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## Auto Smashup Near Greenville Takes Toll of Two Lives; Five Injured, One Escapes Injury; All from Rocky Mt.

### Driver Blinded by Head Lights of Another Auto

Robert Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Cooper, of Rocky Mount and Bonnie Lee Wilkinson, a North Carolina Agricultural and Engineering College graduate, whose parents reside in Belhaven, but who was at present working for Atlantic Coast Line in Rocky Mount, were instantly killed last night, and Richard Habourne, who was driving the 7-passenger car in which they were riding, Charles Wells, Roy Council, Archie Reives were very dangerously injured, John Hoggard was painfully cut and Raymond Rose escaped injury in an automobile accident, which occurred on the Greenville-Washington highway about five miles from Greenville. The boys were enroute to Riverside Park, near Washington, to attend the June German.

The young men who were killed were carried to their homes in Rocky Mount, and the injured ones were rushed to a Greenville hospital.

The driver of the car was blinded by the bright lights of an approaching car and ran off the hard-surfaced road into a nearby tree. When the heavy car hit the tree it fairly rebounded and hit a colored family's home. Two of the small children were badly shaken by the blow of the car against the side of the house.

### BEGIN OPERATING BUS LINE MONDAY

Will Operate On Regular Schedule Between Washington, Williamston Windsor and Aulander

A new bus line will begin operating next Monday, June 15, on a regular schedule between Washington, Williamston, Windsor, and Aulander. Mr. J. E. Mitchell, owner and manager, went over the proposed route yesterday and perfected his schedule. The bus leaves Washington at 8 o'clock, reaches Williamston at 9, and arrives at Aulander at 10:30, in time to make the Norfolk train.

Upon the arrival of the morning train from Norfolk the bus will leave Aulander at 11 a. m., reach Windsor at 12, and arrive here at 12:30, or 46 minutes earlier than if the passenger was on the train by Hobgood and Parmele.

The bus will then return to Aulander, leaving Williamston at 1:15 p. m., Windsor at 1:50, and reach Aulander at 2:40, in time for a Norfolk train. The bus then waits for the arrival of another train from Norfolk, leaving Aulander at 5:05, and arriving in Williamston at 7. It then leaves Williamston at 7:05 and arrives in Washington at 7:45.

The distance from Washington to Aulander is 56 miles. The fare is \$2.50 from Washington to Aulander, and \$1.50 from here to Aulander.

### Rev. R. L. Shirley To Attend Summer School

Rev. R. L. Shirley and family left today for Wake Forest, where he will attend the summer school for ministers of the Baptist denomination.

They will also attend the Baraca-Philatheas State convention in Raleigh Friday and Saturday.

They will return home Saturday afternoon and Mr. Shirley will fill his regular appointment Sunday.

### Strand Theatre

Did You See "Riders of the Purple Sage" ? ? ? ?

Then You Can't Afford to Miss the Sequel

RAINBOW TRAIL FRIDAY NIGHT

### Martin County Sunday School Convention Will Be Held At Williamston Methodist Church Thursday and Friday, June 25 and 26

Workers from all Sunday Schools of all denominations in the county are expected to attend the annual Convention of the Martin County Sunday School Association, which has been announced for Thursday and Friday, June 25 and 26, at the Methodist Church, Williamston.

Representing the North Carolina Sunday School Association will be Mr. D. W. Sims, Raleigh, General Superintendent North Carolina Sunday School Association, and Miss Flora Davis, Associate Superintendent of the same organization. These speakers are well known in the Sunday School world, having had years of practical experience in the work with Sunday Schools both large and small. There will also be on the program a number of prominent pastors, superintendents and

other Sunday School workers in the county.

Plans and program for the convention are being worked out by W. C. Manning, president, and J. C. Anderson, Secretary of the County Sunday School Association. These officers have announced that again this year a pennant will be presented to the Sunday School having present in the convention the largest number of representatives sixteen years of age, and over, according to the number of miles traveled. Any Sunday School in the County is eligible to compete for the pennant, except the Sunday School with which the Convention is held, and others within one mile of the Convention church. It is expected that there will be much friendly competition among the Sunday Schools for the pennant.

### Hands Off



Sec'y. of Agriculture, Wm. M. Jardine, photographed upon his arrival in Chicago to impress the Chicago Board of Trade that it should make a great effort to "better regulate" wheat prices. "But," said the Secretary, "it is best to let the board regulate their own affairs."

### GRIFFIN-GREEN NUPTIALS SUNDAY

Popular Martin County Couple Were Married At The Home of Bride Sunday Evening

Joshua David Griffin and Elsie C. Green were married at the home of the bride Sunday evening, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. J. Manning, the bride's pastor.

Mr. Griffin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Griffin, of Smithwicks Creek, and a prosperous farmer. Mrs. Griffin is the only daughter of Mr. Henry C. Green, chairman of the board of county commissioners, and Mrs. Green. She has been engaged in teaching school during the past year.

Mrs. Griffin is a very charming young woman, known and liked for her refined manners and attractive personality.

Mr. Griffin is an exceptionally fine young man and is well liked among a wide circle of friends.

### Beaver Dam Local And Personal News

Mr. Dossie Jenkins was the guest of Miss Helen Clark Wednesday night. Messrs. Lester Rogers and A. L. Raynor motored to Washington Wednesday afternoon on business.

Miss Sallie Satorwhite spent Sunday morning with Mrs. W. H. Rogers. Mr. Mayo Harrison motored to Everett Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Cullipher spent the week end in Greenville with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Wynne, of Bear Grass, spent Sunday with Mr. Mrs. W. T. Cullipher has been sick for the past several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Holliday and family spent Sunday with friends near Jamesville.

Mr. W. F. Allen went to Williamston Saturday.

Many of the local people attended the revival in Williamston Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cullipher spent Sunday morning in Ayden with relatives.

We had a very nice rain Monday afternoon and night.

### MINISTERS OF TOWN MET MONDAY NIGHT

to Recommend Holding of Open-Air Community Services Sunday Evenings During Summer

On Monday night all the ministers in the town of Williamston met in the study of Rev. C. O. Pardo, the rector of the Episcopal Church, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of holding open-air community services on Sunday evenings during the hot-weather months of July and August.

The whole matter was thoroughly considered and resulted in the ministers agreeing that the idea is a good one and that they would recommend to their respective congregations that this be done.

The Doctor Saunders lot, on Main Street, has kindly been offered by the owners, and the town engineer, Mr. Maurice Moore has consented to furnish the lighting.

An effort is being made to secure enough of the benches used in the warehouse during the present evangelistic meeting to provide for the seating. A suitable platform will be built for the choir and preachers.

One of the delightful features of this is that all the ministers are united in their efforts for any movement that promises to result in good for the community, the unity of religious effort, and the doing away of inflexible lines which have unfortunately hindered the progress of religious cooperation in the community.

Unless some congregation votes not to participate the open-air twilight services for this community are assured.

### Rev. Pardo Appointed National Evangelist

Bishop Irvin T. Johnson, national chairman of the commission on evangelism of the Episcopal church, has recently appointed Rev. C. O. Pardo, rector of the Church of the Advent of this city, to be a "missioner or evangelist of the Episcopal church. There were only 30 men from the 140 dioceses of the Episcopal church in this country appointed to this office. The East Carolina Diocese is honored when one of its ministers is selected to do this work, as is also the local church.

Heretofore there has been no definite program for evangelistic work in the church, but plans are being made for a greater activity in missions or evangelism. A conference will be held at Bethlehem, Pa., from July 7 to 23, where these thirty missioners will arrange the program. Mr. Pardo will attend this conference. He has been especially invited by Bishop Johnson to be present for the commission recently added to the executive organization of the East Carolina Diocese was originally an idea of Mr. Pardo and came into being as a result of his work. Recently the national council has adopted the idea and created a national commission, of which Bishop Johnson is chairman. Rev. Pardo is chairman of the commission of the East Carolina Diocese. As missioner he will be in charge of the evangelistic work of the State.

### Miss Hartsfield Here This Week

Miss Nina Hartsfield, of Wake Forest, is visiting Miss Ethel Griffin at her home in New Town. Miss Hartsfield taught school in the grammar grades here for one term.

### Parents-Teachers To Meet Thursday

The Parents-Teachers Association will meet Thursday night at 8 o'clock, if the revival which is now going on closes before that date. If it does not, the meeting will be postponed until the following Thursday at the same hour. The president, Mrs. A. R. Dunning, is very anxious that the members who possibly can will attend this meeting. Business of importance will be looked after, and whether meetings will be postponed during the summer months or not will be decided at this time. The meeting will be held in the school auditorium.

### CROPS DAMAGED BY STORM MONDAY

Wind and Hail Storm Strikes About Mile East of Everett; Lightning Strikes Pack House

Monday afternoon a severe wind and hail storm struck a small section about a mile east of Everett. It unroofed a tenant house and several out-buildings and damaged some of the buildings on the farm of Mr. L. A. Clark.

Tobacco crops, as well as cotton and other crops, were practically ruined on several farms in the community. Fortunately the area was not large; although considerable damage was done to crops on nearly a dozen farms.

Lightning struck the pack house on the Speight farm in Poplar Point Township, owned by J. G. Staton, setting it on fire and entirely consuming it, together with several barrels of corn, cottonseed meal, and fertilizer stored in the building.

### Attend Ball Game

Messrs. Joe Taylor and Henry Crawford attended the ball game in Rocky Mount yesterday.

## Local Philatheas Have Big Part In Silver Jubilee Convention At Raleigh

The Baraca-Philatheas annual convention will begin Thursday evening at 8 P. M. in the Tabernacle Baptist church, Raleigh, and will last thru Sunday the 14th.

The keynote address of the convention will be delivered at that service by Mr. R. N. Simms, the organizer and teacher of the Simms' Baraca Bible class of Raleigh, whose twenty-fifth birthday is being celebrated at this "Silver Jubilee" convention, as his class being the first one of its kind organized in the South.

Following the address an informal reception will be given at the tabernacle, this being an opportunity provided that the delegates may get acquainted.

Business sessions will be held Friday and Saturday in the morning, afternoon and night. Friday afternoon the Ham-Ramsey party will conduct the services which will be held in the City auditorium.

Ex-Secretary Daniel will speak at the Sunday afternoon services, which will be a memorial service held in memory of the Baraca and Philatheas who have died during the past year.

The last address will be made by Mr. Marshall A. Hudson, the much beloved founder of the Baraca movement. The male quartette from Hendersonville, the double quartette from Winston Salem and the well-known family of Mr. Phal of Winston-Salem will make a contribution to the musical part of the program.

Professor E. F. Massey and W. F. Betts will be in charge of the singing at the meetings.

### Williamston Will Play Leading Role in the Convention

Williamston will play a leading part in the affairs of the "Silver Jubilee Convention." Two of the State officers hail from our city. Mrs. Z. H. Rose, State president of the Philatheas is one of the most prominent members of the organization in the South. She will preside over the many sessions of the convention.

Mr. James E. Harrell, secretary and treasurer of the Baraca will leave Friday morning to be present through the three remaining days of the convention.

Williamston Philatheas to Entertain at Executive Luncheon. At the executive luncheon, complimenting the president, Mrs. Rose, the Philatheas class of the Memorial Baptist church of which she is also president and members of the class of the Christian church will entertain. They have a very attractive luncheon program. It will be carried in Friday's issue of this paper.

Those who will represent the classes at the business sessions are Misses Pattie Edmondson and Margaret Manning of the Christian church; Mesdames John A. Ward and Lawrence Peel of the Baptist church and Messrs. J. E. Harrell and J. S. Seymour of the Baraca class of the Memorial Baptist church.

Those who will appear on the luncheon program with Mrs. Rose are the delegates and Mesdames Carrie B. Williams, L. C. Bennett, Oscar Anderson, P. B. Cone, Wheeler Martin, Kenneth Lindsley, Joe Pender and Misses Martha L. Anderson, Carrie Delle White, Sallie Harris and Margaret Everett.

### Elementary Department of Williamston Graded School Has Been Made Standard; First in County To Be Recognized by State

Letters from Miss Susan Fulghum, supervisor of teacher training, State Department of Education, advised that the elementary department of the Williamston Graded School has become standard, being accredited in Group II, class B. Principal Seymour has been earnest in meeting every requirement of the State Department, so that the standard might be reached. His efforts have met with a success well merited, and the Williamston school's elementary department is the first to be accredited in the county. The board of trustees, together with the faculty, has rendered a signal service to the patrons in the school district, and Superintendent R. A. Pope is watching the progress with a pardonable pride. He, with Professor Seymour, is building for a more successful term for 1925-26, and the faculty will be selected with as much wisdom as possible. The earnest cooperation of every parent in the district is asked to help make for a bigger and better school, and a closer application to the studies by the pupils who will enter next fall.

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## Evangelistic Party Stays On for a Few Days; Not Satisfied with Cooperation

### Draws Simile Between Ancient Babylon and Williamston

The Stewart-Goodchild evangelistic party is prolonging its stay here by several days, the exact date of closing yet undetermined. Tomorrow evening has been mentioned as a probable time for closing, but it is not definite.

Mr. Stewart, the evangelist, stated in his Sunday morning sermon that he was bitterly disappointed in the cooperation, which has been so decidedly lacking since his arrival here. He said that in all his years of experience in the evangelistic field he had not encountered a place where the leaders of a community were so unconcerned. In the beginning of his sermon Sunday morning he placed his hearers in a state of thinking when he stated that people differed as to the solution of various problems.

Using "Ye are witnessing against yourselves" (Joshua 24:22), as a text, Mr. Stewart preached one of the best sermons since his arrival here. He followed closely his text and applied it especially to the people of Williamston. He defended the course of procedure as followed by evangelists when he stated his reasons for not preaching on the love of God. He illustrated this when he mentioned the love of a parent for the child, saying that the child was aware of his parent's love, but was not in that position where counsel and correction was not needed.

The text Sunday evening was taken from Daniel 5:27, "Thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting." It was well handled by Mr. Stewart and was heard by a large number. In his sermon the evangelist described the grandeur and power of Babylon. The city was an outstanding one, because of its wonderful structures. The king had gone to a far country on a business mission, leaving his proud and young son, Belshazzar, in charge of the palace. The young king passed by the righteous side and went in for worldly things, just as many of our own people are doing today, the evangelist stated. The young son opened the palace to the drunkard, the gambler, and the harlot. For a time the strains of music filled the air, sweep-

### Carolina Mine Hero



Howard Butler of Coccock, N.C. Single-handed made a vain effort to save 60 fellow workmen in a mine there when three terrific explosions wrecked the works.

### U. N. C. HONORS ELDER HASSELL

Confers Degree of LL. D. On Him; One Of University's Oldest And Most Distinguished Alumnae

Elder Sylvester Hassell is attending the commencement exercises at the University this week.

Elder Hassell is among the oldest graduates of that institution, being a member of the class of 1865.

The university will confer upon him the degree of LL. D., as a mark of ability and worthy distinction as a citizen.

Elder Hassell has given practically his entire life to literary work, preaching, teaching, and writing. He has, of course, given a greater part of his life to religious literature, yet he has at all times kept in line with the topics of the day in the political, economic, and scientific world.

### Prof. and Mrs. Davis Are Visitors in Town

Prof. M. J. Davis and wife and little daughter, Louise Van Canon, of Warrenton, arrived Monday afternoon by motor, and are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John D. Simpson for several days. Professor Davis is shaking hands with many old friends in town.

ing and driving the aroma of beautiful roses throughout the city and down the Euphrates. After the city had been besieged by an invading army for two and a half years the gay young king planned a feast to which were bidden many of his lords. When the gay throng had assembled and the guests had drunk of the wine and danced in all the styles of that day, a strange hand appeared and wrote on the palace walls, "Thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting." None of the gay guests present could read the handwriting on the wall, and the faithful Daniel had to be sent for to interpret the meaning. When they were told of the certain and final doom by Daniel they had no time to flee because the clank of the sword of the invaders was already heard and before the light of day the king and all his gay guests tasted death.

Throughout these two sermons Mr. Stewart described Williamston as being in exactly the same condition as ancient Babylon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lindsley have returned after a week's stay at Virginia Beach.

### MR. J. H. PURVIS DIED LAST NIGHT

Had Been Ill With Brights Disease for About Two Weeks; Funeral This Afternoon

Julius Henry Purvis died Monday night at 8 o'clock after an illness of acute Bright's Disease, which lasted only two weeks.

His physicians had regarded his condition as hopeless from the very first, and the end had been expected for several days.

Mr. Purvis was 63 years old. He was born on the farm he still owned, near Spring Green, and where he lived until 6 years ago, when he came to Williamston, where he has since resided. He has been engaged in the livestock business since he came to Williamston. He married Miss Annie Coffield, who died three years ago.

Mr. Purvis leaves six children, Mrs. Annie Beth Godwin, of Asheville, Miss Mildred Purvis, of Kittrell, Mrs. Susan P. Fowden, of Williamston, Whit C. Purvis and Joe Purvis, of Hamilton, and Julius H. Purvis, jr., of Williamston.

The deceased was a member of the Concho Lodge of Masons, of Hamilton, and the Concho Royal Arch Chapter, of Williamston, and a member of the Episcopal church.

In the passing of "Uncle Jule," as nearly everybody called him, the community lost one of the old type of Southern gentlemen. A man of such a fine sense of manners and honor that he commanded the respect of all who knew him. He was the very essence of good humor, never seeming to fret nor frown.

The interment will be made in the Hamilton cemetery by the side of his wife this afternoon at 4:30.

### CONVICT GUARDS GET 20 YEARS

Road Foreman and Guard Who Beat Prisoner to Death Near Rocky Mount Tried Yesterday

W. C. Gulley, road foreman, and R. V. Tyler were sentenced to 20 years each in the State penitentiary yesterday in the Edgecombe court by Judge N. A. Sinclair, following a trial which lasted only one day. They were charged with beating Joe Armstrong, negro convict, to death Thursday afternoon. The coroner's jury found that the whipping had been administered with horse whips and hickory sticks. After whipping the negro the guards fastened their victim by his shackles to a team of horses and dragged him up and down the road for about 75 yards. When he failed to get up as ordered, it was testified yesterday, one of the guards struck him with his fist. He staggered to his feet, but after a feeble try reeled to the ground again and died about 30 minutes after the whipping.

It was brought out in the trial that the whipping administered lasted about 30 minutes, and the only excuse offered was that "he was not working fast enough." One of the defendants admitted on the stand that he could not tell whether the negro was sick, half-witted, or lazy. That every time he was told to work he would fall over and say that he could not get up.

Judge Sinclair ordered the grand jury, which had been dismissed the previous day, to reconvene. They found a true bill yesterday morning. The case was tried and completed by 7:30 last night. They were found guilty of murder in the second degree and given 20 years each.

Hon. J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh, appeared in the case as defense counsel. Solicitor Gilliam prosecuted.

Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, of Raleigh, was to appear in the court investigation at Tarboro this morning. This camp has been under investigation by Judge Sinclair for the past six months. He said that he was unable to get any proof of the existing conditions, because the prisoners were so intimidated that they would not talk.

The superintendent of the camp was asked to resign his position and the resignation was accepted before the trial began.

### Still Captured On Calvin Moore Island

Deputy J. R. Manning and Harry Martin, of Jamesville, captured a copper still Saturday, June 6, near the old Astoria Mills, on the Calvin Moore Island.

There was no one present, but a man supposed to be the operator was seen near by.

The still, with 300 gallons of beer, and a small quantity of liquor, was destroyed.

Mrs. Joyner To Arrive Tonight. Mrs. A. V. Joyner and daughter, Miss Margaret, of Wilmington, will arrive tonight to visit Mrs. W. J. Hodges and Miss Lucille Hassell.