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Five Auto Accidents

Number Suffer Minor Injuries; **Cars Damaged**

Three Boys Miss Death By Only a Five-**Minute Margin**

With no cause assigned to half of them, others resulting through misjudgment, five automobile accidents took place last Sunday night on High-way No. 90 between this place and Parmele. While all the cars were badly wrecked, none of the occupants were seriously hurt. Reports coming from two of the wrecks hold that several people narrowly escaped death and had it not been for a traveler along the road about the time one of the accidents occurred, it is thought three would have died.

The Williamston Motor Co. had every member of its force working on the wrecked cars yesterday mornpair men work with most regretful accidents was hard to get, and many contradictory statements were made in the case of one or two of the

About a half mile this side of Everetts, at 9 o'clock, the first one of the heard from took place when a Ford coupe and a Ford touring car ran into each other. Miss Trulah Ward Page, of this city, driver of the coupe, escaped injury, although re-ports coming in immediately after the accident held that she was seriously hurt. Dr. W. E. Warren was called, and intense excitement was found to be the cause of the false statement. Mr. C. R. Barclay, a Swift's Fertilizer Agent, owner and occupant of the car, was cut about the neck, the cut being nade just a fraction of an inch from his jugular vein. His wounds were dressed by Dr. W. E. Warren. Messrs. J. C. Smith and Joe Bullock, of near Greenville, who were riding in the other car, were very badly bruised, but their hurts were not considered serious. Mr. Bullock had his nose cut, while Mr. Smith had an ugly bruise made on his chest when he was thrown into the steering wheel of his car. Mr. Bullock received the cut on his nose when he was thrown through the windshield. Mr. Smith stated that the wreck was unavoid-

Messrs, Smith and Bullock left here yesterday after they had their car repaired. Miss Page was carried to the home of her sister here, while the home of Mrs. G. N. Gurganus, he Jones, who held the keys. having recently come here from Ra-

L. T. Bond, colored, from Bertie County, took no chances with other cars, but had a wreck all his own when he sent his car down a 12-foot embankment this side of the under pass on Main Street. His car jumped the concrete abutment and went over several bad holes and landed on all-fours with Bond still at the wheel. His car was not so badly damaged, but the wrecking crew was called on to draw it from the big ditch. Bond stated that he was holding well to his side of the road, but had no idea that he was so near the edge until his car had made the leaps and bounds carrying him into the ditch.

He was not hurt.

A third one took place when a Chev

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THEATRE

THURSDAY (Tomorrow)

A New Serial "The Phantom Police"

with **Herbert Rawlinson**

Don't miss the 1st episode-

Always a Good Show

Asked to Get Oteen **Stockings Tomorrow**

prepare Christmas stockings for the disabled soldiers at Oteen have failed to turn them over to the appointed committee, headed by Mrs. T. W. Lee. These members are urged to get them in by tomorrow, since the shipment leaves here Thursday.

The number falls short this year, and anyone who has not promised to prepare a stocking but who can, is urged to send it to Mrs. Lee by tomorrow afternoon. Anything you deem suitable to place in the stocking will meet with the soldiers' approval. It is thought best, however, that perishables be left out since the delivery of the stockings will not be made until Christmas day.

on the wrecked cars yesterday morning, while the owners watched the relooks. Information regarding all five Liquor Charge Near Oak City

Ben James Walks Into the Law with Seven Gallons of Liquor

Sheriff A. L. Roebuck and Deputy H. Grimes were called to Oak City Friday night to raid a liquor den Just before they reached the premise to be searched, Deputy Grimes saw a negro named Ben James approching with a keg in his arms. He was held up and the keg with the seven gallons of liquor and Ben were all taken into custody.

The officers then proceeded to examine the premises of Wiley Brown, ing. In the Wiley Brown corn crib was found in a jug and bottles a gallon of liquor and several cases of retailers' bottles. Near by was found kegs, jugs, demijohns, and bottle containing about five or six gallons more.

James had been placed under arrest and left in the custody of a man named Moore, who had been deputized to hold him, but he proved too slick for Moore and gave him the dodge and made his escape.

Wiley Brown was placed under arrest and held for recorder's court under a \$100 bond. Brown stated that the premises upon which the liquor Mr. Barcley went to his residence at was found was leased to Norman seems to have been truth in his statement, as Jones fled the country and The damage to both cars is esti- has not been apprehended.

Twilight Christmas Service Next Sunday

Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock which will be just at twilight, the congregation of the Memorial Bap- Basketball Here Next tist Church will have a White Christmas Service at the church.

The first bell will ring at 4:30 o'clock, calling the minds of the people to this service; then the second bell next Thursday night with Fort Bragg promptly at 5 o'clock, at which time will be one of the best of the season. he service will begin.

Williamston, are invited to this serv- top form when the game is called at ice The time will not be long-the 8:00 o'clock Thursday. service closing in plenty of time for the team being sent here from gether with six barrels of beer. No the people to go home for their evening meal, and then to the churches of

the most beautiful as well as unique and the locals handed it defeat. services ever held in Williamston. Members of the squad here won't say Elaborate decorations and prepara- much about the outcome of the game tions are being made, and a house filled to running over is expected.

ular hour.

Everetts Faculty To Present Play

"A Fortunate Calamity" is the name of the comedy which will be present-ed by the faculty of the Everetts Roads, died early Sunday morning afschool tomorrow night (Wednesday) ter being sick for several weeks. at eight o'clock in the auditorium of

For the past several weeks, the faculty members have been practicising the play, and it promises to be the budding flower of youth, when an outstanding one. The cast is composed of nine of the Everetts teachers, and in the number there is real beautiful flowers banked about her

Expains Rainy Many Versions Trial of Alleged Murderer Teachers Hold

Asks For Parents' Cooperation

The many rainy days recently have caused many interruptions at the loacquainted with the schedule adhered to on rainy days, many of them call for their children before the time of dismissal, causing much trouble for ers. On rainy or otherwise real bad days, school begins at the usual time, 8.45; the two recesses and chapel are held in the various rooms; at 1 o'missed, and at 2 o'clock the remaining grades are allowed to go.

The principal, Mr. L. H. Davis, asks those arriving for their children a office during these hours.

To do a full day's work in such a ort time, the teachers must be interrupted as little as possible, and they ask the cooperation of the pa-

Order To Installs Officers Tonight

The local Junior Order of American Mechanics will install its newly elected officers at a special meeting of the order tonight at 7:30 in the rooms of the Peele building. Marshall Rogerson succeeds V. D. Godwin as councilar, Mr. Godwin taking the office of junior past councillor. Marvin Britton will be installed as vice councillar, and H. C. Harrison will take the duties of chaplain

The local organization has been organized only a year, and since its establishment it has gradually added to its list of members until it is one of the important orders. here

After the installation of officers, the members will enjoy an oyster roast on the second floor of the Peele

Condition of Mr. L. C. **Bennett Encouraging**

The condition of L. C. Bennett is rather encouraging according to messages received from Mrs. Bennett derwent an operation last Tuesday performed by Dr. Bloodgood at St. Agnes Hospital and has been very as can be expected:

operation in the near future, but it he will soon be entirely well.

Thursday Night at 8

The members of the town basketball team state that the game here The locals are practicing hard for The general public, in and out of the event, and they hope to be in tip-

ing meal, and then to the churches of in the Fort Bragg section dcwned all its opponents last year. It is planned to make this one of A team from the place has been here MANY TO MOVE RESIDENCE next Thursday, but they assure the There will be no preaching service of the entire season. Dope from fairin the church that evening at the reg- ly reliable sources holds that the locals stand a good chance to win.

Young Girl Dead After Several Weeks' Illness

Miss Irma Ausban, the daughter of

She was buried in the old family plot on the Joseph Ausban farm Monday evening.

She was only 13 years old, just in expressions of love were seen in the The play will be presented in three wreath from her Sunday school friends at the Cross Roads Church

ford: He Sends Case to Higher Court

At a hearing before Justice of the Peace, A. T Crawford, here yestercal school. Since the parents aren't day, Naomi, Annie and Jesse Bland, all colored and living on the Everett farm on the Hamilton road, were bound over to the Superior court charged with assault with deadly weathe parents as well as for the teach- pons. The bond was placed at \$50

Information gained at the hearing is of a uncertain type, there being conflicting evidence all the way clock the first four grades are dis- through. Sufficient cause was seen for Mr. Crawford to send the case to higher cturt.

The affair started when Sam Sals bury, colored, his wife and his wife's little before the time for dismissal to sister were riding near the home of be as patient as they can and wait the Blands. About the time they reach until the grades are dismissed. In ed there, a small boy remarked about case you call for your child before he the clothes Salsbury's wife was wearis dismissed, it would not be a bad ing. The remark met with bitter disidea to see the principal first. He approval, so much so that a cursing will be glad to give you any informatest was started will all the Blands tion as to the work the child is doing at the time and to see the teacher for you. You may find him in the cording to one witness, invited one or the cording to one witness. for you. You may find him in the cording to one witness, invited one of the Blands out. Naomi answered the call when she came to the porch, pausing a while there she then went to the road. The next chapter found Naomi on the woodpile, ax in hand trons of the school in this and other and Sam Salsbury coming toward her. He knocked her down, according to he ran into her. At this point a ent as the State's solicitor. free-for-all fight took place. Annie and Jesse, sister and orother to Naomi joined in and formed one side while Sam formed the other. The with the questions of law. John L. commotion was so great that the evidence given by the participants was of little value in determining the trend of the fight, Eye-witnesse, who were a short distance away, stated that Sam was badly mistreated, for they were going after him with sticks,

> It was held by one side that Salsbury drew a pistol, and did other similar deeds, but this was contraother evidence

Child Lost in Swamp **For Several Hours**

Saturday, Thomas Lee, the 10year old child of Mr. H. B. Peel wan-

for several hours before the little the cause of his death. He will have to undergo another fellow could be found. He was over is not expected to be such a danger- a swamp when picked up. He was not that Pugh and Silverthorne met. He ous one as the one he underwent a bit alarmed although he had been stated that Silverthorne was in Tuesday. A host of friends here hope alone in the big woods all the morn- store late Sunday evening, Pugh

in the search.

Still Raided Near Hassells Saturday

Sheriff Roebuck, Deputy Gfimes, and the police chief of Hassells raided a still 1 1-2 miles south of Hassells Saturday morning, and captured a still of the steam plant type, towhen it ficient to warrant an arrest was found

few weeks off, it is most time for fans that it will be one of the best chickens cooped, the pigs tied, and take up residence in a new place. The number of families to move this year is expected to be large judging from the number already moved.

> Misses Lillian Sample and Eleanor Stanback visited friends in Rocky Mount, Saturday.

Christmas Tree At School Here Friday

full attendance on the part of the children is expected when the local school has its Christmas tree next Friday in the school

The tree has taken its place as a regular event in the local school each year, coming just a few days before the holidays begin, and the children look forward to it with a great deal of pleasure

Day Schedule of Free-for-All of Yelverton Boy to Start Regular Meet Near Here Sunday at Local School Row Told Court Wednesday in Snow Hill Here Saturday

Superintendent Davis Too Much for J. P. Craw- Number Local People Summoned As Witnesses Smallest Attendance Of Against George Frank Bazemore; Many Planning to Attend Trial

> George Frank Bazemore, former negro of this county and alleged murderer of Gordon Yelverton, a young white boy, will go oa trial for his life tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock before Judge A M. Stack in the Green County Superior court in Snow

Yelverton, a nephew of Mr. Z. H. Rose of this place, was brutally murdered about six miles from Farmville last month when he was on his way to Wilson with a

load of tobacco. Suspicion led to Bazemore's arrest, and for several weeks he has been awaiting the trial in the Wilson jail.

The case is attracting much attention in this section and a large number of local people are planning to attend the trial in Snow Hill. Several witnesses from here have been summoned who will leave early in the morning to be there when the trial is started at

State Rests in Trial of J. M. Pugh for Killing of Beaman Silverthorn; May End Today

an Automobile

by exchange with Judge H. A. Grady who was to have held the courts of her evidence, before she had time to this district under the general circuit strike, the ax falling to one side when assignment. Donnel Gilliam was pres-

Judge Barnhill's charge to the grand jury was short and dealt with the active duties of a jury rather than Hassell was foreman.

The first case tried was that of State against Willie Harris. It was an appeal from the Recorder's court where Harris had been fined \$25.00. After a goodly number of witnesses were examined and much pleading fists and feet. Sam came through all by the council, the case went to the right with one exception and that was jury. The defendant was found guilty a gash cut in his head by a nail in of cruelty to animals, he having run over a dog with an automobile.

The murder case of J. M. Pugh was the next to come up. It will be remembered that Pugh cut Beaman dicted along with practically all the Silverthorne to death when they quarreled several months ago. The prosecution asked for a special venira of 50, the names of which were drawn from the jury box. The jury was quickly selected and the taking of testimony began at 3:45.

ness, gave a detailed description of The child, who is afflicted, did not found ten serious cuts, one scratch be held here.

a mile and a half from home and in It was in his store and beef market club's offer coming in and making accusations a-His father wishes to express his gainst Silverthorne. Pugh stated many thanks to those who assisted at the time that Silverthorne had talked about him, which was disputed. two men. Purvis thought it was all over and that they had made up. He went to the rear of the store to close the door, and while there the cutting was done. He stated that he called for some one to come in and separate tell one from another was told the court. He stated that he heard Asa Johnson tell Pugh to stop and get community. Mrs. Hardison is one of off of Silverthorne as he had cut him the most popular of the younger set enough. He could not remember if in that part of the county. Louis Bryant was in the store at the time of the cutting or not; he had WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS been there, however. He did not re-With the first of the year only a member hearing Pugh ask any one to take Silverthorne off. The court adthe furniture to be packed, the journed at the conclusion of the testimony of Purvis until this morning at

9:30 o'clock. The first witness for the State ing, was Louis Bryant, a colored has to be granted by the Board. man who testified that he was in the store with Mr. Joe Purvis and a man he did not know, but whom he later learned to be Mr Beaman Silverthorne, that he bought a coco cola, and while drinking it Mr Pugh came in. Bryant stated that while he was drinking the coco cola, Pugh and Silverthorne started arguing, but that they seem ed to settle the matter and from their conversation he hough them to be friendly. Pugh struck first lick a few minutes later. A matter of a few seconds more and the two clinched and he saw Silverthorne's shirt bloody. Mr. Asa Johnson was the first person to come in and told Pugh to stop cutting Silverthorne. Mr. Joe

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Cups to Boost pionships. The final elimination contests will be held in Williamston. The The Martin County Superior court convened here yesterday morning with Judge M. V. Barnhill presiding

Principals and Coaches to Arrange Rules Here Thursday

That the high school basketball hampions of the county will receive a silver cup this year was learned last Saturday when Mr. Wheeler Martin appeared before the teachers meeting here and stated that the local Kiwanis Club would have the cup ready when the championship was decided. The cup is being offered by the club with the expressed hope that a greater interest in high school athletics might result in this county. A cup is being offered to the . inners in basketball, football, basevan, and track Should any team win in any one of these four sports for three successive years, the cup automatically becomes the property of that school.

ing these cups, will have nothing to do with the rules and regulations of the games, nor with the financing of them. It is understood that the tournament, once it is worked out, will be Dr. Edgar M. Long, the first wit- financed from the gate receipts: A meeting of all the principals and

dered from home and lost himself the wounds and of the condition of coaches in the county has been called in the woods, where he remained un- Silverthorne from the time he attend- for next Thursday, when a schedule who is with him in Baltimore. He unman's death. Dr. Long stated that he for the tournament. The meeting will

respond to calls, and the entire Hard- and one abrasion on the body of Mr. Martin appeared before the Bear Grass, Williams, Griffins, and weak but is coming around as well ison mill neighborhood had to look Silverthorne and that the same was teachers as a member of a committee Williamston. By virtue of his office, appointed by the Kiwanis Club here Superintendent Pope will be general The second witness was Joe Purvis. last Wednesday to make known the chairman. To assist him the following

Hardison-Corey

Sunday evening just at the close of day, Mr. William R. Hardison and Miss Katie Corey were married at After a short argument between the the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Corey, near Smithwicks creek.

.The ceremony was performed by Elder W B. Harrington in the presence of a host of admiring friends.

Mr. Hardison is the son of Mr. and them, and that he was not able to Mrs. W. G. Hardison, A young man, reared on the farm, Mr. Hardison is popular with all the people in his

Two Dances to Be Held Here Soon

Requests for permission to hold here While he was exceeding the dances here have become about as limit, he was not going at a terrific regular as the meetings of the Board speed. He submitted to the charge of Town Commissioners. Before a and was released with a small fine. when the case was resumed this morn- dance can be held here, permission

At its last meeting two requests were made. Permission was given and the two dances will be held, one on the 17th with Frank Carstarphen promoter and the second on the 22nd with A Hassell, ir, promoter,

Brought into Court on

Mamie Brooks James was brought into Mayor's court yesterday to face statutory charges ... She was found guilty, and was required to pay the costs of the case and bear a thirtyday suspended jail sentence.

She, a colored woman, has been in court many times before, but skips some way or other each time.

Any Meeting Yet; 67 Present

On Saturday afternoon, December 11, the Martin County Teachers Association met in the school auditorium for its fourth regular meeting for 1926-1927. Only 67 teachers were in attendance, the smallest number present for any meeting of the current year.

After a short devotional service conducted by Mr. C. L. Daniel, Mr. Wheeler Martin, of the Williamston Kiwanis Club, addressed the teachers relative to a proposition initiated by the club. The organization is interested in the development of a wholeome competitive spirit in countywide athletics. They are offering a cup for the county championship in each of the following contests. Base, ball, basketball, football, and field. Mr. Martin suggested that it was the will of the Kiwanians that representatives from all the schools meet and formulate rules to govern the contests. No schools are to be eliminated unless by request. Special tournaments will be played to decide chamtest will be held in Williamston. The champion in each contest will receive a loving cup, upon which will be engraved the year and the name of the chool. Holding the cup for three consecutive years will entitle a school to claim the cup.

In order to make plans for the proposed athletic events, all coaches and principals were asked to meet in Williamston at 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, December 16. Each school will be entitled to one vote at this

Supt. R. A. Pope made mention of everal things of general importance. He stated that school trucks were to be used for the sole purpose of conveying pupils to and from school unles otherwise authorized by the counthat monthly reports be carefully and accurately filled out, that special progress or grade reports be given to children at the end of each school month, and that schedules and census cards already past due be sent in to the county office at once. He must The Kiwanis Club, while it is offer- have such information in order to

> Of main importance during the gen eral session was the discussion of preliminary plans and the appointment of a steering committee for the county commencement. It was thought best to have only two geographical divisions, as formerly. The schools to be in Group I are Goose Nest, Hamilton, Poplar Point, Cross Roads, and Robersonville; in Group II, Jamesville chairmen were appointed:

Spelling contest: H. M. Ainsley, Oak City; Primary story telling contest, L. H. Davis, Williamston: Arithmetic contest, R. I. Leake, Robersonville; Pageant contest, David L. Hix, Everetts; Singing contest, J. L. Jones, Jamesville; Choral contest, John D Lilley, Farm Life; Grammar grade story telling contest, L. Bruce Wynne, Gold Point.

These were asked to meet in Robersonville on Monday afternoon, January 17. They will then appoint asthey make at the meeting.

After this the different depart mental meetings were held.

Pulled for Speeding On Main Street Here

J. H. Satterwhaite, colored of Plymouth, was pulled last Saturday when he sped his car down the Main street

Officers Get Quantity Liquor Near Hamilton

Deputy Sheriff J. Harcom Grimes and a helper found a quantity of "Bush & Bog" whiskey in the home of John Sheppard, near Hamilton Saturday evening. The officer was not hunting liquor, but upon arrival Immorality Charges at the home so much commotion was observed that he saw there was something wrong, and proceeded to find the liquor.

Sheppard was taken into custody and required to give bond for his ap pearance before the recorder's court

Mr Luther Bass, of Seaborad, spent few hours here yesterday.