

TWO WAREHOUSES LOST BY FIRE

Tobacco Market Will Continue Operation Despite Burning Of Two Large Warehouses Tuesday

Unofficial Reports Indicate Close To Million Pounds Sold During Past Week For Increased Average

BETTER GRADES COMING ON FLOORS

Continue Three Hour Sales Day For Local Market

Although the aspirations of Wallace Tobacco Market for a record season took a distinct tumble Tuesday night with the burning of two of the market's large warehouses, unofficial reports indicated Wednesday that close to another million pounds had changed hands on local floors during the past week.

Official figures for all sales during the week were not immediately available due to the fire, but it appeared that the average price for the week had shown a slight increase over previous weeks as the grades offered on the local market improved, according to information given by buyers on the local market and incomplete reports on sales.

The market will continue to operate during the remainder of the season with New Duplin and Hussey's No. 2 alternating sales. While the available floor space on the market was cut it was predicted that the remaining houses could keep enough tobacco on their floors to use up the entire three hours selling time each day for the local set of buyers.

With the tobacco sold during the past week the total for the season reached almost eight million pounds at an average well over 52c a pound.

THE GRAB BAG

By GEORGE B. WEAVER

We noted an unusual sign on the Rose Hill Post Office window this week as follows: "Bargain Sale—8c and 8c Air Mail stamps now 5c". It is the first time we ever knew the Post Office to run a clearance sale. Glad to see Mr. Tom Covington able to be back at work after a losing session at bridge. We hear that E. R. Ackerman and Dr. Deering enjoyed the supper very much.

A chill northwest breeze swept through the section Monday night and Tuesday bringing "seasonable weather". Sales picked up on blankets, jackets, and "long handles". The weather man predicted 1.1 g h t frosts in central and western N. C.

Rumors have it that the Wallace American Legion Post is planning an extensive athletic program for Wallace including the building of a stadium and the installation of lights and perhaps the construction of a hut in the near future. No official action on the matter as yet, but more power to them. What helps Wallace helps you and me.

The Wallace Bulldogs took a real drubbing Friday over at La Grange. Duke was set back at the hands of N. C. State Saturday in another football contest. Maybe we're partial but we ask you to keep an eye on Wake Forest this fall in grid circles. Boston College which fell before the Deacons Friday night is reputed to be no push-over.

How much of the present meat scarcity can be attributed directly to the OPA? That is the question many of us would like to know the answer to. Just where would the balance between demand and supply carry the price. Where in the cost of living going anyway? Every day papers carry stories of price increases and keeping prices down in these times is a

District Meet Woman's Clubs Set For Monday

Mrs. Karl Bishopric of Spray, president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. John M. Council of Wanaush and Mrs. Charles G. Doak, executive secretary of Raleigh, will be guest speakers at the Eleventh District meeting to be held in Rose Hill Monday, October 7th, beginning at 10 a. m. in the Rose Hill Methodist church. Mrs. E. L. Lanier, district president, of Rose Hill, will preside at the meeting.

The district is composed of the following clubs: Burgaw Woman's Club, Adelpia Club of Calypso, Clinton Study Club, Clinton Woman's Club, John M. Faison and Sesame Clubs in Faison, Kenansville Woman's Club, Rose Hill Woman's Club, Southport Woman's Club, Wallace Woman's Club, North Carolina Sorosis Club in Wilmington, Junior Woman's Club in Wallace and the Junior North Carolina Sorosis in Wilmington.

District officers are Mrs. E. L. Lanier of Rose Hill, president, Mrs. G. V. Gooding of Kenansville, vice-president and Mrs. James D. Fussell of Rose Hill, acting secretary.

Mrs. H. G. Ward of Rose Hill is president of the hostess club and she will extend greetings to the district.

Trial Of Negro In Houston Case Now Being Held

Trying To Select Jury For First Degree Case Wednesday From Special Venire

Superior Court was in session in Kenansville this week with Judge Leo Carr of Burlington on the bench. On Wednesday the court was engaged in securing a jury from a special venire to try Moses Artis, charged with the first degree murder of G. G. Houston, Rockfish township farmer, early last summer.

During the first two days of the week a number of minor cases had been disposed of but the Artis case was the chief one on the docket for this term. Up to mid-afternoon Wednesday only eight jurors had been selected for the case.

Series Revival Services Begin Baptist Church

The Rev. Oscar Creech of Ahoskie will be guest minister for series revival meetings

The Rev. Oscar Creech, pastor of the First Baptist church of Ahoskie, N. C., will be guest minister in a series of revival services at the Wallace Baptist church, beginning Monday evening, October 7, and continuing through Sunday, October 13.

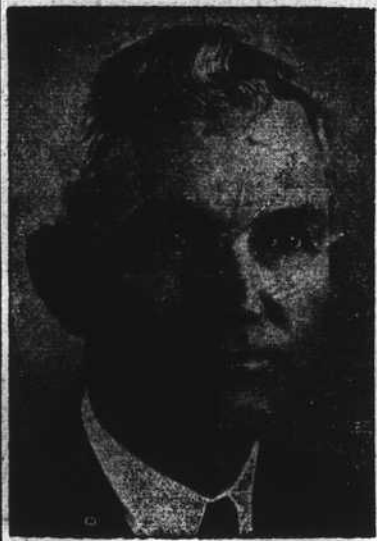
There will be a service each morning at 8:30 and each evening at 7:30.

The public is cordially invited to attend all this series of services.

Correction

In the last issue of this paper our correspondent, in reporting the coming meeting of the Eleventh District meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, was misinformed as to the location of the meeting. It will be held Monday, October 7, in the Rose Hill Methodist church as is stated elsewhere in this issue.

Guest Minister



The Rev. Oscar Creech, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, who will conduct a series of revival services here next week.

Two Young Men Seriously Hurt In Auto Wreck

Milton Ray Knowles and Browder Parker of Rose Hill, Route 3, in Wilmington Hospital

WRECK OCCURRED EARLY TUESDAY

Head And Internal Injuries Shown On Examination

Two young men, Milton Ray Knowles and Browder Parker, of Rose Hill, Route 3, were severely injured shortly after midnight Tuesday morning when the car in which they were riding went out of control and turned over just beyond the pickle plant just north of Rose Hill on U. S. 117.

Knowles and Parker are both in a Wilmington hospital in serious condition from injuries received in the wreck. Knowles received head and chest injuries and Parker lacerations of the head, internal head injuries, and a crushed left hand, according to Cpl. R. J. Provo of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol who investigated the accident.

According to Provo the car went off the road on the left hand side and swung back across the road, turning over as it did so, and was evidently travelling at a high rate of speed when the accident occurred.

Number Injured Result Of Fire Tuesday Night

Crowell Hall, Watha Farmer, Hospitalized Result Burns Received Trying To Save Automobile

Crowell Hall, farmer of Watha, was severely burned Tuesday night in the fire which destroyed Hussey's No. 1 and Brick Warehouses in Wallace and was sent to a Wilmington hospital but was not considered in a critical condition.

Hall had his car, a 1942 Pontiac, and trailer loaded with tobacco in the Hussey warehouse when the fire broke out. He attempted to drive his car to safety and failed to get it started. Finally, he made a run for the door and his clothing caught fire before he could get out. His car and trailer were lost.

Others treated for injuries resulting from the fire were Jimmy Johnston, severe sprain in foot and ankle; W. H. Farrow, leg injury; Willis Boney, injured back; Claude Kennedy, severe lip cut; and D. H. Malpass, sprained ankle.

All the above received medical care from Wallace physicians. Other minor injuries were suffered which did not require medical attention.

Civitan Drive For Shop Fund Gains Interest

Drive Closes With Drawing For Refrigerator And Other Prizes On October 15

REPORT MANY TICKETS SOLD

Money To Be Used For Rose Hill School Shop Building

Interest is running high in the Rose Hill Civitan refrigerator raffle, Dennis Ramsey, publicity chairman for the drive, said this week. A large number of tickets has been sold and the club expects a still larger number to be sold between now and the raffle drawing which is to be held on Tuesday, October 15, on the stage of the Rose Hill Theatre following a free show for holders of raffle tickets.

Rose Hill stores have contributed a number of other worthwhile gifts for which tickets will be drawn in addition to those listed in the announcement at the beginning of the drive.

The money realized from the raffle will be used by the Civitan Club in building a shop building for Rose Hill High School, to be used by students, both veterans and non-veterans in courses requiring the use of shop tools. The school expects to take advantage of the government offer to equip the shop if the building is made available.

Football Team To Play Ayden On Local Field

Friday's Game Should Be Good, Overman Says; La Grange Tramples Locals 52-0

Still seeking a taste of victory the Wallace High School Bulldogs will tangle with the Ayden football team Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock on their home grounds in what should be a good game, according to Coach Thell Overman.

Last Friday La Grange handed the locals their second setback by the lop-sided score of 52-0. While the La Grange team decisively whipped Wallace, Coach Overman stated this week that he was not dissatisfied with the way his boys are coming along. He expressed satisfaction with the line play, reporting that the visitors made most of their gains by air and were never able to rip the Wallace line to shreds as they did in their first game here.

The one Wallace scoring chance in this game came in the third quarter when Casey blocked a punt and Wallace recovered on the five yard line. The best defensive players for Wallace were Henry James, Earl

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Goerch, Barden Chief Speakers Church Festival

Penderlea Baptists Plan Harvest Day Festival For Thursday, October 10; Money Goes To Building Fund

The Penderlea Baptist church at Willard is planning an all-day Harvest Day Festival to be held at the church on Thursday, October 10, featuring Carl Goerch, Representative Graham Barden, and other visiting speakers.

The program for the day will begin at 10:00 a. m. with the Rev. E. C. Chamblee, missionary of the Wilmington Association as master of ceremonies. The welcome address will be

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Speaker



Honorable Graham Barden, member of Congress from this district, will be a featured speaker at the Harvest Day Festival to be held at Penderlea Church on Thursday, October 10.

Four Prisoners Make Jail Break At Kenansville

Two Guards Fired For Negligence Following Break Made Sometime Before 3 A. M. Monday

NOT RECAPTURED REPORTS INDICATE

Make Get Away By Sawing Way Out Of Cell Block At Camp

Four Negro prisoners sawed their way to freedom from a cell block in the Duplin County Prison Camp at Kenansville some time before 3 a. m. Monday and were still at large according to reports Wednesday.

Simultaneously with reporting the break on Monday, State Prison Director Clyde Robinson stated that John L. Benson and Richard Beaver, guards on duty during the break, had been discharged for negligence, by Kyle Matthews, prison inspector, who investigated the break.

Robinson said that the break was discovered at 3 a. m. Monday and a search for the escapees was begun immediately.

The escapees were Elijah Bragg, 20, sentenced in Robeson County, 1946, from three to five years for false pretense; James Peoples, sentenced in 1937 to serve 12 years for housebreaking, entering, and larceny; James Robinson, Jr., 18, sentenced in Buncombe County in 1945 to serve from three to five years for house breaking and larceny;

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Eastern Baptist Association Releases Program Annual Meet

County Men Join Army, Board Says

The Duplin County Selective Service Board No. 1 has sent two men, Joseph Whitfield Newkirk and James Elwood Taylor, to Fort Bragg for induction into the Army, it was reported this week.

In addition, the following men, eligible for induction, have enlisted in the Army recently: Edwin I. Ennis, Willard W. Whitfield, George Davis Evans, Bromley R. Pope, Franklin M. Bain and John G. Powell.

From local Board No. 2 the following men have enlisted recently: Floyd Casteen, Joseph Edward Quinn, James Stephen Murphy, Lloyd Earl Swinson and Hubert Harrison Brown.

LEGION MEETING SET FOR FRIDAY EVENING

A meeting of the Wallace Post No. 156, American Legion, will be held Friday evening, October 4, at the Masonic Hall, replete with barbecue supper, speakers, and important business to be considered. It was announced

Most Disastrous Conflagration In Wallace History Did Damage Set At \$400,000 Tuesday Night

Swift G. Boykin Funeral Rites At Rose Hill

Funeral services for Mr. Swift Galloway Boykin, 64, were held at Oak Plains Presbyterian church near Rose Hill on September 20th at 3 o'clock with burial in Oak Plain cemetery. The Rev. F. M. Bain, pastor of Mt. Zion Presbyterian church, Rose Hill and the Rev. W. B. Hood, pastor of the Wallace



Swift G. Boykin, conducted the services. The short Masonic service at the grave was performed.

VA Seeking Jobs For Handicapped Duplin Veterans

Next Week Designated As "National Employ The Physically Handicapped Week"

"It's not what is gone but what is left that counts when an employer considers a handicapped veteran for permanent employment," Mr. Clay B. Rich, manager of the local USES office said today in outlining the objectives of National Employ The Physically Handicapped Week October 6-12.

Mayor Harrell has issued a proclamation setting aside this week for observance by Wallace residents. In his proclamation the mayor cited the excellent record

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County Men Join Army, Board Says

The theme "Christ Above All" has been chosen for the meeting of the Eastern Baptist Association on October 8 and 9 at New Hope and Mount Vernon Baptist churches. This year, for the first time, the association will meet with two different churches, meeting with New Hope on Tuesday and Mount Vernon on Wednesday.

On Tuesday the sessions will open at 10:00 o'clock with the devotional followed by a business meeting. At 11:00 Dr. R. F. Marshburn will make a report on state missions followed by an address by Earle L. Bradley and the annual sermon by the Rev. J. W. Lambert.

After lunch on the opening day the devotional will be conducted by L. L. Johnson, with most of the session being taken up with educational efforts of the churches. Various phases of church training will be discussed

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Wallace to be affixed.

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Hussey's No. 1 And Brick Warehouse Destroyed In Raging Two Hour Fire Tuesday Night

FLAMES STARTED IN FRAME BUILDING

Tobacco Fully Insured And Buildings Partially Covered

The most disastrous fire in the history of Wallace completely destroyed two of the town's tobacco warehouses, Hussey's No. 1 and the Brick Warehouse on Tuesday night just before midnight.

All that remained Wednesday of the two large warehouses were smouldering ashes and crumbled brick walls as a result of the fire which began shortly after 11:00 o'clock in the wooden Hussey's No. 1, fronting on Railroad Street and spread rapidly into the Brick Warehouse which was next to it at the College Street end.

Within 30 minutes from the time the fire was discovered and the alarm turned in the large frame building was flattened to the ground and the fire was beginning to break out in the end of the Brick Warehouse adjacent to the frame structure. It appeared for a time that the entire block of business houses might be wiped out.

Loss in the fire, which destroyed more than one-half the square block, with tobacco on the floors said unofficially to be valued at more than \$200,000, was estimated to run around \$400,000, with full insurance coverage on the tobacco which was awaiting sale on the warehouse floors and partial coverage on the buildings.

Save Hotel Building The brisk wind which was whipping the fire from the northeast carried the flames to the old hotel building, now an apartment house occupied by a dozen or more families. The building caught in a number of places on

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Mayor's Proclamation

On National Employ The Physically Handicapped Week

Whereas, Victory in World War II cost us more than 2,000,000 casualties and

Whereas, there are many millions of handicapped persons in the United States, many of whom by their efforts were of great aid in manufacturing munitions or providing essential service for the war effort, and

Whereas, all of those persons including disabled veterans of World War I and II deserve self-supporting, self-respecting jobs in which they can make useful contributions to our community, state and nation . . . now, therefore, I, J. Aubrey Harrell, Mayor of the City of Wallace, N. C., do set aside the week of October 6th to October 12th as employ the physically handicapped week, and I call upon all local officials, all local employers, all local civic organizations and all citizens to assist in every way possible, to the end that it shall be brought to the attention of all members of our community that disabled veterans and other handicapped civilians are fully capable and are performing efficiently, safely and reliably in thousands of different occupations.

And I further urge all employers to place all their job orders with the United States Employment Service so that disabled veterans and other handicapped workers may be given an opportunity to prove their value in productive and self-respecting jobs.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Wallace to be affixed.

J. AUBREY HARRELL, Mayor