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\$1,100 DAMAGE BY EARLY MORNING FIRE WEDNESDAY

Firemen Experience Trying Difficulties Fighting Fire in Freezing Weather

Members of the local volunteer fire company received their toughest assignment in several years shortly after 3 o'clock last Wednesday morning, when fire destroyed the Mutual Investment Company's grocery store and damaged Arch Latham's cafe and Charlie Sherrod's barber shop on Washington street near the Jamesville road intersection. The home of Eva Sherrod, colored, and other property was threatened by the fire, but damage for the most part was confined to the store and cafe.

With the mercury below the freezing point and several members held at home by sickness the responding firemen had a difficult time handling two streams of water during the greater part of an hour. The spray froze on the firemen's clothing, and three or four of the volunteers were all but drowned trying to handle the hose with insufficient help. It was strictly an individual fire for the firemen, spectators apparently finding the freezing weather too bad for a visit to a fire that early in the morning.

When discovered the fire was breaking through the roof of the one-story wooden structure, and occupants of the Sherrod home were called before they learned fire was burning a few feet from their heads. The alarm was given by local people returning from a dance in Washington.

Damage to the building was estimated to be around \$700, while the grocery stock, valued at \$400, was a complete loss.

Volume and Number of Enterprise Are Changed

To have its files correspond with the calendar year, The Enterprise in its last issue advanced its volume from XXXVII, number 86, to volume XXXVIII, number 1. The paper was organized in October, 1899, and while the change creates a discrepancy in the age represented, it was made in order that a volume could be bound complete the beginning of each year.

New Year Greetings By Pastor J. M. Perry

The News and Observer in its last Sunday edition of the old year 1934 tabulated a brief list of the pageant of events of the world during the year, as given out by the Associated Press. There were more than 300 of them, some of major and some of seemingly minor consequence. However, a mere tabulation does not tell the whole story of misery, death, crime, woes, joys, laughter, faith, hope, love, cheer, pity, sympathy, hatred, war, distrust, selfishness, and the entire gamut of human emotions on which history has played during the year. Around these events, the cataloging of which took but a single page, could be written 300 volumes.

It is all history now, and we face the new year of 1935 with hope and courage. As we face it, we can be sure of one thing, and that is, as it ever has been, the good, the true, and the cheerful will be more happy than those who are selfish, reckless, thoughtless and unkind. So, we wish for you a happy, prosperous new year. May God bless you every one.—J. M. Perry.

Christian Philatheas To Meet with Mrs. Dunning

The Philatheas class of the Christian church will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in the home of Mrs. A. R. Dunning.

Two Services at the Cedar Branch Church Sunday

W. B. Harrington, Pastor. There will be regular services at Cedar Branch Sunday at 11 o'clock and at 7 o'clock at night. This is the first service of the new year. All members are urged to be present and the public is invited.

Credit Association To Start Making Loans Next Week

The Washington Production Credit Association, serving the farmers of this county, will start making loans to farmers next week, it was learned here today. A number of applications have already been received, it is understood.

Farmers' Exchange Group To Meet Here Wednesday

There will be a meeting of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange in the courthouse here next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by C. T. Rogers, field representative. All members and other farmers are urged to attend.

Hog Killing Under Way on Big Scale in Martin County

Although a few farmers packed their meat more than a month ago, hog killings are just now getting fully under way in this county, reports from several sections indicate. "There's a hog killing every day in the week out our way," a Griffins Township farmer reported yesterday. Farmers in that section, with few exceptions, have more than enough meat for their requirements, while for the county as a whole a small shortage is predicted. Many farmers experienced difficulty in raising their meat this year, cholera having killed many swine, and then the

season has just been a bad one for raising hogs, Calvin Ayers, Bear Grass farmer, said a few days ago. Out in Griffins the farmers just seem to have the knack of raising swine, and in that section the meaning of a meat shortage is all but unknown to the people. There have been times, of course, when they did not have as much meat as they wanted, due to feed shortages or other factors beyond their control, but, as a general rule, one will find every smokehouse and every corn barn there filled almost to over-running every year.

Parity Payments To Be Made Soon

CENSUS TAKERS

Enumerators for the national farm census in this county started their work this week, no official time limit having been announced for the completion of the work.

The names of the enumerators in this county are: Onward J. Gaylord, Jamesville; Paul Harrington, Griffins; J. L. Tucker, Robersonville; Herman Rogerson, Poplar Point and a part of Robersonville; Mrs. Eloise Bennett, Williamston; Rossell Rogers, Bear Grass; and J. W. Hines, Oak City.

SCHOOL AT FARM LIFE TO REOPEN AGAIN MONDAY

Measles Epidemic Creates Three-Weeks Holiday For Children There

After a three-weeks holiday, the Farm Life school plans to reopen next Monday morning, Principal Charles Hough announced yesterday. The school closed December 14, when an epidemic of measles effected a marked increase in the number of absences. A reopening was attempted last Monday, but the attendance was far below normal, and activities were suspended for another week. Reports indicate conditions are greatly improved in the district and that a normal attendance can be expected next Monday.

Reports received from nearly every other school in the county yesterday indicated normal attendance with the possible exception of the one here, Professor D. N. Hix reporting an attendance number 13 less than the average for the third month. In some sections of the state, the schools were closed on account of mild influenza epidemics. There has been much sickness, very little of a serious nature, however, in this county, but the attendance upon the various schools has not been greatly affected so far, the records show.

DEATH OF MRS. A. S. EVERETT

Funeral Will Be Held In Robersonville Tomorrow Afternoon

Mrs. A. S. Everett, highly respected Robersonville woman, was found dead in bed at her home there early yesterday morning, death apparently following a heart attack earlier in the day. Funeral services are being conducted tomorrow afternoon, and interment will follow in the cemetery there.

Mrs. Everett was, before her marriage a number of years ago, Miss Hatfield Ross. She was 65 years old.

Besides her husband, she is survived by four children, Mrs. Turner T. Grimes, of Titusville, Fla., and Mrs. S. A. Roebuck, of Farmville; and two sons, Norman Everett, of Richmond, and Cecil Everett. She also leaves two brothers, Messrs. John T. and J. K. Ross, both of Robersonville.

Schedule of Services at the Baptist Church for Sunday

The pastor will be in his pulpit on Sunday morning and evening for the regular worship services after a short visit to his father at Murphy, and after having attended the sessions of the Southern Baptist Sunday School conference in Raleigh.

The Sunday school and Young People's Union will hold their sessions as usual. The new year beginning should find the church constituency actively participating in all the programs of the church.

RAPIDLY NEAR COMPLETION OF CARD CHECKING

About 100 Farmers Have Not Returned Tobacco Marketing Cards

Preparations for advancing the parity payment to tobacco farmers in this county are fast being completed, Assistant County Agent Murphy L. Barnes announced this week. Already about 1,100 of the approximately 1,400 marketing cards have been returned to the agent's office and checked. That number has been forwarded to Raleigh, where the cards will again be checked and then forwarded to Washington, where checks will be prepared and sent back to the owners.

To make the parity payments complete, Agent Barnes states that every grower must return his allotment of marketing card to the agent's office, where it will be checked with the master marketing card. A farmer failing to return his card will not share in the parity payment, it is understood. While no definite date is known, it is believed some of those farmers delivering their cards to the office early in the season will receive their parity payments within the next few weeks. The arrival of the checks will be announced directly to the owners.

The tobacco contracts provide a payment ranging from 12 1/2 per cent down to 8 per cent on a determined parity basis of 21 cents a pound. If a farmer had 1,000 pounds of tobacco and he sold it for 21 cents a pound, he will receive a parity payment ranging from 12 1/2 down to 8 per cent on \$210. The amount of parity payment depends upon the percentage sold on the allotment card. If the farmer sold all the pounds allowed on the marketing card, he will receive a parity payment at the rate of 8 per cent. In other words, the grower selling 1,000 pounds, which represents fully 80 per cent of his base, will receive \$16.80. However, if the farmer did not sell but 70 per cent of his base, then he will be paid at the rate of 12 1/2 per cent, or \$26.25. If the grower sold from 72 to 74 per cent of his base he will be paid at the rate of 11 per cent; from 74 to 76, 10 per cent; from 76 to 78, 9 per cent; and from 78 to 80, 8 per cent.

Most of the farmers in this county sold 80 per cent of their base production and, of course, their parity payments will be 8 per cent of the parity figure, 21 cents. Agent Barnes stated that the adjustment payment does not mean that the price will be raised to 21 cents a pound for every farmer. The grower averaging only 10 cents for his tobacco will only receive payments in line with those paid growers averaging 25, 45, 50 cents or more.

A farmer desiring to know what his adjustment payment will be should multiply the poundage sold by 21 cents and then multiply that amount by the percentage amount he is entitled to under the contract. The important thing about the parity payment just now is the return of all cards. If any farmer has not done so, he will find it is to his advantage to return his card immediately.

Roll Call at Presbyterian Church In This County

Sunday, January 6th, has been designated by the Presbyterian church as roll call Sunday. The roll of members for each church and mission will be called at the regular service of the day. It is hoped that each member will be present on this, the first Sunday of the new year, to answer to the calling of his or her name. The regular services will be held by the pastor at all points.

Whether you are a member of this church or any other church—begin the new year by going to church next Sunday. Why not go to Sunday school, too

48 LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED IN PAST MONTH

Largest Number Issued in Single Month This Year; Below Last December

Selling 48 licenses during the month of December, the Martin County marriage license bureau eclipsed all other sales for the year 1934, but fell short by 13 of the number issued in December, 1933, one of the busiest months on record for the bureau. The year, however, was the most successful, as far as the sale of licenses was concerned, since the depression struck back in 1929, the sale last year totaling 281, as compared with 269 in 1933, 154 in 1932, and 123 in 1931.

While the colored applicants continued to lead the white in number, the coloreds applied for one less license last year than they did the year before, and the whites showed a gain of 13 in 1934 over 1933.

Last year 116 licenses were issued to white and 165 to colored couples. Last month 21 licenses were issued to white and 27 to colored couples, as follows:

- White**
- Robert G. Williams and Janie Louise Perry, both of Bertie County.
- Desmond Cox and Ethel Bunting, both of Goose Nest Township.
- Elbert Moyer Wilson and Mary Retta Griffin, both of Williamston.
- Noah Gardner, of Bear Grass, and Margaret Woolard, of Beaufort County.
- William Dewey Hardison, of Washington County, and Mildred Roberson, of Griffins.
- George H. Burnett and Mrs. Ora Jackson, both of Jamesville.
- William Jesse Gardner and Gussie Mae Edmondson, both of Williamston.
- William Ramsey and Keda Bell Downs, both of Hamilton.
- Charles T. Lamb, of Quantico, Va., and Tempie Merrit, of Robersonville.
- Albert Manning and Paul Bullock, both of Williamston.
- Leonard Glisson, of Pitt County, and Bettie Elizabeth Harrison, of Bear Grass.
- Noah R. Perry, of New York, and Mattie Gertrude Rawlings, of Hopewell, Va.
- William Henry Bland, of Goose Nest, and Malinda Lilly, of Williamston.
- William H. Carstarphen and Gertrude B. Norton, of Williamston.
- George Edward Beck, of Old Point Comfort, Va., and Chessie Mizelle, of Jamesville.
- Jesse Harrell, of Goose Nest, and Amy Griffin, of Belhaven.
- Thomas M. Tisdale, jr., of Clarksville, Va., and Alice Grayson Norman, of Robersonville.
- Clarence Dowell Taylor and Edna Earl Bazemore, of Bertie County.
- Leon Lassiter and Ruth Rogers, of Bertie County.
- Henry Hopkins, of Hobgood, and Marie Moore, of Hamilton.

Colored

- Robert Outlaw, of Pitt County, and Evangeline Ellison, of Robersonville.
- George Lock and Viola Etheridge, both of Goose Nest Township.
- Floyd Caine, of Hamilton, and Marene Brown, of Goose Nest.
- Ben Ira Brown, of Goose Nest, and Fannie Della Thompson, Hamilton.
- Jonah Whitehurst and Mollie Lee Purvis, both of Robersonville.
- Wright Jones and Clara Carter, of Williamston.
- Willie Scott and Rose Etta Rascoe, both of Williamston.
- David George Gilliam and Allie B. Miller, both of Bertie County.
- Henry Moyer and Lethia Skinner, of Goose Nest Township.
- Ira Cherry and Katie Cherry, both of Williamston.
- Willie Razor and Rose Ella Williams, both of Cross Roads.
- John H. Hudson, of Hamilton, and Goldia Little, of Robersonville.
- Ashley Brown, of Goose Nest, and Naomi Williams, of Hamilton.
- Jasper Clemmons, of Stokes, and Pauline Carr, of Robersonville.
- Herbert Brown, Williamston, and Cleatler Sheppard, Hamilton.
- Willie Watts, Williamston, and Bertha T. Little, Washington, N. C.
- James Thomas and Pauline V. Walker, both of Hamilton.
- Lester Tepon, of Martin County, and Fannie Glover, Edgecombe County.
- Sam Congleton, of Cross Roads, and Cora Andrews, of Robersonville.
- Calvin Best and Rachel Hunter, both of Robersonville.
- Thomas Wilson and Eva Williams, both of Goose Nest.
- Justus Everett and Sarah Crandall, both of Cross Roads.
- Augustus Clemmons and Marjorie Mills, both of Williamston.
- James Wynn and Bernie Brooks, both of Washington County.
- Henry Bell and Carrie Dell Smithwick, both of Williams Township.
- James Henry Speight, of Williamston, and Helen Mills, Hamilton.
- Rudolph Parker and Annie Mae Williams, both of Goose Nest.

The 900 bale cotton crop of Burke County in 1932 was worth \$27,000. The crop of 600 bales would be

Peanut Campaign in County Will Get Under Way Monday

TWO ARE FINED BY MAYOR FOR USING 1934 TAGS

Man Tries To Evade Law by Using 1934 Virginia Tags on Truck

The day for using 1934 license tags in this section was spent this week when members of the highway patrol started arresting drivers for using the old plates. Two cases were carried into the court of Justice J. L. Hassell here yesterday, each defendant being fined \$10 and taxed with the cost.

John Little, colored, living near here, thought he could capitalize on the similarity of the 1935 North Carolina tags and the 1934 Virginia plate. He found and placed some old Virginia tags on his car, but his scheme failed to work, it was reported.

The other defendant, Linwood Jones, Roanoke Rapids white man, was requested to purchase new tags in addition to paying the fine and cost.

Very few old tags are seen on cars in this section at the present time, reports stating that a goodly number of cars have been placed under shelters to remain there until the owners can purchase the new tags.

The sale of licenses at the local bureau continues, but not as rapidly as it did last week and the early part of this week.

Town auto tags are on sale, Mayor Hassell announcing that local auto owners would be given until next Monday to display the tin plates on their cars.

THIEVES ACTIVE HERE THIS WEEK

Steal Coat and Article from Automobiles Parked on Main Street Here

Thieves are reported to have been active here this week stealing property, mostly clothing, from automobiles parked on the streets. Early last Tuesday evening, Miss Caroline Davis, a teacher in the Hamilton school, lost a brown fur coat, several dresses and other articles when she stopped here for a short while on her way from New Bern to Hamilton. Her traveling bag, robbed of nearly all the contents, was recovered from under a tobacco warehouse yesterday, but no trace of the other articles has been found. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck investigated the case, and he and local officers are now searching for the missing property.

The following night, a thief or thieves stole a valuable overcoat belonging to H. J. Holliday from his car parked on Main Street. No trace of the coat has been found.

Services in the Episcopal Church Are Announced

Rev. E. P. Mosley, rector. Epiphany Sunday: Church school, 9:45 a. m. Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30. It is urged that every member begin the new year right by attending church this, the first Sunday of 1935. Holy Trinity Mission Sunday school and preaching at 2:30 p. m.

Free Movies of Machinery at Theatre Here Tuesday

Recently appointed agent for the famous John Deere line of farm machinery, the Lindsley Ice Company is sponsoring a free moving picture show at the Watts Theatre here next Tuesday. All farmers and their families are invited to see the picture, which is described as very entertaining as well as educational.

Remove Christmas Lights From Streets Wednesday

Williamston's streets in the business districts took on their old appearance Wednesday night following the removal of the Christmas lights earlier in the day. The change offered a marked contrast, and at first several people thought some of the regular street lights were missing.

Presbyterian Auxiliary To Meet In Church Tonight

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church meets tonight at 7:30 in the church. All members are urged to be present.

BOARD MEETS

Holding their first meeting of the new year next Monday, the Martin County commissioners will have only routine matters before them for consideration, unless some new business finds its way on the calendar between now and then. J. Sam Getsinger, ex officio clerk to the board, said this morning.

The local town commissioners will hold their regular meeting that evening, and as far as it could be learned, no business of any importance is slated for consideration at that time by those authorities.

No meeting will be held Monday by the county board of education, the county superintendent announced yesterday.

ANNUAL MEET OF CREDIT GROUP IS TO BE HELD 16TH

Farmer - Borrowers of Production Credit Association Are Invited

The annual meeting of the Washington Production Credit Association, serving the counties of Beaufort, Martin, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington Counties will be held on January 16, at the courthouse in Washington, it was announced this week by J. E. Hull, secretary of the association.

Not only are all of the farmer-borrowers from the association, the holder of Class B stock, expected to be present, but Mr. Hull said today that a most cordial invitation was also extended to all other farmers in the territory served by the association and that it was hoped that large numbers would accept the invitation.

"Every member of the association," said Mr. Hull, "is urged to bring one or more non-members with him, as it is our desire that every farmer in this section shall acquaint himself with the credit service which our organization has to offer."

"Directors of the association for the ensuing year will be elected at this meeting. Every member of the association is entitled to cast one vote, regardless of the number of shares he owns, and it is to his interest to vote for men of the highest integrity and business acumen."

"At the meeting a complete report of the year's operations of the association will be submitted. The Production Credit Corporation of Columbia will be represented at the meeting by Mr. W. M. Webb, who will outline the set-up of the Farm Credit Administration of the third district, the method of control and operation of the production credit associations, and will give an explanation of the association's operating statement from organization through December 31, 1934."

BIG DOCKET FOR COUNTY COURT

Approximately Twenty-five Cases Scheduled for Trial Tuesday

While a docket of no record-breaking size is expected, Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne said yesterday there would be around 25 cases scheduled for trial in the county court next Tuesday. The docket has not been completed, but the cases already scheduled will keep the court busy all day in its first session of the new year. The session is the first to be held since the Tuesday before Christmas, and, considering the time the court has been inactive, the number of cases is not so large, after all.

There are around 24 prisoners in the jail awaiting trial. While most of the defendants will be removed from the jail next Tuesday, several will continue there until they face trial in the superior court next March.

Congress Begins Its 74th Session Yesterday Noon

Convening yesterday, the 74th United States Congress started its third act in the New Deal drama. Leadership has been placed with members from the South, the complete organization to be announced.

More than 2,400 measures were introduced in the house on the opening day, but, as is the custom, no bills will hardly be introduced in the senate before the third day of the session. President Roosevelt is delivering today his address on the "State of the Union." The bonus and 30-hour week measures were among the first introduced in the House.

PLANS OUTLINED AT MEET HELD HERE THIS WEEK

Newly Named Committees Meet Here Wednesday For Final Instructions

Arrangements completed, the campaign for control of peanut acreage and production during this coming crop season will get underway in this county next Monday, Assistant County Agent Murphy L. Barnes announced yesterday morning. Final instructions for the campaign were given the newly appointed committees at the meeting clearly indicating the movement will meet with success in this county and throughout the peanut-growing areas.

In explaining the sign-up, Agent Barnes cited two important and necessary duties of the farmers in applying for contracts. An accurate measurement of acreage planted to the crop in 1934 should be made and complete bills of sale should be presented the committee in asking for a contract. No contract can be completed without this information, it was pointed out. However, the sign-up can be made very easily if the farmer will take time to measure his peanut acreage for 1934 and present that information along with the bills of sale when he applies for a contract.

The agent explained that at least 10 per cent of the acreage measurements would be checked by representatives of the government, the selection of plots to be made at random. To prevent misunderstanding and avoid unnecessary delays, the farmers should exercise care in an effort to get correct measurements of their fields.

Farmers participating in the movement will receive an adjustment payment on their 1934 crop at the rate of 88 a ton or about 40 cents a bag. These adjustment payments will be made immediately after the 1935 crop is planted and evidence is advanced showing compliance with the terms of the agreement by the grower.

As the sign-up campaign must be completed by the 19th of this month, growers are urged to visit their respective committees, offer the acreage figures and bills of sale and complete their contracts as early as possible.

The names of the committeemen are as follows: Jamesville Township, Clarence Stallings; Williams Township, Charles Daniel.

Griffins Township, George Griffin. Bear Grass Township, A. B. Ayers, Williamston and Poplar Point Township, Walter Halberstadt. Cross Roads Township, J. S. Ayers, Robersonville Township, H. S. Everett and Cleve Taylor. Hamilton Township, Dewey R. Edmondson and Reuben A. Edmondson. Mr. Dewey Edmondson will be located at Hassell and Mr. Reuben Edmondson will handle the campaign in Hamilton, as far as it could be learned today.

The appointment of Mr. Daniel was not definite, but it is believed he will handle the work in Williams Township. Mr. George Griffin stated he would not be able to serve on account of an injured hand. His successor will be named and ready for work next Monday when the other committeemen will start their duties.

Three County Boys on University's Honor Roll

The names of Clarence, Irving, and Milton Griffin, Martin County boys, appear on the University of North Carolina honor roll for the first quarter ending just before Christmas, it was unofficially learned here this week.

Clarence is the son of Mrs. Jesse Griffin, Milton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Griffin, all of Griffins Township; and Irving is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Claude Griffin, of Williamston.

Rev. Davis To Preach at Fair View Next Sunday

Rev. Gilbert Davis, of Plymouth, will preach at Fair View Church on Sunday and Sunday night. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

More Than 51 Inches Rain Fell in Section Last Year

This section had one of the heaviest rainfalls in 1934 that it has had in any year since 1930, Hugh Spruill reported 51.18 inches during that year, as compared with 36.60 in 1933, 44.91 in 1932, and 48 inches in 1931. More rain fell last July than in any other month since August, 1931, when nearly 12 inches were reported.