

Prices Reach Dizzy Peak On Leaf Market Here Monday

Laying Foundation For Drive Against Legalized Whiskey

**Dr. Zeno B. Spence Delivers
Temperance Address in
Methodist Church**

Dr. Zeno B. Spence, of Goldsboro, delivering a temperance address in the local Methodist church Sunday morning, fired the first gun in what has been described as the foundation for a campaign to stamp out the liquor traffic in Martin County. The Goldsboro doctor continued his assault on the liquor traffic and its accompanying evils in an afternoon address to the congregation at Holly Springs.

This was one of the temperance field days which the dry forces are holding each Sunday in the different counties of the state. The purpose of these meetings is to educate the people concerning the evils of strong drink, and to awaken a sufficient interest among the people who live in the counties that have liquor stores to call for an election for their overthrow. Dr. Spence's address was primarily educational.

Aside from his denunciation of the great destroyer in general, Dr. Spence rehearsed the history of the liquor traffic in the state. He told of the victory for prohibition in 1908, when the people voted out the manufacture and sale of liquor by a majority of 44,196, and in 1933 the people of North Carolina voted against the repeal of the eighteenth amendment by a majority of 184,572.

In spite of this the legislature passed a bill allowing certain counties to call an election to vote for liquor stores. The advocates of repeal, and also the advocates of liquor stores, claimed that to make liquor legal would do three things: First, it would do away with illegal liquor; second, it would aid in the cause of temperance; and third, it would reduce taxes. Dr. Spence quoted statistics to prove that it has not done any of these things which they contended the legal sale of liquor by the ABC stores would do. To the contrary, he quoted facts to prove that there is more drinking today than ever before. Women and young people are drinking more than they ever did under the old saloon days. We still have the blockader and bootlegger with us. And the old argument that the ABC stores would reduce taxes has turned out to be a myth.

Many counties in the state where they have ABC stores have called for elections to get rid of their stores, the speaker said, as "the people are getting disgusted with them." "Bertie, Franklin, Vance and Warren Counties have called elections to close their liquor stores," Dr. Spence said. He stated further that every county that has called for an election for this purpose has succeeded. He cherished the hope that the good people of this and every county in the state where they have liquor stores would rise up and drive them from their midst.

Two Men Arrested At Liquor Plant

Trapped by federal, county and special officers, Lorie Williams and Fate Smith, white men, were arrested at a liquor still in the Flat Swamp section of Robersonville Township shortly after midnight last Saturday. After observing the plant at various times during the week, the officers found a perfect setting when they made their fifth trip there. Four gallons of liquor had already been manufactured, and the white lightning was running when the officers flushed the operators. Eleven barrels of beer were ready for the kettle. The officers poured out the beer and wrecked the plant.

Federal Officers O'Reilly and Webster, County Officer Roy Peel, ABC Officer Joe Roebuck and Pitt County ABC officers made the raid.

Given a preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner Walter Halberstadt here Saturday, Williams and Smith were bound over to the federal court for trial in Washington next Monday.

Mrs. J. Q. Andrews Passes in Parmele

Mrs. J. Q. Andrews, well-known Parmele citizen, died suddenly at her home there yesterday morning at 7 o'clock following an illness of only a few hours.

Funeral services are being held at the home this afternoon by Rev. J. G. Phillips. Interment will follow in the family cemetery.

Mrs. Andrews, 36 years old, is survived by three daughters, Mrs. R. N. Burch, of Portsmouth; Eloise and Janie, of Parmele, and four stepsons, Lee, Bernice, Quincey and J. D., and two brothers, Garland and Howard Whitehurst of Bethel, and a sister, Mrs. Walter Bailey, of Bear Grass. Mr. Andrews died last July.

Two Children Badly Injured In Accidents

REJECTED

That portion of U. S. Highway 17 between Edenton and Washington, while possibly a thorn in the state commission's side, is faring little better than a red-headed step-child. The floods washed it out a year ago. It was threatened to be closed. The fill contractors almost made a permanent job out of a temporary one. Paving work is a bit spasmodic. "Our friends" have been trying to steal the traffic, and now the commission comes along and rules that the \$65,205 bid for surfacing the road from here to the Beaufort line is too high. And, doggone it, maybe it is. About all there is left is hope—and the WPA.

Negro Is Critically Shot at Everetts Early Last Sunday

**Removed to Washington Hospital
Yesterday Afternoon
For Treatment**

Cleophus Hinton, colored man, was critically shot by Joe Henry Spruill, also colored, at the home of John Sam Moore, near Everetts, early last Saturday morning. The load of shot, dismembering a part of his person, lodged in his thigh near the groin. The shooting was described by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck as the most unusual and most complete ever reported in the county. A similar shooting was reported in Robersonville several weeks ago, but that "won't nothing" compared with the one near Everetts, according to the officer.

Hinton and Spruill, apparently good friends up until late Saturday night, had been drinking together at Robersonville and went to Moore's home at a late hour. An argument was started over money, according to Spruill. Few details could be gained by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, who investigated the attack, but, according to the officer, there was much evidence of a fight in the home. The sheriff declared that blood was all over the house, on the porch, on the beds, and even under the house, where Hinton was found about 4 o'clock Sunday morning. Chairs were broken, a lamp was found in the yard, windows were broken out and shades and curtains were found in the yard.

Margaret Spruill, Joe Henry's step-mother, declared she left home shortly after midnight when the fight first started, and that she knew nothing of the attack. "Dead" drunk, Moore slept through the fight and shooting and knew nothing about it until the following morning.

Spruill, making no effort to escape, was arrested Sunday in Everetts. He recalled the argument over the money, but said nothing about a fight. Spruill maintained that he tried to get Hinton to go to his home on the old mill lot on the outskirts of Everetts, and pushed him out the door and bolted it. Hinton returned and started knocking on the door. Spruill, according to Sheriff Roebuck, warned Hinton that he would shoot if he (Hinton) broke in. Hinton apparently paid no attention to the warning, and when he pushed his way into the house, Spruill shot him. Leaving home, Spruill told about the attack, and friends went there for Hinton. He could not be found in the house, and it was first thought that he had gone into the woods and died. The search was ended about 4 o'clock Sunday morning when they found him under the Moore home. He was carried to Robersonville for treatment and was later carried to his home. He was moved to a Washington hospital yesterday afternoon after the case was investigated by the welfare department and it was determined that the man could not finance his way.

No direct report has been received from the hospital, but it is understood that his condition is critical.

RED CROSS

Idle while repairs were being made to the Woman's Club hall, the production unit of the Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross will reopen next Friday morning at 10 o'clock, Mrs. A. R. Dunning, chairman, announced this morning.

Persons interested in and willing to participate in this all-important work are urged to report to the chairman at the club either on Tuesday or Friday of each week between the hours of 10 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Several Wrecks Are Reported in County Over the Week-End

**W. R. L. Purvis Last Rites
Will Be Held Thursday
Afternoon**

Two small children were critically injured and the lives and limbs of several other persons were threatened in a series of automobile accidents scattered over a wide area in the county during the past week-end.

"If no complications develop, he is expected to recover" was the report coming from the bedside of little Sherwood Caraway, who was brought to the Brown Community hospital here for treatment early Sunday night, when he was struck by a car driven by Joseph William Zimmerman, of 371 E. 204th Street, New York City, near Beaver Dam bridge, a few miles east of Everetts on U. S. Highway 64. A similar report was received this morning from a Tarboro hospital, telling of the condition of Howard Maxton Harrell, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Harrell, who was run down by a car on the old river road, not so far from Oak City, Saturday afternoon.

The Caraway, lad, 6-year-old son of Mrs. Whit Moore, of near Everetts, was walking along the highway when he snatched away from an older brother's hand and darted into the path of the Zimmerman car. His head struck the radiator grill and he was knocked a few feet down the highway, the driver stopping the car without running over the child. Mr. Zimmerman picked the child up and carried him to the hospital, where it was learned he had suffered head injuries but no broken bones. Zimmerman reported the accident to Patrolman Whit Saunders, and, after arranging bond through his insurance company, he and his young wife continued their wedding trip. "If the car had been traveling at a rapid rate of speed, I honestly believe it would have killed the child," Patrolman Saunders commented after investigating the accident.

"The little Harrell child was playing with the children of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Thompson when he almost lost his life Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock. Riding in a wagon, the boy was pushed down the Thompson drive into the path of a car driven by Jesse Lee, colored man. Lee was not driving very fast, but his brakes were not very effective and, although he swerved to the right and ran his car into the ditch he could not avoid striking the child as he rode into the dirt road. The exact nature of the boy's injuries could not be learned immediately, but apparently he was hurt internally, but no bones were broken. Lee is to be given a hearing before Justice L. H. Hopkins in Oak City Wednesday.

Fate was liberal in dishing out misfortune to William Howard Vanderford on the Gold Point-Hassell road over the week-end, when he was involved in two wrecks. He came through both without a scratch, but not without a fairly heavy property damage. Driving toward Hassell Sunday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock, Vanderford met Harvey Harris, colored man of 754 19th Street, Newport News. Harris turned out, but lost control of his car in a sand bed and it plowed into the left side of Vanderford's 1936 Chevrolet. Total damage to both cars was estimated at about \$75.

Monday morning as Vanderford was driving out of his driveway about a mile away from the scene of his first accident, his car was struck on the left side by Claude Le-

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All Faculty Places Filled Temporarily

After conducting searches as far away as Texas and Illinois, school officials yesterday announced all teacher positions in the county filled, temporarily, at least. Mrs. Robert Collard, of Carbondale, Ill., and wife of Professor in the local schools, is substituting in the Bear Grass history and science department until an election can be effected. Offered the position last week, a young South Carolina lady learned that her credentials were not acceptable in this state and the position went right on begging. Mrs. Collard started her work in the school yesterday.

Just as the last position was filled, rumors of resignations were being heard in the county, and then there is the draft to consider. Developments in this connection are expected within the next few days.

Russian Campaign Has Cost Germany Three Million Men

**Preparations Are Believed To
Underway for Shifting
Battlefronts**

Believed to have decided to make preparations for the winter in Russia, German forces are apparently digging in there to hold their gains following the capture of Kiev, third largest Russian city and capital of the Ukraine. It is now predicted that the fighting will be shifted to other sections, possibly to the Mediterranean area and on into Africa during the winter. Hitler is said to have called on Mussolini for 500,000 Italians to help hold the gains in Russia while the German hordes are moved to other battle fronts during the winter. The plan is not very acceptable to Mussolini, but some arrangements are in the making to hold the gains in Russia until next spring when the invasion will be continued.

Supporting reports indicating a shift in the war arena were claims coming out of Russia late yesterday telling of German reverses in the Leningrad section. There is was reported the German had been driven back as much as six miles by Russian counterattacks. Guerrilla warfare is apparently proving effective behind German lines all along the long battlefront.

Preliminary reports from the Kiev front tell of the great losses suffered by the Germans in capturing the city. A quarter of a million German soldiers were killed in the advance, and untold property losses were sustained.

Added pressure is being brought upon Turkey, and her action is being eagerly awaited. If German gains the Turks, a new threat to the world is seen, for it will mark the beginning of a drive to the Suez and eventually to Dakar, that point on the African coast which has been so closely associated with a jumping

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Agricultural Fair To Officially Open Here Next Tuesday

**Half Holidays Declared for
All School Children in
This County**

The Martin County Agricultural Fair will officially open here next Tuesday, September 30. Thousands of people are expected to attend the annual event sponsored by the John Walton Hassell post of the American Legion.

Mr. W. E. Dunn, manager, said yesterday that everything was in readiness for a gala week of excitement and the varied program, as previously announced, would be carried out.

Wednesday, October 1, has been designated as school day, and all white school children in the county will be admitted in the grounds free. School officials stated that no classes would be held in the afternoon, giving the children ample time to visit the fair. Colored school children will be admitted free on Thursday, October 2.

The grandstand program will be presented by the Jimmy Daley Attractions, of Albany, N. Y. They have promised the fair patrons a platform show that will furnish them with plenty of laughs, comedy, singing and dancing. Harry Taylor and his Kewpie Doll Revue, billed as "Two Tons of Laughs," will provide the comedy, singing and dancing end of the show. Jimmy Reynolds will act as master of ceremonies.

One of the main attractions of the fair will be centered around the "Sky Man," who will furnish plenty of thrills for those who like circus acts. Another feature act will be "Circus Night in Frogland." This act is an acrobat dressed like a giant bullfrog and has played in every

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NEAR MIX-UP

The infant grandchild of Phyllis Smith, respected local colored woman, died in Norfolk Sunday afternoon. She was instructed by wire to send policies at once. Misreading the word "policies" for police, the grandmother appealed to the local law-enforcement headquarters, where she was advised that the wire meant insurance policies and not the "policies."

Offering his services in helping to straighten out the old grandmother, W. K. Parker, frequent visitor to the police station, declared that Chief Daniel was about to set out for Norfolk at the urgent request of the old woman, who first thought she must send the police.

All Records Of Recent Years Are Broken As Market Sells 289,782 Pounds For Average Of \$35.54

Aged Couple Narrowly Escape From Burning Home Friday

David Bennett Stallings and his sister, Mrs. Mary E. Lilley, aged couple, barely escaped with their lives last Friday afternoon, when fire destroyed their home in Griffins Township. A victim of paralysis, Mrs. Lilley was unable to move, and Mr. Stallings was too weak to flee from the building building Claude Peel and J. Daniel, colored tenants living on a near-by farm who happened to be passing that way, saw the smoke and rushed there. They carried Mrs. Lilley and Mr. Stallings out in their arms, the fire spreading so rapidly they could not get back into the house to save a single article. As she was being carried down the front steps, Mrs. Lilley dropped her pocketbook, and it was burned along with a few paper dollars. Two or three dollars in silver were recovered.

Believed to have started from a spark on the kitchen roof, the fire had gained considerable headway before it was discovered, and the occupants did not know the house was on fire until the colored tenants rushed in, according to reports reaching here.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Edmondson made their home with the aged couple, and Mrs. Edmondson was cooking dinner when the fire started. Mr. Edmondson was in the front part of the six room house with Mr. Stallings, but the fire and smoke bore down upon them so rapidly they were unable to save anything. One report stated that the house was burned to the ground in less than 15 minutes.

The loss was estimated at \$3,000, with the property only partially covered by insurance.

Eighteen Are Jailed Here Last Week-End

Seven Drunks Jailed In Two Hours Here Last Saturday Night

**Town Authorities Determined
To Stamp Out Public
Drunkenness Here**

Disturbed over the wild west scenes enacted by boisterous and slobbering drunks the week before, town authorities and local police took a definite stand to wipe out public drunkenness on local streets last Saturday. Ordered to patrol the streets, two officers, John Roebuck and J. H. Allsbrooks started the round-up Saturday night at 10 o'clock. In less than two hours seven drunks, four white and three colored men were in the common jail, the officers receiving instructions to leave them there until they had regained their sobriety or until their trials could be handled.

Showing every tenacity possible in time past, officers did not wait for crime to take its course among the drunks. Those wobbling on their feet the least bit or heard talking boisterously, were nabbed by the officers and placed in the "cooler." No untold trouble like unto that reported a week before was experienced here during the week-end, and it is fairly certain that the general public will demand a continuation of the officer patrol in the future.

During the first hour and a half of the round-up, Tom Peel, colored, Joe James, colored, Dave Gardner, white of Jamestown, Pete A. Cherry, white, Russell Perry, white, Bill Raynor, white and Cecil Phippen, colored, of Bear Grass, were arrested and jailed. Charged with public drunkenness, they were tried by Mayor J. L. Hassell and taxed with the costs, averaging about \$6.50 per defendant.

The round-up was completed Sunday afternoon and evening when local officers jailed five more persons, Henry Speight, Ben Bennett, Bonnie Little, Eli Raynor and J. A. Ellis. Little was charged with being drunk and carrying a concealed weapon.

Supplementing the work of local officers, Patrolman Whit Saunders arrested Robert Tripp Sparrow for drunken driving. Sparrow, driving

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Cement Shortage Delaying Pavers

Unable to get cement, the Roanoke River fill pavers are being delayed this week. Operations, suspended yesterday when the supply of cement was exhausted, were resumed this morning, but the supply will hardly last until the middle of this afternoon, according to a report received from one of the engineers this morning.

The pavers have rounded the curve on the western end of Corrine Creek bridge this morning and are now about half way between the creek and the first new bridge. It will be some time next week before the work is completed, according to late reports heard from the project.

PARENTS-TEACHERS

The Williamston Parent-Teacher Association will hold a reorganization meeting in the high school auditorium Wednesday afternoon, September 24, beginning at 3:30. Officers have been secured for the year, and all indications point to a successful year for the organization. All patrons of the school are urged to be present.

Prominent Farmer Dies at His Home Suddenly Sunday

**One Car and Driver Involved
In Two Accidents in as
Many Days**

William Robert Lee Purvis, member of a family long prominent in the affairs and agricultural life of the county and a well-known farmer, and highly respected citizen, died at his home near Hassell Sunday morning. Death, attributed to a heart attack, came suddenly. Mr. Purvis, 75 years old, had been in declining health for some time, but his condition was not regarded as serious. He had visited in Williamston, paid his taxes and attended to other business matters only a few days before his death. Unusually active and always carrying a cheerful smile, Mr. Purvis had often remarked that despite his advanced years he had never been sick or required the services of a doctor.

The son of the late John R. and Emma Purvis, he was born in this county, spending his entire life on the farm where he was a pioneer in modern and recognized farm practices. When former Governor O. Max Gardner was preaching diversification and live-at-home practices during the last depression, Mr. Purvis had his large poultry flocks, hogs and cattle. His way of farming was a pattern for others, and County Agent T. B. Brandon often remarked that more chickens and cattle could be seen on the Purvis road than in any other place in the county.

Mr. Purvis, a liberal supporter of the church and a dependable citizen, was well known throughout the county, not so much as a leader in public life but as a part of a foundation to the basic ideals and principles of righteousness. His opinions were

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SAVING

Refunding \$82,500 of its bonded indebtedness today, the town treasury effected an annual saving of \$2,178 in interest charges. The issue was sold to Lewis-Hall, Greensboro bond brokers, and carries an interest rate of 3.36 as compared with the old six percent. No premium was offered.

The sale is considered very satisfactory by town financiers, who only wish it were possible to refinance more of the town's huge debt.

Individuals Report Averages Right At Fifty Cents Monday

**Selling Organizations Taxed
To Capacity To Keep the
Floors Cleared**

Tobacco prices, starting off at a rapid clip just about a month ago, reached a new high and a dizzy peak on the Williamston Tobacco Market yesterday when 289,782 pounds of the golden leaf were sold for a guaranteed average of \$35.54 per 100 pounds. Farmers, patronizing the local market, were made dizzy when the prices boomed to the highest peak since 1919 and when some of the grades actually outsold those of 23 years ago. Few times in the history of the market have the sales been more satisfactory and more pleasing than those of today. All grades showed a steady upward trend with some reflecting a jump of eight to ten cents a pound. The average for the week-end jumped about five dollars over the corresponding period of last week.

There was some good tobacco on the market yesterday, and the "break," as a whole, was far above the average. In those cases where they offered tobacco of exceptional quality, the farmers reported averages right at 50 cents a pound. Averages above 45 cents a pound were numerous, and some of the farmers wiped their brows as if to shake off a dizzy feeling caused by the shock, the apparent result of unexpected high prices. One farmer sold between two and three hundred sticks for almost a dollar a stick, and he said that he just tied it up as it came out of the barn. Selling a fairly sizable quantity, another farmer followed his sale until the price got to 55 cents a pound and he had to go to the warehouse door for air. He blinked his eyes once or twice, wiped his forehead and of all the smiling seen this year or in years past, the young farmer displayed it yesterday.

The market, ever holding to the principle that no undue rush should be allowed in selling tobacco, was barely managed to clear the warehouse during recent days. The selling organizations have been held in action a few minutes over the allotted time to avoid blocks. The floors will be cleared early this afternoon.

but large sales are expected during the next two weeks or more. Peanut digging and other rushing farm duties have at least slowed down the market of the leaf to some extent, but even then it is fairly apparent that the growers are going to set what appears to be a record in the rapid marketing of the crop. It is estimated that between 70 and 75 per cent of the crop has been sold in this immediate section, many farmers having already completed their marketing. Some believe that more than

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Young Woman Dies Suddenly in County

Miss Janette Corey, highly esteemed young county woman, died suddenly at her home at Piney Grove in Griffins Township some time during last Friday night. She was found dead early Saturday morning and was apparently the victim of a heart attack. Suffering from a severe sinus infection, Miss Corey had been in declining health for a number of years. She had just returned from the western part of the State, where she had been for treatment, and was getting along as well as usual when she retired Friday night.

The daughter of Mr. Simon Corey and the late Mrs. Bessie Manning Corey, she was 29 years old. She had spent all her life in that community where she was held in high esteem by all. Possessing a friendly personality, she seemed to get much out of life despite her affliction and offered a determined spirit to live. She was a devoted member of the Maple Grove Church, and had a host of friends.

Besides her father, she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Manning, of Aulander, and Mrs. Eugenia Roberson, of Griffins Township; and two brothers, Messrs. Rufus and Edwin Corey, both of Bear Grass Township.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. Luther Ambrose, assisted by Rev. W. B. Harrington. Interment was in the Tice Community Cemetery.