

Tobacco Starts Moving To Local Market For Opening Thursday

Twenty Cases In Recorder's Court Saturday Morning

Fines Add Up To \$435.00 In The Three-Hour Meeting

Judge R. T. Johnson and Solicitor Clarence Griffin handled twenty cases during a three-hour session of the Martin County Recorder's Court last Saturday morning. Fines added up to \$435.

Proceedings: Pleading guilty of speeding, William Albert Johnston of Cherry Point, Arthur B. Crook of Camp Lejeune and Norman W. Bennett of Philadelphia were each taxed with the court costs.

Alphonsa Little was fined \$100 plus costs for drunken driving. He lost his operator's license for a year.

George Moubray, Jr., charged with drunken driving and careless and reckless driving, was adjudged not guilty.

Charged with public drunkenness, R. A. Smith was found not guilty.

Johnnie V. Bennett of Robertsonville was taxed with the court costs for speeding.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Askew Brown, Jr., was found not guilty.

Charged with inflicting a six-stitch gash on Clayton Wilkins' head, Herbert Everett was found not guilty. Wilkins, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was adjudged guilty and the court fined him \$10 plus costs.

Lester Jones was fined \$10, plus costs in the case in which he was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon and for being drunk and disorderly.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Laverne ... failed to answer when called.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, John Allen Hoover was fined \$100 plus costs, and lost his operator's license for twelve months.

Moses Hopkins, pleading guilty, was fined \$100, plus costs, for drunken driving. He had his operator's license revoked for a year.

The case in which Daniel Joseph Belcher was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was not prosed.

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Tobacco Curing Barn Destroyed

Its origin not definitely known, fire destroyed a tobacco curing barn and threatened another on the N. M. Hyman farm in Goose Nest Township near Palmyra about 10:00 o'clock last Friday night. It was the seventh tobacco barn fire reported in the county this season.

The barn, partially insured, housed approximately 850 sticks of tobacco.

The Scotland Neck fire department was called and was credited with saving a second barn.

Prominent Resident Died Early Monday

FUNERAL TODAY



Funeral services for Mr. Kader B. Crawford who died in his sleep here early yesterday morning, are being held this afternoon at 5:00 o'clock in the Episcopal Church.

Hold Funeral For K. B. Crawford At 5:00 O'clock Today

Retired Business Man Died In His Sleep At Home On Smithwick Street

Kader Biggs Crawford, prominent local citizen and retired business man, died in his sleep at his home on North Smithwick Street early yesterday morning, the apparent victim of a heart attack. Thinking he was sleeping, Mrs. Crawford did not call him when she got up, and it was an hour or two later that she called him and received no answer. Mr. Crawford, while in declining health for the past five years, was as well as usual when he retired late Sunday night.

The son of the late William Thomas and Cottie Biggs Crawford, he was born in Williamston 78 years ago on December 1, 1873, and lived here all his life. After engaging in the mercantile business as a young man for a few years, he opened an insurance business of his own in 1902, retiring three years ago on account of declining health. In addition to his insurance work he was employed as ticket marker on the local tobacco market for thirty years, serving as supervisor of sales much of that time. He was one of the founders of the Martin County Building and Loan Association and served as director, attending his last meeting the early part of last week.

Mr. Crawford was a member of the Episcopal Church for many years, and was a member of the choir for a long time. He was chairman of the Martin County Board of Education several terms and active in political and civic affairs all his life.

He was the town's first fire chief and was active in all movements advanced in the interest of the town and community. He is remembered for his time to the lads on the baseball diamond and offering words of encouragement to all down through the years. He got a great deal out of life and he put a great deal into life, finding happiness in the hunting clubs and in the company of his fellow-men.

Mr. Crawford numbered his ... (Continued on Page Five)

Former Resident Dies In Hospital

Harry F. Vaughn, former Williamston resident, died in a Tarboro hospital early Sunday morning following a brief illness. He was 57 years old.

He was connected with Harrison Brothers and Company here for several years before returning to Scotland Neck to go into business for himself.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Katherine Hancock of Scotland Neck; two brothers, C. J. and Howard Vaughn of Woodland; his stepmother, Mrs. J. C. Vaughn, also of Woodland.

Mr. Vaughn served in World War I, and was a member of the American Legion.

Funeral services were conducted at his home in Scotland Neck yesterday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, and interment was in the Baptist Cemetery there.

Find Abandoned Car On Streets

Abandoned during the early part of Saturday night, a 1940 Ford was found by local officers on Hatton Street a short time later. Thinking it belonged to someone visiting in the neighborhood, officers made no investigation until the following day when the car, carrying a Pennsylvania license, was pulled to a parking lot. A few clothes along with a \$50 watch were found in the abandoned car.

It was thought that the car was used by two white men who killed a Greenville policeman early last Saturday, but so far they have been unable to connect the car with the murder case.

Enterprise Has Annual Tobacco Market Edition

Accounts of News Events Of Long Years Ago Republished

The Enterprise in its 58-page annual tobacco market edition today is carrying many interesting events recorded in neighboring county papers during the latter part of the last century.

Copies of papers published in the county during the nineties aren't available, and reporters searched the columns of other papers printed in nearby towns, picking out those items relating to Williamston and Martin County. The old papers were found in the State Library, Raleigh, and carried a liberal amount of news from this county. There wasn't too much happening in those days to merit space in the papers, but the social events were fairly numerous. Since those events did not appear in any paper published in this county, The Enterprise copied the accounts and is now having them recorded in its files.

In addition to the old-timey news events, the paper, stressing the town as a tobacco marketing center along with other farm produce and as a good place to trade and transact business, carries quite a few stories relating to current events. The stories review the annual farm income for the county and offers pertinent facts about the county's economy, education and other fields.

There's an Irishman's autobiography, touching on the ghost town of Dymond City. Mr. John G. Lamb, Williamston native, has an interesting story which is built around his boyhood days here.

Another interesting story centers around the school commencements in several of the county towns. Then there is a story about the Freezer Locker business, and another shows an invention by a county man. A schedule for the ... (Continued on Page Six)

Able Corps Of Buyers For Market Here This Season

Although several changes have been made, two of them as a result of death, the Williamston tobacco market is assured of an able set of buyers for its operations this season, Sales Supervisor Jim (Blue) Manning said this week.

"We'll miss Messrs. Norwood Thomas, buyer for the J. P. Taylor Co., and John Hearne, buyer for Imperial, who died unexpectedly a few months ago, and also Charlie Sawyer who is transferring to Rocky Mount, but the positions made vacant by the two deaths and the one transfer are being ably filled," the supervisor declared. Mr. Alec Jones, prominently connected with J. P. Taylor for years will represent that company. He is coming here from Rocky Mount. Mr. Helen of Greenville will buy for the Imperial, and Joel Muse, former buyer on the market here and a local resident, will succeed Mr. Sawyer for the Export.

Mr. Arthur Beal of Washington is returning and he will buy for both the Washington Tobacco Company and the W. L. Skinner Company. Messrs. Roger Dillon of Maysville, Ky., will again represent the R. J. Reynolds Company, and Mr. Don Case, also of Maysville, is returning for Liggett-Meyers. Mark Lingo of Kinston will again be on the market here for the American. A buyer is also being assigned the local market for the China-American Company, but his name was not announced immediately.

WELCOME

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and all of the citizens of the Town of Williamston I wish to extend a hearty welcome to all visitors. It is our firm resolve to make your stay with us both pleasant and profitable. Our markets, our merchants and businessmen are ready and willing to assist you and to serve you.

Come and visit with us often. You can always be assured of a sincere welcome.

Robt. H. Cowen Mayor

Wm. Robt. Harris Died At His Home Thursday Evening

Funeral Service Held In Pentecostal Holiness Church Saturday

William Robert Harris, retired farmer died at his home on the John Daniel Biggs farm near Williamston last Thursday evening at 7:00 o'clock following months of declining health. After undergoing a major operation in a Durham hospital early in the year he was able to be up most of the time until about three weeks ago. He had been critically ill since that time.

The son of the late Thomas and Tapina Perry Harris, he was born in Williams Township 57 years ago on February 10, 1895, and spent his early life there on the farm. Except for about three years spent in Pitt and Edgecombe Counties, he farmed all his life in this county, locating near Williamston on the Biggs farm about three years ago.

Mr. Harris was married twice, first to Miss Mattie Bell Bennett who died March 19, 1931. Surviving that union are a son, Robert Clabarr Harris of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Della Jackson ... (Continued on Page Five)

Full-Day Sale Predicted For The Opening By Tobaccoists

Area Now Being Served By 110,000-Volt Power Line

This section's power supply was stepped up from 33,000 to 110,000 volts at 4:50 o'clock yesterday afternoon when Mr. John Henry Edwards, chairman of the Martin County Board of Commissioners, turned the switch, shifting the connection from the old line to the new super circuit at the Virginia Electric and Power Company's new substation a short distance from here on the Everetts Highway.

Officials of the company, including Vice President R. H. Goodmon and District Manager A. L. Jameson, along with Mayor Robert Cowen and R. E. Peele, president of the Boosters, watched the switch to the newly constructed high-powered line.

When Mr. Edwards turned the switch, automatic equipment disconnected the old 33,000-volt line

and closed the breakers on the high-powered circuit without interrupting service a fraction of a second. All the company's patrons from this point to Columbia will be supplied power from the new line with the 33,000-volt line standing ready to meet any emergency.

Just as soon as the 110,000-volt line is completed to a point near Farmville via Washington and Greenville, Williamston will have power available from three directions.

The new line is wheeling power into this area through Roanoke Rapids from the Virginia Electric and Power Company network and other companies as far away as West Virginia. The Farmville hook-up will make power directly available from the Carolina Power and Light Company system.

Operators Ready For The Biggest Event Of Season

Warehouse Personnel Already Busy and Buyers Are Coming In

Williamston's tobacco market is all set for the opening of the marketing season on Thursday of this week, the event rating as just about the biggest thing that happens all year long in this community.

Tobacco started moving in yesterday morning shortly after 6:00 o'clock when Farmer James R. Williams of near Jamesville delivered 364 pounds of the golden leaf. Others followed quickly, and it was really surprising to see the tobacco rolling while the opening was three days away. Today, tobacco is on the floor from several counties, some coming from as far away as Carteret County.

Despite the late harvest season and the rush farmers find themselves in just now, warehousemen are of the opinion that there'll be a full-day sale opening day. There is some doubt if the market will block, and comparatively light sales are almost certain for the next ten days or two weeks. Most of the crop in this county will have been harvested by the end of the week with a few continuing the task next week and possibly the week following. When the harvest is completed, attention will be centered on marketing.

The quality of the first offerings on the floor, while not up to normal, is really better than was expected. It is spotted, however, with some very fine tobacco scattered about the floor along with some mighty, mighty inferior types.

"We believe the market will ... (Continued on Page Six)

Man Jailed For Attempted Rape

Nollie Johnson, 30-year-old South Carolina colored man, was jailed here late yesterday afternoon for attempted rape. Finding probable cause at a hearing held last night, Justice Chas. R. Mobley required bond in the sum of \$3,000. Unable to raise that amount, Johnson was returned to jail to await trial at the September term of the Martin County Superior Court.

Johnson denied the charge, claiming that the prosecuting witness, Cora Lee, 24-year-old colored woman, accompanied him voluntarily, that they entered a taxi and drove about nine or ten miles out on the Washington highway, and that she voluntarily entered the woods with him. The prosecuting witness declared she was dragged into the woods and as attacked. Johnson denied the charge.

The taxi driver, Herbert Everett, and other witnesses said Johnson dragged the woman into the woods against her will.

Mrs. Eli Roberson Dies In County

Mrs. Nannie Howard Roberson, 74, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cole Cowen, near Robertsonville last Saturday evening at 9:00 o'clock. She had been in health for some time, but was able to be up until a short time ago.

The daughter of the late Samuel and Susan Davenport Howard, she was born near LaGrange in Lenoir County on November 2, 1879, and spent her girlhood there. She moved with her family to this county more than sixty years ago, locating in Gold Point before making her home in Williamston where she was married to Eli Roberson who died about 22 years ago. For a number of years she made her home with her children.

Surviving are one son, Sam Roberson of Williamston; three daughters, Mrs. Cole Cowen of near Robertsonville, Mrs. Clifton Ange of Jamesville and Mrs. Robert Brown of Oak City; two brothers, A. H. Howard of Rocky Mount and Furney Howard of Williamston; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Jane Whitley of Williamston and Mrs. Myrt Piland of Portsmouth. ... (Continued on Page Five)

WARNING

"It's about time to call it to the attention of the people," Chief of Police John Roebuck said today in sounding a warning against flim-flammers and the old pocket-book game.

The flim-flammers are almost certain to be operating in the tobacco belt this fall, and the officer is asking the people to report any suspicious activities.

Entered Hospital In Rocky Mount Monday

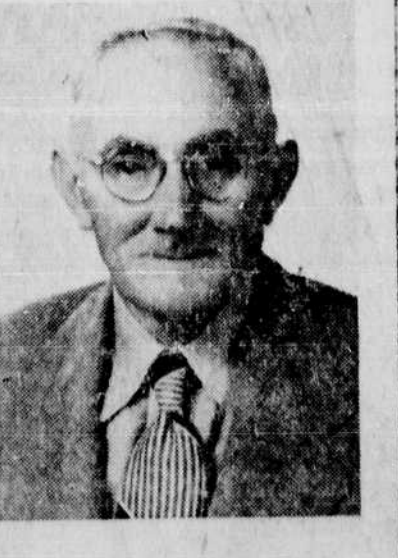
Suffering an attack at his home near here early yesterday morning Mr. W. M. Harrison, member of the Martin County Board of Commissioners, entered a Rocky Mount hospital a short time later for treatment. The attack was not believed to have been a very severe one, and last reports stated he was resting very well.

Car And Bicycle In Minor Wreck

Little Miss Lela Frances Harrell, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Harrell, suffered a three-stitch cut in her chin yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock when her bicycle crashed into the side of Mr. C. B. Riddick's car on Marshall Avenue.

The cyclist was riding east on the avenue and was trying to free herself of sandspurs when her bicycle veered off the side of the street and into the side of the Riddick car. The bike apparently hit the car a glancing blow as the wheel was hardly damaged. The little victim was treated in a local hospital and apparently is getting along all right.

Experienced Leaders Operate Williamston's Four Large Warehouses



Williamston's tobacco market opens the new marketing season with a strong and experienced group of proprietors still at the helm as proprietors of the four big warehouses. Each of the eight men is a tobaccoist in his own right, having been associated with the business for years. They

have proved themselves as judges of tobacco and they have never hesitated to back their judgment with their own resources. Pictures above, left to right, are Messrs. Carlyle Langley, Urbin and Rossell Rogers and John Gurkin, proprietors of the Roanoke-Dixie and Planters Warehouses,

and Messrs. Jimmy Taylor, Elmo Lilley, S. Claud Griffin and Leman Barnhill, proprietors of the Farmers and Carolina Warehouses. With these men in charge, the Williamston market is again assured a top position in the belt this season.