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PHILADELPHIA TRAVELING SALESMAN ARRESTED IN EDENTON ON CHARGE OF CRIMINAL ASSAULT ON LOCAL GIRL

ALLEGED THAT MAN FORCED ASSAULT ON GIRL AT POINT OF PISTOL LAST FRIDAY, AND THREATENED TO KILL HER IF SHE TOLD.

Last Friday night Joe Needleman, a traveling salesman was in town and offered to take Miss Effie Griffin, clerk in a local store, to her mother's home, about 10 miles from here. When they were some distance in the country it is alleged that Needleman stopped his car and at the point of a pistol, which he had concealed in the car, forced an assault upon the young lady. Afterwards Needleman brought the girl back to town. Before he would let her get out of the car he threatened to kill her if she ever told anyone what he had done.

Miss Griffin, who is a saleslady at the Nasseff Department Store, boards at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence Peel. She went there and spent the night, but being so afraid and nervous she did not tell anyone of her experience until she saw her sister, Mrs. Gurkin. She told her all the circumstances, and Mr. and Mrs. Gurkin notified the officers at once. They began a search, but kept the affair quiet until the culprit was located. He was caught by Chowan County officers Thursday and lodged in the Edenton jail Thursday night. He was brought here by Deputy Sheriff Luther Peel today, and is in the local jail. A preliminary hearing will be given him tomorrow, Saturday.

The accused is a clean-cut young fellow of 28 or 30 years of age, and makes this territory selling Old Virginia Cheroots and Climax chewing tobacco, and is the son of a wealthy man in Philadelphia.

Miss Griffin is a daughter of Mrs. Sallie Griffin Stone and the late A. Gray Griffin. She is held in high esteem, and her family is one of Martin's oldest and most highly respectable.

No trouble is anticipated, but local people are firmly and deliberately determined that the case will be pushed to the extent of the law. Not for many years has such a crime been committed, and the manhood of our county is solidly determined that one of its women shall not be made to bow to such a brute, if the charges are true, without being properly punished.

PHILATHEA OFFICERS VISITING CLASSES

Mrs. N. Buckner, general secretary of the State Baraca-Philathea Union, is spending some time here as the guest of Mrs. Z. H. Rose at the Atlantic Hotel.

Mrs. Buckner and Mrs. Rose, who is president of the union, are visiting the various organizations of Baracas and Philatheas in east Carolina towns. They visited the Wesley Philathea class of the M. E. Church, Washington, on Tuesday night. They visited classes in Scotland Neck Wednesday night, and today they are in Rocky Mount.

During the next week visits will be made to Rich Square, Bethel, Greenville, Warrenton, and Enfield.

Mrs. Buckner makes an address at each of these meetings. She tells of the work of the union and gives a glimpse of the great work it is doing at Otten, the "Baraca-Philathea Special," the glorious work that it is doing for our boys who have given their all for us.

A more charming and inspiring person or speaker than Mrs. Buckner is rarely found, and she is bringing to East Carolina Baracas and Philatheas a message of love and service.

THE STRAND SATURDAY

Jack Perrin in "Crashing Through" Episode No. 6—10 Scars Make a Man

This Coupon Worth 10c at ticket window Saturday, March 28

Clip This Out and Save a Dime

20c and 40c

DR. W. H. HARDISON DIES AT CRESWELL

Was One of Leading Physicians of Washington County for More Than Fifty Years

Dr. W. H. Hardison, one of the leading physicians of Washington County for half a century died at his home in Creswell Thursday.

Doctor Hardison was about 80 years old, and until recently was able to do some practice. He was not only highly esteemed as a doctor but was active in the affairs of his county, always standing for those things that counted for the good of his people. He represented Washington County in the legislature several sessions, where he was highly regarded for his devotion to the principles of good government. He was buried at Creswell at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

MRS. COBURN SERIOUSLY ILL

Suffers Severe Stroke of Paralysis Thursday Afternoon, Following Several Slight Ones

Friends of Mrs. Pattie Coburn in Robersonville and Williamston, where she has made her home for many years, will regret to hear that she is seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. L. Meador, in New Town. She suffered a severe stroke of paralysis yesterday afternoon. This followed a few lighter strokes that she has had at various times before.

Oak City Local News and Personals

Mr. W. L. Woodley from Creswell visited his wife, Mrs. W. L. Woodley, the fourth-grade teacher here last week end.

Mr. Frank Wilson, of Scotland Neck, was a visitor in the city Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. H. C. Fields was in town Monday calling on friends.

We are glad to note that Mrs. L. T. Chesson, who has been ill for the past few days, is able to be up again.

Mr. Bernard Allsbrook, of Scotland Neck, was a visitor in Oak City Sunday.

Misses Margaret and Virginia Hines visited friends in Scotland Neck last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Sitterson, of Wilson, and Mrs. J. B. Chastain, of Rocky Mount, were guests of Prof. and Mrs. Ainsley last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Brooks and Mrs. Allgood, all of Bath, visited friends in Oak City the first of this week.

Mrs. H. M. Ainsley spent Wednesday in Roxobel shopping.

There are many in the village who are glad to welcome Mr. Jimmy Council back. He returns to take up his old trade, that of barber. Mr. Lassiter, who has been the barber here for the past few months, has moved his shop to Windsor.

Among those attending court in Williamston this week are Messrs. J. A. Rawles, Henry Early, B. L. Johnson, and Mr. Charlie Harrington.

Mr. Tom Davenport was a business visitor to Norfolk Wednesday.

A number of the Hamilton folk attended the lyceum Tuesday evening. The Chicago Entertainers played to a large and appreciative audience.

One of the greatest improvements in the health program of our school is the hot-lunch project. It is now being practiced in all the grades and we hope that it will soon be practiced in other schools in the county. We admit that it will not be so easily done in schools which have no domestic science department, but with some effort it can be done. It is helpful in several ways. First, a warm jar of soup makes the child's lunch more appetizing, especially on cold days. Second, it keeps the pupils in their rooms during lunch hour, thus preventing them from throwing scraps of food around the building and on the campus. Third, it is much healthier for the child.

Here are a few ideas as to how the project is carried out in our school: We can serve only one grade each day. The pupils are always reminded the day before and are requested to bring soup, cocoa, or any other food that can be heated in a jar. The jars are heated in the domestic science department by the teacher of that department. Monitors collect the jars and place them in tubs of hot water where they remain until time to be used. Then they are collected and passed out to the pupils by these same monitors when the gong sounds for lunch. When the teacher can not be present a high-school student is left in charge.

We find these plans work well, and we believe the pupils have been benefited.

Methodist Church
Rev. E. D. Dodd, Pastor
Sunday, March 29, there will be no morning service, due to convening of the second quarterly conference at Hamilton at 11 a. m. As many of our people as possible can be urged to go over to Hamilton for this service. Rev. S. E. Mercer, the presiding elder of the Weldon district, will preach at 11 a. m., and hold the business session immediately thereafter. In the afternoon we will return to Williamston, as Mr. Mercer goes over to Windsor to conduct the night service and hold quarterly conference at that church at the 7.30 hour.

We will hold our regular service at the Williamston church Sunday night at the usual hour, 7.30 p. m., the pastor preaching.

Copies of March 13th Enterprise Wanted

For filing purposes, we need several copies of the Enterprise of the 13th of March. Any subscriber who has a copy will do us a kindness by sending a copy of this issue immediately. We will pay liberally for a limited number of these copies.
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COMMENCEMENT HERE APRIL 25TH

Announce Rules, Regulations and Personnel of Committees Managing Various Contests

The following is a resume of the rules and regulations governing contests at the group centers and county-wide commencement will be held in Williamston on Saturday, April 25.

The rules follow:

I. Any group-center contest is a preliminary in which contestants in a group are to be eliminated, thus entitling the best to entry in the county-wide contests at Williamston. Thus winners from the initial contests at group centers should enter the county-wide contests. All schools should participate in the spelling contest A, in the primary story-telling contest B, and in arithmetic contest C. Each school should enter five contestants if it hopes to win the highest honors.

A school of Group I or II (defined above) should enter spelling contest A, primary story-telling contest B, arithmetic contest C, pageant contest D, and choral contest E. A school of Group III should enter spelling contest A, primary story-telling contest B, arithmetic contest C, grammar grade recitation contest F, and singing contest G. Schools not placed in a group center will be entitled to send representatives directly to the county-wide commencement.

All contests at group centers and at county-wide commencement begin at 10 o'clock.

II. Contestants in all contests, each student must be a bona fide student of the school which he represents, must have been in school 60 percent of entire school year, consisting of fall and spring terms (whether 6 or 8 months terms), and must have made passing grades in four subjects of his school work. The names of students desiring to enter county-wide contests should be forwarded with the particular contest they wish to enter to some member of such contest committee before the 18th of April, 1925.

Rules for County-Wide Contests
Grammar Grades (4-7) Spelling Match
A.

I. All schools will participate in this contest.

II. Representatives of grades four, five, six, and seven will enter same.

III. At the group-center preliminaries every school will be allowed one representative for each teacher, not to exceed five for each school. The two best spellers in each school winning out over its Group I, II, or III competitors will represent the group at the county-wide commencement.

That is, the two best spellers of the school in Group I who win out over other Group I contestants at the group center shall represent the Group I schools at the county-wide commencement. There being no opposition the two representatives of the group enter the county-wide commencement. The same applies to elimination of schools in Group II and also in Group III.

IV. The spelling contest is divided into two parts. The first will be written and shall consist of 50 words selected from Mastery of Words, Book II. Illegible writing will count against the spellers where as many as two judges are doubtful as to whether a word is written correctly. Teachers should stress handwriting in connection with written spelling. In the written part of the contest any contestant who misses a word will be ruled out. All spellers who spell 50 words correctly will be allowed to take part in the oral spelling match held at the county commencement. The same spelling book shall be used for the oral match. After the first 15 minutes the judges may, at their option, use other spelling lists.

V. These rules apply to both commencements.

VI. The word should be pronounced twice before the child begins writing. Designation of meaning is necessary when two words are pronounced alike yet have different meanings. Before attempting to spell a word pupil must pronounce it. Pupil failing to pronounce the word correctly, the party giving out words should pronounce it correctly the second time, thus relieving teacher of further pronouncing the word. Child failing to pronounce the word but proceeding to spell at once relieves teacher from giving a second pronunciation; but child may try to spell the same word twice just the same. Obligation is on the pupil (Continued on page 4)

MISS HARDISON TO REPRESENT KENLY

Former Martin County Girl Chosen "Miss Kenly" for Eastern Carolina Exposition

Kenly, N. C., March 27.—Miss Nell Hardison, who will represent Kenly in the beauty queens contest to be held in connection with the Eastern Carolina Exposition at Smithfield, N. C., April 13-18, is a distinct blonde in type of beauty, possessing a personality that is refreshing, a poise which is an asset, and those large, open, frank features of countenance that win the confidence. Miss Hardison has a large circle of friends who will watch with keen interest and enthusiasm her progress in the contest.

If your town does not have a queen whom you are supporting, you will not err in casting your vote for Miss Kenly, who will speak for herself when she appears in the exposition.

Miss Hardison is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hardison and is known over Martin County.

TRIANGLE DEBATE AT SCHOOL TONIGHT

Plymouth Negative Team Here, And Williamston Negatives Go to Pantego in First Clash

The annual triangular debating series will begin tonight all over the State. The Williamston High School will enter the first preliminary with Plymouth and Pantego schools.

The local affirmative team is composed of Miss Ruth Manning and Mr. George Harris, Jr. They will remain here and debate Plymouth's negative representatives in the school auditorium.

The Williamston negative speakers, Misses Laura Orleans and Margaret Manning, will debate the Pantego affirmatives at that place tonight.

The subject is usually selected from a current issue, and this year the query is "Resolved, That North Carolina should raffle the port terminals and water transportation act."

The debate will begin at 8 o'clock and will last for about an hour and a half. These debates have not been well attended heretofore, and it is to be hoped that our people will make a special effort to come out tonight. So far as possible, Mr. Seymour has selected neutral judges from out of the county. Their names are not definitely known at this time.

Macedonia Local News and Personals

Miss Carrie Ward spent the week end with Miss Katie Corey.

Misses Nellie Fisher and Virginia Peel spent Sunday with Sadie Mae Hadley.

Misses Nellie Fisher, Carrie Ward, Virginia Peel, Sadie Mae Hadley, Mrs. Laura Peel, and Messrs. Joe S. Holliday, and Ralph B. Holliday motored to Washington Monday afternoon.

Mr. Dave Griffin, Misses Elsie Green and Virginia Peel went to ride Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Corey visited Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hadley Sunday night. The teachers of Macedonia school are visiting their school children this week. The children are very sorry that this week is the last week of school. We all are beginning to shed tears and tell the teachers good-bye, but we hope to see them next year at the same old schoolhouse which we all have been attending for many years.

Mr. Julius Jackson called on Miss Sadie Mae Hadley Sunday night.

Misses Myrtle Beacha and Sarah Hadley visited Mrs. Tenell Perry on Saturday afternoon.

There was a fairly good attendance at Sunday school last Sunday, and we hope to see it continue.

Petting Party Blame Put Up To Grandpa

Boston, Mass., March 26.—It's the fault of granddad and grandpa if the boys and girls have petting parties, smoke cigarettes, and carry a flask today states Miss Grace Leigh Scott, morality director of the national W. C. T. U., who arrived here in a campaign to persuade the youth of Boston to give up their naughty activities.

"The wild oats sown by our grandparents are responsible for present-day license," she said. "Most traits are inherited. When we scold the boys and girls for moral laxity we forget they got their instincts from grandpa and grandpa."

Leaves for Norfolk
Mr. Harry Onion left Wednesday for Norfolk and other places in Virginia and Maryland.

JURY RETURNS VERDICT IN FAVOR OF COUNTY AND AGAINST PEOPLES BANK DIRECTORS; \$42,000 INVOLVED

PLAY DELIGHTS LARGE AUDIENCE

"Come Out of the Kitchen" Played to Capacity House Thursday; Well Received

"Come out of the kitchen" was played last night to a capacity house and was considered by all those seeing it a very pleasing performance.

The Dangerfield family, of Virginia, on account of prolonged financial reverses found it necessary to go to work. They rented out their home to a northern millionaire and the four children, represented by Misses Carrie Dell White and Martha Anderson, the daughters, were cook and chambermaid, and Oscar Anderson and Gaylord Harrison, as the sons, were butler and handy boy, respectively.

Their identity was unknown to their employer, and Miss White lent herself very charmingly to the Irish brogue the cook used. Miss Anderson's experiences with one of the guests were very funny. Anderson and Harrison being converted into hired men was an amusing transformation.

Maurice Watts, as the millionaire, as Mrs. J. S. Getsinger and Mrs. P. B. Cone, his guests, were very good.

H. M. Stubbs was perfect in his role, that of the old friend and counselor of the family who was reaching the sentimental age for his second time.

Stanley Sossoms and R. L. Coburn, dapper young men, were fine and seemed to be very much at home over the footlights.

Last, but not least, was the negro mammy, Mrs. Lee Brewer, whose tonal-ness in the cupboard with one of the young men, created one of the most amusing incidents of the play.

Musical numbers during intermission by Misses Laura Orleans, Martha Anderson, and Carrie Dell White, and Mesdames Rhodes, Bennett, and Martin were enjoyed. The music rendered by Miss Carrie B. Williams added much to the evening's entertainment.

SHOW VALUE OF DIVERSIFICATION

Natural Resources of Eastern Carolina Will Be Featured at Exposition

Representative natural resource products and industries of eastern Carolina will be featured by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce at its third annual exposition, which will be held this year at Smithfield, April 13 to 18. The State geological and economic survey, which was enlarged into a department of conservation and development by the general assembly, will cooperate with the Eastern Carolina commerce organization in obtaining materials for an exhibit.

The purpose will be to show that eastern North Carolina is a section capable of varied products and industries, and is not solely dependent on cotton and tobacco. Governor McLean himself an eastern North Carolinian, in a recent public address emphasized the necessity and practicability of developing a more diversified agricultural and industrial system in this section.

The counties holding county memberships in the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce will be featured in this work. This exhibit promises to be a real "eye opener" for the people of this section, as well as the visitors. The following counties will be represented in this exhibit: Bertie, Beaufort, Carteret, Edgecombe, Halifax, Greene, Johnston, Jones, Nash, Lenoir, and Pitt. The possibility of water-power development will be shown in a very definite way.

Baptist Church Notes

Rev. R. L. Shirley, Pastor
Sunday school, 9.45 a. m.
Special program, 10.45 a. m.
B. Y. P. U. meetings, 6.45 p. m.
Evening service, 7.45 p. m.
Sunday is home-coming and missionary day in our church and school. It is to be a great occasion. The various departments will have a place on the special program to be rendered. Come promptly, so as not to miss a single number, also to encourage your children and honor your Lord and your church.

The morning meeting will be a very brief concluding message by the pastor on the subject "Beginning the Christian Life." He will preach again at night on "A prayer for a revival."

Every member of Sunday school and church is urged to be present and everybody else cordially invited.

PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER MARTIN COUNTY HERE FOR TRIAL. JURY OUT FOR ONLY A FEW MINUTES. TWELVE DIRECTORS CONCERNED.

After a trial which lasted for four days, and which created a great deal of interest, Martin County won a judgment against twelve directors of the Peoples Bank who signed a bond to the county. The amount of the judgment was around \$42,000.

People from every section of the county have attended this trial, and the case was hard fought by able attorneys on both sides. Attorneys Hallett Ward and June Grimes made the speeches for the plaintiff, and Attorneys B. A. Critcher, Larry Moore, H. W. Stubbs, Elbert S. Peel, A. W. McLean, and Harry McMullen plaid for the defendants.

Judge Bond, presiding, made his charge to the jury in a very few words, charging it if it believed the evidence to return a verdict against the directors. After a few minutes deliberation the jury came back with a verdict against the directors of the bank who signed the bond.

The contention by the defense was based on the fact that other directors attended a bank meeting when it was voted to accept the county's money, and that they voted to accept the money but failed to sign the bond, and that some of those who did sign were not aware that the bond had not been signed by the directors as a whole. The court found only those who signed the bond liable for the amount, however.

Washington Paper Changes Hands

W. K. Jacobson retired this week from the newspaper field after 38 years continuous publication of the Washington Progress.

Mr. Jacobson has the distinction of always trying to get on the right side of issues coming before his country. In politics he was purely Democrat. He stood for clear politics, even though he may have been called partisan.

Evidently the service done by Mr. Jacobson has not brought him wealth. He preferred to give service above gaining wealth, and for that reason sacrificed himself that his people might be helped.

His good-bye to his old friends in his last issue of March 26 touches the souls of honest servants of the people who, when they have passed along the highway of service perhaps for the last time, can say alike to all friends an amenities, "God bless you."

The paper was bought by Carl Goerch who is well known in Williamston and Martin County. He was formerly editor of the Washington Daily News and since then has been with papers in New Bern and Wilson. His paper is very interesting and he is welcomed to this section again by our paper and our people.

Church of the Advent

Protestant Episcopal
Rev. C. O. Pardo, Rector
Program of services for the Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 29:
9.45 a. m. Church school.—Mr. H. M. Stubbs, superintendent.
10 a. m. Advent Bible class.—Mr. Clayton Moore, teacher.
11 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon.
3.30 p. m. Holy Trinity Mission.
7.45 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon.

The evangelistic services to be held in the Episcopal Church will begin on Sunday. The Rev. Mr. Brown will preach Monday night at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Friday services in Episcopal church: Lenten service at 4.30 Friday afternoon. Pre-mission service on Friday night, at 7.45.

Will Arrive Tonight

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fountain and children, of Siler City, will arrive tonight to visit Mrs. Fountain's mother, Mrs. Pattie Coburn.

SOLUTION TO TUESDAY PUZZLE

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