters will flood the lowgrounds and swamps from 1 foot to 18 inches, Hugh Spruill, keeper of the river gauge here, said after receiving information from Raleigh.

Keepers of cattle, hogs, and other stock ranging in the lowlands along the river are advised to remove them within the next few days, it was said.

## NEEDLE FOUND IN CHILD'S SIDE

### It Is Believed the Needle Had Been There For Nearly Two Years

A medium sized sewing needle was pulled from the side of a two-year-old colored child here this morning, causing her grandparent, G. T. Hill, to wonder how the needle ever got there and how the child lived with it in her body.

While dressing the child, Hill, a school teacher, felt the sharp point and pulled the needle out with the use of a pocket knife. The needle was intact except the eye had been broken off.

The child, a twin, has been living with her grandfather here since her mother died, and no member of the family has any idea how the needle got into the child's body. It might be that the needle was stuck into the child's side soon after she was born, after staying there two years, worked its way to the surface. It is hardly possible that she swallowed the needle.

As far as it could be learned the child complained little even though the needle, one and one-half inches long, was in her body.

## Reorganize 4-H Club At Bear Grass This Week

Meeting recently in the Bear Grass High School, the 4-H club there was reorganized this year, and the following officers were elected: Josephine Gurganus, president; Bettie, Marie Stalls, vice president; Melba Grace Peale, secretary and news reporter; Irene Hodges, they repeated the 4-H club pledge, which follows: I pledge my head to clearer thinking; my heart to greater loyalty; my hands to larger service; and my health to better living for my club, my community, and my country. Each girl was urged to learn the club pledge and to develop each four H. Club songs were sung and plans were made for the next meeting in November. Miss Sleeper stated the girl passing in the best record book, age 10 to 13, would receive \$2.50 as a prize; and the girl in the age group from 14 to 20 would receive a similar amount for the best record book. The girls plan to make hats at the December meeting.—News reporter.

## No Political Speakings Announced by Chairman

Other than the address by Hon. Thad Eure in Robersonville last Wednesday evening, no political speakings have been scheduled in this county in connection with the political campaign now under way. Congressman Lindsay Warren and Hon. Rivers Johnson were scheduled to speak here tomorrow, but it was announced at the last minute that they would be unable to attend.

## Truck Owners Discussed Rates In Meeting Here

Meeting here in the courthouse last Tuesday night, a goodly number of large truck operators discussed rate schedules and discussed legislation governing the control of truck operations on the highways of the state. Few official facts could be learned about the meeting, but it is understood the truck owners considered plans for contesting unfavorable legislation that the next legislature might enact.

Owners were here from as far away as Henderson and Winton.

## COTTON MEETING

An important meeting of cotton farmers in this county has been scheduled for next Wednesday in the county courthouse here, it was officially announced today by Mr. C. C. Holton, district representative of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association. Every cotton farmer in the county is urged to attend, as the meeting will be of interest to all.

The meeting will convene at 11 o'clock that morning and last for a short while only.

## ARRESTED FOR HAULING WINE

### Roy Sutton Held In Jail Here Unable To Raise Bond in Sum of \$250.

Roy Nathaniel Sutton, operator of a filling station at Everetts, was arrested there last Tuesday night on a charge of transporting five gallons of wine and having in his possession a small quantity of liquor. At a hearing held yesterday before Justice J. L. Hassell, Sutton was released under a \$200 bond for his appearance before Judge Bailey in the county recorder's court next Tuesday. The man's car was ordered held pending the outcome of the trial.

At the hearing Wednesday morning Sutton pleaded not guilty, maintaining that the wine was for personal use, that he had never sold liquor. According to reports received by the sheriff's office here, Sutton is believed to have measured out the beverages in small glasses and delivered it to his customers in front of his station just across the street from the Everetts school building.

Sutton came to this county only two weeks ago and started operating the filling station at Everetts.

## MISS JOHNSON DIED THURSDAY

### Funeral Service For Miss Florence Johnson Held This Afternoon

Miss Florence Johnson, highly respected woman of Robersonville Township, died at the home of her brother, George Johnson, there yesterday afternoon following a long illness. She was 84 years old, and had lived in Robersonville Township all her life. She had been in ill health for some time, the end coming gradually.

She is survived by three brothers, Messrs. George and Charles Johnson, of Robersonville Township, and Mr. Lewis Johnson, of Oak City.

Funeral services were conducted this afternoon by a minister of the Primitive Baptist church, of which faith she was a member. Interment followed in the New Cemetery at Robersonville.

## Berry Fulford Died In Cross Roads Wednesday

Berry Simpson Fulford, 45 years old, died at the home of his brother-in-law, Charles Leggett, in Cross Roads Township last Wednesday night following a stroke of paralysis a day or two before.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. Warren Davis. Interment was in the Wynn burial ground in Cross Roads Township.

The son of Jesse F. Fulford and wife, he was born in Pitt County. About 15 years ago he moved to this county to make his home and farm.

## Macdonia School News During the Past Month

The first month of school was a busy one for the Macdonia school children. By studious effort and regular attendance, 12 students made the scholastic roll. Seventeen made the perfect attendance roll.

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## Preaching Services Sunday at Local Christian Church

Regular services will be held in the local Christian church Sunday, it was announced by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Perry. Preaching services will be held at the usual hours, 11 in the morning and 7:30 in the evening. Sunday school will convene at 9:45 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to these services.

## M'NEILL POTEAT TO HOLD WEEK'S SERVICES HERE

### To Preach First Sermon In Baptist Church Sunday Morning, October 30

E. McNeill Poteat, preacher, lecturer, missionary, radio speaker, and Raleigh pastor, is coming to Williamston for a week's religious services in the Memorial Baptist church, beginning Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, October 30th.

After a very determined effort, Mr. Dickey succeeded in signing him up for this Williamston engagement some time during last summer. And it is very generally felt by those securing his services that this church and community are fortunate in having a man of this caliber come to Williamston for a week's effort in a common religious undertaking.

For a few years, Mr. Poteat has been with the Pullen Memorial church in Raleigh, where he has rendered conspicuous service, and became very favorably known as a radio preacher. He has quickly come to a dominant position in the religious circles where he moves.

After his graduation he spent five years in China as a missionary. His brother is there now. His father, now professor of philosophy in McFerr University, also served a period of time in China. E. McNeill Poteat comes from a long line of brilliant men and is measuring up well to the traditions.

Mr. Poteat is a young man, full of vigor and energy. He is not a professional evangelist, but rather a pastor. This, he says, is the second time he has ever tried to hold a special series of religious services of this nature.

The plans which the Baptist people have set up for these services are very simple. There will be no special singer or high-powered efforts. The man simply comes as a preacher who is well and favorably known, and in his own way will bring his messages in seriousness to the people who come near him.

The schedule of services calls for a morning and evening service on the Sunday when he comes. Tuesday he will go to conduct chapel at the high school; Wednesday to the grammar school; and Wednesday noon to address a body of men at the Kiwanis Club. There will be one afternoon service for children, after school, is out. And one service for the women of the community is planned for one late afternoon while he is here. And for the time of his stay in Williamston there will be but one regular preaching service each day and that at 7:30 o'clock in the evenings.

So far as is known, no other church in the community has planned any other special services for these dates. And this will make it possible for all the people to attend who are so inclined. The general public, of course, is invited to attend. For it is the desire of the church that whatever good results from these services may be community-wide. Accordingly, the pastors and communicants of the other churches in Williamston and nearby places are cordially invited to participate.

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