

Meat Stealing Case Solved By Officers In County Saturday

Two Admit Theft and Third Man Charged With Receiving Meat

Working night and day during most of last week, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck last Saturday solved the theft of about 300 pounds of hams and shoulders from Herbert Manning's smokehouse in Griffins Township the Saturday evening before. Recovering most if not all the meat from the home of W. C. Bedwell, white man, in Jamesville, the sheriff gained confessions from Nicodemus Barrow and Sam Andrews Moore. Bedwell, offering flimsy excuses, pleaded not guilty when Justice J. L. Hassell at a hearing held Saturday afternoon charged him with receiving stolen goods.

Admitting their guilt, Barrow and Moore, both colored, were placed under bonds in the sum of \$500 each. Bedwell was detained under bond in the sum of \$300.

Piecing bits of evidence gained here and there, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck arrested Barrow and Moore and a colored woman named Alberta Brooks early in the week for investigation. Early Saturday morning, the officers gained a lead to the place where the meat was hidden. Packed in two boxes, the meat was found in a closet in the Bedwell home covered with other boxes.

Testifying at the hearing, Manning said the robber or robbers cut the back porch screen and gained an entrance to the kitchen, but he could not say that anything was stolen there. He then found the smokehouse door open and about 300 pounds of meat missing.

According to the evidence offered at the hearing by Sheriff Roebuck, Barrow vigorously denied any connection with the theft, but admitted the charge when he learned the meat had been recovered. Barrow, convicted and sentenced to the roads several years ago for stealing hogs from Herbert Manning, told that he delivered the meat to Bedwell in Jamesville.

Supplementary information gained by officers alleges that Bedwell advanced the colored men ten cents when the meat was delivered, the case investigators believing that a partnership had been formed for disposing of the meat.

"I did not know the meat was stolen," Bedwell said in pleading not guilty. Continuing Bedwell said, "I was sitting in a car with a man named Stone at a filling station in Jamesville when Sam Andrews Moore called me and said that he wanted to leave some packages at my home. I consented," he concluded. Bedwell admitted that he knew the two colored men had some meat, but he never explained who packed it in the two boxes, the sheriff stating that Barrow and Moore carried it to the home in sacks.

According to the story told by Mrs. Bedwell, she and her husband were home when Moore and Barrow went there and called Bedwell out. "A few minutes later they brought the meat in," Mrs. Bedwell was quoted as saying.

Bedwell, who hauls pulp wood to the plant at Plymouth, moved to this county from Alabama about a year ago.

James Gilmore, Jamesville colored man, was arrested yesterday for allegedly receiving some of the stolen meat. He was released under \$100 bond. Officers are continuing work on the case today, and an arrest in Washington County is expected momentarily in connection with the theft.

Brotherhood Dinner Tomorrow Evening

The second Brotherhood Dinner, fostered by the Disciples of Christ, will be held tomorrow evening when some six thousand churches around the world will participate in this fellowship. The Williamston Christian Church will hold their supper in the American Legion Hut on Watts Street at 6:30 o'clock. Aside from the supper there will be a program which will include a radio broadcast through station WPTF at 7:15 at which time Dr. Roger T. Noe, the president of the international convention of the Disciples of Christ, will speak on the subject, "I believe in the Church." Mrs. Charles Reign Scoville, a nationally noted evangelistic singer, will render two solos.

Tickets for the supper may be obtained from Mrs. Henry D. Harrison or Mrs. John A. Manning. Plans are being made to take care of more than half of the congregation. Rev. John L. Goff urges those members not being able to attend to tune in on the radio broadcast from 7:15 to 7:30 o'clock.

Little Done in First Month by Legislature, H. G. Horton Says

The North Carolina General Assembly is completing its first month's stay in Raleigh today, Representative H. G. Horton, home for the week-end, explaining that the lawmakers had done very little and accomplished virtually nothing in the way of constructive legislation as it affects the State.

"The stage is set for a hot battle this week," Mr. Horton continued. The squabble over who is to get a few million dollars from the gasoline tax is expected to occupy the attention of the legislature during a greater part of this week.

The North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee is leading the fight against diversion of the gas funds, and the administration forces

are offering a strong plea for diversion. It is going to be a nip and tuck fight with the odds slightly in favor of the diversionist group.

The administration lines are holding fairly firm to date, the leaders averting a vote on a proposal to relinquish to the counties and towns taxes collected on intangible properties. A "crown" tax on bottled drinks, claimed to be covering a million-dollar tax, is being proposed. Building supply men are working to get the sales tax lifted on materials.

Reports indicate that the finance and appropriations committees are about ready to emerge with their proposals, and it is likely that the 1939 Assembly will be waking up shortly.

Sweet Potato Growers To Meet Friday Night

ERWIN TO SPEAK

The Williamston Parent-Teacher Association will meet in the high school auditorium next Friday afternoon at 3:30. The regular February meeting was postponed until this time in order that Clyde Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, might be present for the meeting. Dr. Erwin will speak on school problems, and it is hoped that a large number of school patrons will be present to welcome him on his first official visit to Williamston.

Apportion Tobacco Quotas To Several States Last Week

North Carolina Flue-Cured Belt Gets Total of 588,500 Acres

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration last week apportioned the 1939 tobacco quotas to the several belts, North Carolina receiving a total of 588,500 acres. The new quotas, virtually the same as they were last year, will apply only to the soil conservation program, the tax on excess production having been ruled out by the farmers themselves in a referendum last December.

The state allotments will be apportioned among individual growers under a formula prescribed in the crop control law.

Only growers who comply with their allotments will be eligible for government benefit payments. The payment rates are as follows: flue-cured and burley, 0.8 cents per pound; dark types, 1.4; cigar filler and binder, 1 cent; Georgia-Florida type, 1.5 cents.

The department allotted a total of 1,540,000 acres among the tobacco states divided as follows among various types: Flue-cured, 884,400; burley, 405,000; dark types 160,000; cigar filler and binder 88,000 and Georgia-Florida type 3,000.

The flue-cured apportionment: Alabama 500 acres, Florida 15,600, Georgia 86,000, North Carolina 588,500, South Carolina 96,000, Virginia 90,000, national reserve 8,800.

The burley apportionment included North Carolina 8,377 acres.

The allotments for the several counties and then to the individual growers will be released just as soon as possible, but hardly within the next several weeks.

Funeral Yesterday For Mrs. Samuel Hardison

Mrs. Clotilde Needham Hardison, of Route 1, Washington, died at her home at six o'clock Sunday morning. She was born in Camden county, November 28, 1867, and was a daughter of Seth and Margaret Mitchell Needham.

Mrs. Hardison is survived by her widower, Samuel S. Hardison, of Martin County, whom she married on January 20, 1891; two sons, C. C. Hardison, of Richmond, and A. L. Hardison, of Norfolk; three daughters, Mrs. W. A. Woolard, Mrs. G. T. Rogers and Miss Deane Hardison, all of Route 1, Washington, and 11 grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. L. B. Jones, Methodist minister, Monday, at 2:30, and burial was in Oakdale Cemetery, Washington.

To Discuss Better Seed And Control Common Disease

Specialist Is Expected Here To Meet Commercial Growers

Recognized as one of the most rapidly expanding crops in the county, the sweet potato will be a topic of discussion and study at a meeting of Martin County farmers to be held in the agricultural building here Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, Assistant County Agent J. P. Woodard announced this week.

A specialist from the State College Extension Division is expected to meet with the growers and lead the discussion as it relates to seed improvement and the control of diseases common to sweet potato production and curing.

Recent demonstrations, conducted on a small scale by individual farmers, will be reviewed and the findings will be released at the meeting.

It wasn't so long ago that the sweet potato was produced on a comparatively small scale in this county. Before the current marketing season is over, it is estimated that Martin farmers will sell in excess of \$100,000 worth of sweet potatoes this year. There are approximately 100 curing barns in the county at the present time as compared with less than half a dozen just a few years ago.

The importance of using good seed is apparent each day the receiving station is open here. Some farmers, using a high grade seed developed on their own farms or imported, are selling 95 per cent and more in the best grade. Other farmers, using inferior seed, lose half of their deliveries or are unable to get the top market price.

A second advantage, Assistant Agent J. P. Woodard points out, is the increased production ordinarily received from the use of good seed. "We had one farmer who used a high grade seed last year and planted them along with an inferior grade. The high-grade seed produced from five to six bushels to the row more than the inferior seed," Mr. Woodard said.

In Louisiana much work has been done in building up a high-grade seed, and Louisiana potatoes are now bringing a premium on the northern markets. "If we can form a Martin County Sweet Potato Growers' Association, and promote the use of certified seed, there is a good possibility that Martin County potatoes will command a premium price on the markets," the assistant agent added.

All farmers whether they grow sweet potatoes on a commercial scale or not, are invited to attend the meeting Friday night.

Everetts Man Continues Serious Ill In Hospital

Gordon G. Bailey, prominent Everetts man, continues critically ill in a Washington hospital where he underwent an operation for appendicitis last week.

Griffins Township Farmer Reported Much Improved

James L. Coltrain, well-known county citizen who has been critically ill at his home in Griffins Township, was reported to be improving today, and that his recovery is expected.

Number Of Homes Threatened By Fire Saturday Afternoon

Volunteer Fire Company Gets Two Calls During Week-end

Fire, starting from an oil stove, damaged the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Newbern on the Slaughter House Road near the Williamston fairgrounds last Saturday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock. Gaining headway rapidly, the fire could not be stopped by neighbors and other friends, and the town's volunteer firemen were called. Without a direct water connection, the firemen turned to the small booster tank on the truck and brought the fire under control. "It was the best piece of work I have ever seen the firemen do," an observer remarked. The ceiling in the kitchen was burned and the weather boarding in the back gable of the house was charred, but by throwing water on the fire through a gable window with a small hose, the firemen had it out in ten minutes.

It was quite evident that had the fire gained sufficient headway to burn down the Newbern home, it would have spread to three or four other homes located within just a few feet of each other.

Neighbors and other friends, anxious to offer a helping hand, damaged the contents moving them out of the burning house and then, armed with axes and sticks, started tearing out windows and doors, the owner, Sanford Roberson, stating that the "helpers" did more damage than the fire. One person was said to have suffered a cut hand when he pushed his fist through a window pane.

No estimate of the damage has been definitely advanced, but the owner believes it will take \$500 to repair the house. Approximately \$1,500 insurance was carried on the building, but there was no insurance on the contents.

Mr. and Mrs. Newbern rented an apartment in town and are living here until the damaged house can be repaired.

The call was the second received by the fire company during the week-end. A first call was sounded Friday night when fire was discovered in an abandoned stable just off Academy Place. Mr. B. S. Courtney, the owner, was having the small structure torn down, but the fire came before the wreckers could complete their job. Two Boy Scouts discovered the fire and turned in the alarm.

Prominent Halifax Man Dies Saturday

Funeral services were conducted at the Madry plantation home, near Scotland Neck, Sunday afternoon for Mr. R. Jarrett Madry, prominent Halifax County citizen and widely known farmer and business man.

Rev. W. E. Goode, pastor of the Scotland Neck Baptist Church, assisted by Elder A. B. Benson, of Rocky Mount, and Rev. Harry J. Goodwin, of Suffolk, conducted the last rites that were attended by hundreds, many from distant sections of the State. Interment was in the Baptist cemetery.

Mr. Madry, father of Mrs. C. W. Bazemore, of Williamston, died Saturday morning at nine o'clock following an illness of several months' duration. He was 72 years of age, but despite his advanced years he operated the Madry Wholesale Company, the Dixie Theatre in Scotland Neck and handled his extensive farming operations until a short time before his death.

Besides his daughter here he is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Lena Taylor Allsbrooks, and five sons, Messrs. Robert W. Madry, of Chapel Hill; W. Dennis Madry, of Burlington; H. Raymond Madry, of Rocky Mount; C. J. Madry, of Greenville, and J. Thurman Madry, of Scotland Neck.

Mr. Madry had many friends in this county and was widely known throughout the State as a Christian gentleman.

Locals Meet Jamesville Cage Teams This Evening

Williamston High will meet the strong Jamesville High cage teams in a bargain bill tonight at 7:30 p. m. The games will be played in the well heated local gymnasium. A preliminary girls' game is scheduled after which the feature—a boys' battle will be run. There will be only a small admission fee and two good games are expected. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Martin County Farmers Build Up Strong Unit of the Farm Bureau Federation at Meet Last Evening

Seed - Feed Loans Are Again Available to Martin Farmers

Applications for emergency crop and feed loans for 1939 are now being received at the farm agent's office in this county by Roy Hearne, field supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Section of the Farm Credit Administration.

The loans will be made, as in the past, only to farmers whose cash requirements are small and who cannot obtain credit from any other source. The money loaned will be limited to the farmer's immediate and actual cash needs for growing his 1939 crops or for the purchase of feed for livestock.

Farmers who can obtain the funds they need from an individual, production credit association, bank, or other concern are not eligible for crop and feed loans from the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan section of the Farm Credit Administration. The loans will not be made to stan-

dard rehabilitation clients whose current needs are provided for by the Farm Security Administration, formerly known as the Resettlement Administration.

As in the past, farmers who obtain emergency crop and feed loans will give as security a first lien on the crop financed, or a first lien on the livestock to be fed if the money borrowed is to be used to produce or purchase feed for livestock.

Where loans are made to tenants, the landlords, or others having an interest in the crop financed or the livestock to be fed, are required to waive their claims in favor of a lien to the governor of the Farm Credit Administration until the loan is repaid.

Checks in payment of approved loans will be mailed from the Regional Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office at Columbia, S. C.

Tuberculosis Survey in County Is Successful

Fifty-Seven Out Of 332 Show Evidence Of T. B. Infection

Home Treatment Advised In All But Two Of The Cases

By DR. E. W. FURGERSON

A total of 332 X-rays were made at the Tuberculosis clinic for school children held recently in this county. Of this number, 164 were white and 168 colored. There were 57 of this group who showed X-ray evidence of tuberculosis. Fortunately, however, home treatment was recommended for all of the 57 except two new cases who showed definite evidence of active tuberculosis, in which cases sanatorium treatment was advised.

The two public health nurses have made personal visits to all of the 57 homes in which there is a case showing evidence of tuberculosis and instructed the parents referable to the proper care of these patients. All of these cases should, of course, be under the care of their family physician.

In view of the above findings, it is felt that this survey was quite successful. The purpose of such a clinic is to find these children who have tuberculous infections before any active tuberculosis has developed. If such a child does not get any further infection and his general resistance is kept built up, there will be little or no danger of his developing tuberculosis. Good resistance is obtained by proper habits of eating, resting and sleeping, by correcting any defects such as diseased tonsils, by protecting him against preventable diseases and by seeing that he gets proper care in case he should develop any disease. If the child's resistance is maintained, and if he does not get more tuberculous infection, there is little danger of a simple infection developing into tuberculosis disease.

It is a matter of great importance, whether the child is negative, suspicious or positive for tuberculosis, to keep him from getting any further infection. The fact that he has a positive tuberculin test shows that he has gotten tubercle bacilli into his body from some source. The most common source of tuberculosis infection is someone with tuberculosis in the home, a relative, a boarder or a servant.

It is best for all members of the household in which there is a child with a positive tuberculin test to have a thorough examination. It is imperative for the safety of the child that every member of the household who has a chronic cough or expectoration, or who is not in good health, be examined. Anyone found to have tuberculosis should either be sent to a sanatorium or taught to practice rigid precautions against spreading infection.

Mrs. R. E. Manning and son, visited in Washington today.

Organization Now Has Nearly Half A Thousand Members

Plan Big Barbecue Dinner For Entire Membership At Early Date

Sharing the benefits created in the past through the efforts of the State and American Farm Bureau federations, Martin County farmers came together in a determined way and in big numbers to offer a solid support to the organization in its work to advance the welfare of agriculture. Starting out three weeks ago to bolster the membership of the Farm Bureau Federation in this county, the membership teams closed the first drive last evening when Farmer Van G. Taylor and his men literally walked away with the contest and ate turkey at the expense of Farmer Charlie Daniel and his teammates. The supper, served by the American Legion Auxiliary and suffice it to say here, it was a delicious one, was financed by the losing team members. Farmer Taylor reported 214 new members and Farmer Daniel reported 138, bringing the total membership up to 471 in the county. Joe Winslow, the hustling farmer up Robertsonville way, led the field with 35 new members signed in the drive and 23 before the drive was started.

Impromptu talks, made by first one and then the other, were heard during the evening, the general theme being to organize the farmers and fight for the rights of agriculture not only as those rights relate to parity prices of crops but as they relate to the general legislative program, the advancement of the general welfare of the farm home and all members of the farmer's family. There was dynamite in the informal talks, and it is apparent that Martin County farmers have awakened to the important task of organizing their ranks to gain and hold a place alongside the various organizations of business, labor and professional men. There were some exceptionally good talks made, and the ideas and thoughts advanced at the meeting plainly show that the farmer is ready to step out for himself, not to attack or injure anyone but to maintain his just rights along with industry.

Mr. J. E. Winslow, president of the State Farm Bureau Federation, and Mr. B. B. Suggs, of Greenville, addressed the meeting briefly. The Farm Bureau official briefly reviewed the recent activities of farm leaders relating to future legislation. "We feel that we have a good farm bill at the present time, and that it is not advisable to attempt to amend it," Mr. Winslow said. "If we can hold what we have, we can expect parity prices in the future," he continued.

The administrators of the tobacco control bill, according to Mr. Winslow, leaned backwards to keep the law within the constitutional limitations, but if the quotas are re-established for 1940 it is certain that many of the injustices created under the administration of the act in 1938 will be eliminated.

Showing a keen interest in the welfare of agriculture, as he has often done on previous visits to the

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Native Of County Dies Near Washington Monday

Mark G. Carraway, native of this county, died at his home in the Tranters' Creek section of Beaufort County early yesterday morning following a brief illness. Fifty-eight years old, Mr. Carraway was a well-known resident of Beaufort County where he lived and farmed for a long number of years.

Funeral services are being conducted from the late home this afternoon by his pastor, Rev. D. W. Davis. Interment will follow in the family plot near the home.

Besides his widow, Miss Addie Rogerson before her marriage, he is survived by seven daughters, Marvin, Isabella, Kathleen, Irene, Ruth, Pearl, and Mrs. Hugh Moore, and one son, Allen Carraway, of near Washington. He also leaves two sisters, Miss Jane Carraway, of Williamston, and Mrs. Arnold Rogerson, of Pitt County; and one brother, James Carraway, of Beaufort County.

Woolard Purchases Furniture Business

Garland Woolard, manager of the VanDyke Furniture Company since its establishment here several years ago, has purchased the business and store and will operate it as the Woolard Furniture Company. Spending several days on the furniture markets last week, Mr. Woolard purchased a complete new stock of furniture which will start arriving here the latter part of this and the early part of next week.

M. Woolard will have associated with him in the operation of the new firm an experienced personnel including Messrs. H. O. Jarman, formerly of New Bern; W. J. Woolard and C. S. Whichard, of Greenville. Mr. Jarman, connected with the Dowdy Furniture Company in New Bern for the past nine years, will move his family here within a short time.