

JAS. S. PEEL DIED LAST FRIDAY AT EVERETTS HOME

Last Rites Are Held at Late Home at 3:30 O'clock Sunday Afternoon

James S. Peel, one of Martin County's leading citizens, and for 35 years a prominent merchant of Everetts, died at his home there last Friday evening at 6:10 o'clock, the victim of a stroke of paralysis he suffered on Thursday of the preceding week. While he had experienced declining health during the past several months, Mr. Peel continued until he was stricken at the dinner table, active in the handling of his duties as postmaster, merchant and farmer.

The son of the late Stanley and Marina Peel, he was born in Bear Grass Township on December 8, 1871. He moved to Everetts when a young man and entered the mercantile business, which he conducted until his death along with extensive farming operations in his community. Thirty-one years ago he was married to Miss Emma Gertrude Woolard, who survives. Twelve years ago he joined the Everetts Christian church, taking an active and prominent part in its support. In the home he was a thoughtful husband and father. He applied Christian principles in the operation of his businesses and was active in the upbuilding and welfare of his community and its people. While he never aspired to public duties, he was keenly interested in good government and good schools and always lent his support to worth-while movements.

Besides his wife he leaves four children, Dillon C. Peel, of Everetts; Mrs. R. A. Phillips, of Pientops; J. Woolard Peel and Miss Thelma Peel, both of Everetts; two brothers, the Messrs. Henry D. and W. S. Peel, both of Williamston; and two sisters, Mrs. Martha Campbell, of Rocky Mount; and Mrs. Minnie Bowen, of Williamston, also survive.

Funeral services were conducted at the home last Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, former pastor, assisted by other ministers near to the family. Burial was in the Everetts cemetery, the large crowd attending the last rites giving evidence to the popularity and esteem in which Mr. Peel was held throughout this section.

Wave of Tobacco Stealing Reported During Week-End

Four Farmers Report Their Tobacco Stolen In One Night Last Week

Tobacco stealing was reported on a large scale in this county during the latter part of last week, the sheriff's office receiving calls from four farmers in one day. With four tobacco thefts already on file and unsolved, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck started working extra hours in an effort to establish clues in the cases, but as far as it could be learned today no material progress has been made in any of the robberies. The sheriff, it is believed, has a lead in some of the cases, but is withholding information until he can gather more facts.

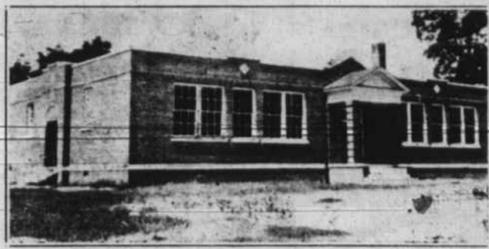
Late Thursday night or early Friday morning, robbers stole a barn of tobacco from a colored farmer living on the Sherrad farm, near Hamilton. The tobacco, graded and ready for market, weighed around 500 pounds. About 3 o'clock a barn of tobacco weighing around 400 pounds was stolen from N. M. Hyman, near Palmyra. Farmer Roberson, neighbor to Hyman, saw some one loading the tobacco at 3 o'clock, but he thought it was the owner getting off to market and said nothing about it. During Thursday night, rogues stole a barn of about 600 pounds of tobacco from Warner Bailey, Bear Grass farmer. Another theft was reported along the Martin-Edgewood line, but the sheriff turned his attention to the other three robberies when he learned the fourth one was in the adjoining county.

With the marketing season hardly three weeks old, farmers are urged to exercise every possible precaution against robbers in the future. In the meantime, county officers will center their work on the thefts already reported.

Trench Silos Popular With Polk Farmers

Polk County farmers who dug trench silos last year say they will use them this season. Additional farmers are digging silos at present.

WILLIAMSTON'S PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIT



Housing the primary unit of the local schools, the new building, located on the old school grounds, is relieving congested conditions that existed here during the past several years. The building is one of five new units just recently completed in this county under a Public Works Administration grant.

Good Tobacco Selling Better Here This Week

COMPACT BILL

Meeting in Washington last week, farmer representatives of the tobacco-growing sections were advised that the legal division of the Federal government was working out details in regard to additional legislation needed to make effective some form of tobacco control. At a recent meeting in Pitt County, J. E. Winslow, State Farm Bureau president and one of the representatives attending the Washington meeting, stated that the legal division of the government was drawing up a model bill, including the agreement entered into by the various farm bureaus, and that copies of the proposed bill will be made public within the next few days.

JOHN B. ALLEN, OF JAMESVILLE, DIES AT HOME FRIDAY

Funeral Services Are Held There by Elder Perlie E. Getsinger Sunday

John B. Allen, highly respected citizen of Jamesville, died at his home there late last Friday afternoon, following a long illness. Mr. Allen had been in declining health for a number of years, and rarely ever left his home in recent months. His condition had been considered critical during the past few weeks, and the end was not unexpected.

Mr. Allen was born in Washington County 76 years ago. About 40 years ago he moved to this county, locating in Jamesville where he continued to farm. He later served as special officer for the town of Jamesville, but retired 12 or more years ago when his health began to fail him. In early life he joined the Primitive Baptist church, holding his membership with the Jamesville church. He was regarded as a Christian gentleman and held in high esteem by all who knew him. While his health limited his activities in later years, his interest in religious and civic activities never decreased. He was patient, unassuming and always cherished the friendship of his fellowmen.

In early manhood he was married to Miss Deborah Harrison, of Washington County, who survives with five daughters and two sons. Their names are: Mrs. Leon Herring, of LaGrange; Mrs. L. W. Herring, of Kinston; Mrs. S. F. Darden, of Plymouth; Mrs. C. C. Kraft, of Plymouth; and Mrs. D. H. Burnette, of Jamesville; and H. W. and P. R. Allen, of High Point.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Elder P. E. Getsinger, assisted by Rev. W. B. Harrington, Baptist minister of this county; and Rev. Nixon Taylor, of Plymouth. Burial was in the old Baptist church cemetery in Jamesville.

John Page, Jr. Dies at Home Near Jamesville

John Page, 12 years old, died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Page, near Jamesville, last Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from malignant malaria. He had been ill for only a few days. He was the son of John Page, who was fatally burned along the roadside in Jamesville Township several months ago.

Funeral services were conducted for the youth last Sunday afternoon at the home. Burial was in the family plot in Cross Roads Township.

Fancy Prices Being Received for Some Grades; High as \$65

Market Sells Off the Third Block of Season Here This Morning

Good tobaccos are selling better on the Williamston tobacco market, reports from a number of farmers today clearly indicated, but there is no change in the receipts for the inferior grades, the farmers all agreed. Old black tips, some so sorry that the growers would have profited by leaving them at home, continue to predominate in the offerings, but they all go for some price. The occasional good piles of tobacco are really bringing what might be termed fancy prices, and there are no complaints about the prices the medium grades are bringing. And when the quality is taken into consideration, prices for the inferior grades, while right at the bottom, are not so bad. In short, the offerings now appearing on the floors indicate beyond all doubt that there is a sorry crop in this section, with some few exceptions, of course.

Turning to official figures released by Sales Supervisor McFarland this morning, the market shows sales of more than one and a half million pounds at a general average of \$21.75. The market blocked yesterday and the complete sales reports were not available today, but up to and including last Friday's sale, the market had sold 1,460,058 pounds for \$317,464.75, Mr. McFarland stating that approximately 180,000 pounds were sold yesterday before the market blocked. The supervisor pointed out that all desirable grades of cigarettes and pipe tobacco showed improvement in prices heretofore existing and said that these types are bringing from \$22 to \$48, with the fancy types selling from \$55 to \$64.

Of the sale yesterday fully 50 per cent was of the low grades of tobacco and black tips. These grades showed no advance over last week's prices, Mr. McFarland said. General market averages over the belt are just about the same, there being some reason to believe that some, if not all, of the daily price quotations are out of line with the real figures. Observing farmers are of the opinion that there is very little difference in the markets, that tobacco is selling just as high, if not a little higher, here than on any market in the belt, with some grades showing a marked advantage in commanding attention and prices.

Cases Against Osteopath Are Continued in Beaufort

The cases charging George R. Clay osteopath, with practicing medicine without license and the murder of Mrs. Kathleen Lilley at his sanitarium in Washington the 13th of last January were continued by Judge Clayton Moore in Beaufort Superior Court yesterday. While no statement was made in connection with the continuance of the cases, it is understood that attorneys representing the parties are engaged in other courts this week.

Town Being Decorated for Fair Here All Next Week

Finch and Company, decorators out of Charlotte, are here today dressing up the town for the Williamston Fair next week. Flags are being placed at close intervals across the two principal streets, the decorators stating that individual decorations will be handled later in the week. The same company will handle the decorations in the fair grounds.

GRADY IN FAVOR ADDING 2 JUDGES SUPREME COURT

Appeals for Support of New Amendment To Increase Number Court Judges

Opening a two-weeks term of Martin County Superior court here yesterday, Judge Henry A. Grady, of Clinton, confined his charge to instructions of procedure for the grand jury and in support of the proposed constitutional amendment increasing the number of State Supreme Court judges from five to seven.

The instructions offered the grand jury dealt mostly with routine matters, the judge outlining the duties in passing on bills of indictment, examination of county and state offices and reports of justices of the peace. Pointing out the importance of the law requiring justices to file reports, Judge Grady instructed the jury to signal out to him any justice of the peace who had failed to comply with the law, adding that he would see all reports were filed before he adjourned the court.

The duty of all grand jurors to report any crime in their respective communities that had not been called to the attention of officers was stressed by the jurist.

Dismissing any political angle that might appear on the surface, Judge Grady pointed out the need for an increased Supreme Court membership. At the present time the court is adequate to discharge the many duties imposed, the five judges probably working harder than any others, the superior court jurist said. The complaint about tardiness in justice, Judge Grady said, is because the court has more work than it can attend to. "Sometimes a case is appealed in the lower courts and it is a whole year before a decision is handed down by the Supreme Court," he said, adding that a larger court was necessary of the number of appeals reduced in some way.

The support of the jury, court spectators and all others was urged for the amendment when it is placed before the people in November.

Incidentally, Judge Grady said more superior court judges and judicial districts were also needed in this State.

A last-minute change brought Judge Grady to this county instead of Judge Barnhill, who was scheduled to preside over the term.

Names of the grand jurors: C. B. Riddick, foreman; C. D. Andrews, J. E. Boykin, S. R. Coburn, W. B. Rodman, W. Jesse Griffin, J. D. Woolard, L. C. James, M. T. Gardner, D. M. Frank, Sam J. Litley, J. A. Ellis, W. S. Peel, L. A. Croom, C. H. Ange, George James, R. Sherrad Corey, and William L. Manning.

Very few of the jurors asked to be excused from service, the court releasing only two. As many as 12 men have asked to be excused at a single term in the past.

Near Death Result Being Bit in Fight

A Sanford Roberson, white farmer of near here, is in a critical condition in a Washington hospital, late reports stating that blood poisoning had developed and recovery was doubtful. Bitten by Ira Edmondson in a fight about three months ago, Roberson had suffered much with his thumb, but was thought to be getting along all right until about three weeks when his condition became worse and he entered the hospital. The hand was removed, but for some time it was feared blood poisoning would develop as a result of the wound.

Edmondson sank several of his teeth deep into Roberson's thumb in a fight near their homes on the McGaskery road.

Arranges Details for Auto Races at Fair

C. Charley Gray, auto race promoter from Miami, is completing arrangements today for the automobile races that are to be held at the fair here on Saturday of next week, October 3. Mr. Gray, who is not only a race promoter but a driver of the old days when Barney Oldfield was going strong, said that several entries had already been received for the contest here, and that he expected as many as 14 drivers to compete for the prizes.

The track here was described by Mr. Gray as one of the best half-mile ovals in the state, and that he was finding more drivers anxious to come here than at any one of the other contests he is promoting this season so far.

Representative Lindsay Warren And Dean Schaub Headliners On Program at Fair Wednesday

Finish Trial of All Cases on Criminal Docket of Martin Superior Court Here Today

Few Cases Going To Jury; High Ratio of Convictions Secured

Five-Murder Sentences In Two Murder Cases Surprise To Public Generally

Opening a two-weeks term here yesterday for the trial of both criminal and civil cases, the Martin County Superior Court, with Judge bench, completed the criminal docket shortly before the noon hour today. The four murder cases on the docket are attracting comparatively few spectators, the crowds listening to the proceedings being described as the smallest to attend a September term of the "big" court here in a number of years.

Very few cases are reaching the jury, but the 12 men yesterday averaged 100 per cent in their convictions. Work is scheduled to start on the civil calendar tomorrow morning.

The high spot in the first-day proceedings was centered in the case charging William Sykes, 76-year-old colored man, with the brutal killing of Wiley Phelps, aged white man, near Jamesville the 16th of last month. No plea was entered by the killer, but after hearing the evidence Judge Grady sent the old negro to prison for five years. It was indicated that ill feeling between the two men had existed for some time prior to the killing, and that the charge could hardly be more than manslaughter.

The case charging Willie Lee Moore with reckless driving and manslaughter was continued to the December term. Clyde Silverthorne, pleading guilty to forcible trespass, was ordered placed in a veterans' hospital. H. H. Proctor, charged with drunk driving, was sentenced to prison for a term of two years, Judge Grady suspending the sentence upon the payment of a \$200 fine and on condition that the defendant hereafter obey the criminal laws of the State and does not engage in the use of intoxicating beverages during the next five years.

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Purchase of Radio Equipment Put Off

Purchase of equipment for the State Highway Patrol radio system was delayed by the division of purchase and contract at Raleigh last week, pending the inspection of the radio material set out in the bids.

Although bids for the radio equipment, which were opened Thursday, appeared to be satisfactory, said Director A. S. Brower, an investigation into the equipment offered by the various makers will be made. He said that contracts probably would be awarded within the next two weeks, and that the total cost of setting up the system probably would approximate the \$160,000 estimated.

One of the five broadcasting stations will be located here, the authorities stating that the local station would be constructed first.

Clarence Wallace Has Car Burned From Under Him

Clarence Wallace, Jamesville Township farmer, had an exciting time and a narrow escape from death last Saturday night when his car, a 1934 model Chevrolet, almost burned from under him. Wallace, driving toward his home, smelled smoke and applied the car brakes suddenly, the smoke rushing to the front of the machine before he could stop it. Although almost overcome by the smoke, Wallace managed to open the door and jumped out, the car stopping in a ditch a number of yards away.

The owner, calling to a near-by home for aid, managed to confine the fire to the top and seats. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

TO SPEAK AT FAIR



Hon. Lindsay C. Warren who speaks at the Farmers' Day Rally at the Williamston fair on Wednesday morning, September 30.

RICH SQUARE TO PLAY LOCALS IN OPENER FRIDAY

Only Three Regulars Are Included in Line-up for Initial Contest Here

Williamston's high school football team opens the season here Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock when the Banthams meet Rich Square's eleven on Taylor field. Coach Larry Wade's boys, although unusually small and light in weight are entering the season with an inconquerable determination, and that counts for much Mr. Wade said in commenting on his aggregation's prospects this season.

With only three regulars coming over from last season, Coach Wade scoured the high school for recruits and during the past two weeks the team has been working on military shifts, double spinning and triple reverses.

The line-up Friday afternoon will include the following: ends, Ray Goodman and Monk Critcher; tackles, S. W. Manning, Jr., and Jim Manning; veteran; guards, Vic Andrews, veteran; and Carlyle Hall, center; Russell Jones and Bob Everett, Jr.; backs, Bill Hardison, Geo. Lee Roberson, the veteran with rabbit running ability, Ashley Wynne, Fred Summerlin, Harry Taylor, Pete Eagan and possibly two or three others.

A complete schedule for the season will be announced shortly. During the meantime, the athletic association is pushing the sale of season tickets for all three major sports, the officials directing an appeal to the public for support of the teams.

Negro With Broken Neck Died Saturday

Suffering a broken neck when a dry-kiln door fell on him at the plant of the Farmville Woodward Lumber Company here last Thursday morning, Sam Hinton, respected colored man, died in a Washington hospital last Saturday evening at 6:30 o'clock. While the man was critically injured, it was thought at that time he could possibly recover. He talked with relatives Saturday and seemed to be getting along very well, but his condition became suddenly worse that afternoon, death following a few hours later.

Hinton, a native of Mount Olive, had been employed by the lumber concern at its mill here for about one year. His body was carried to his former in Mount Olive yesterday for burial.

Several other employees of the mill, injured by the falling door, are getting along all right.

Farmers Day Being Sponsored by Farm Bureau Federation

Plans Announced Complete For Annual Event To Get Underway Monday

Congressman Lindsay C. Warren, of Washington, has announced his acceptance of an invitation to deliver an address at the Williamston Fair on the morning of Wednesday, September 30, which has been designated as Farmers' Day. Sponsoring the program is the Martin County Farm Bureau, headed by H. S. Everett, of Robersonville, who anticipates that the special Farmers' Day exercises will be held each fall during the week of the Williamston Fair, which begins this year on September 28.

Members of the Farm Federation in counties adjacent to Martin have been invited to enjoy the program, on which Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College will also appear. The exercises will be held at the grandstand from 10:30 to 1 o'clock.

Offering further cooperation to the farmers of Martin and neighboring counties, Resident Manager Harvey Walker announced that farmers would be admitted to the Williamston Fair grounds at half-price until 1 o'clock on their special day. The fair also will provide musical entertainment for the grandstand program, for which there will be no charge.

Taking leading parts in making Farmers' Day a gala occasion will be Miss Lora E. Sleeper, Martin County Home Demonstration agent, and T. B. Brandon, Martin County farm agent. Both are assisting Manager Walker in supervision of agricultural exhibits, for which a total of \$1,400 in premiums are offered exhibitors from Martin, Pitt Edgecombe, Washington, Beaufort and Bertie counties.

School children of these counties will be admitted free to the fair grounds and to the grandstand on Tuesday of Fair Week until 4:30 p. m. A special program for the children is being arranged by Miss Sleeper.

On the midway of the Williamston Fair will be the Cetlin & Wilson Shows, a colorful, wholesome outfit consisting of 20 novelty shows and 15 popular rides. Grandstand entertainment will be enlivened by 10 brilliant acts and a glittering revue featuring a galaxy of maids, mirth and melody.

Harness racing will feature the arena program on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Races will be run under the supervision of W. L. McDonald, veteran starter of Rocky Mount. A number of horses coming to the State Fair, which will be held in Raleigh the week of October 12, will run at Williamston.

Professional auto races will be held Saturday.

J. H. Hardy Dies at Home Near Stokes

Jesse Haywood Hardy, a native of this county and a promising young farmer of Pitt County, died at his home near Stokes last Friday night, following a short illness with typhoid fever and complications.

The son of Mrs. Bettie Hardy and the late Charles Hardy, he was born near Williamston 34 years ago. When a young man he married Miss Hattie Roberson, of Everetts, and soon located in the Stokes community, where he took an active interest in the promotion of education and allied undertakings. At the time of his death he was a member of the Stokes school board, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Mr. Hardy was a member of the Missionary Baptist church, joining at Everetts, and Rev. J. H. Smith, Williamston minister and a former pastor, conducted the last rites at the late home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Burial was in the New Cemetery, Robersonville.

Mrs. Hardy and three children, Charles Edwin, Maurice Haywood and Edna Hardy survive. He also leaves three brothers, John L. and Dennis Hardy, both of Williamston; and Harry Hardy, of Everetts; and two sisters, Mrs. Frank Edwards, of Williamston; and Miss Annie Hardy, of Raleigh.