

## Two Men Badly Hurt in Wreck Here Thursday

### Sport Model Hudson Is Practically Ruined in the Wreck

John W. Green, who lives near here was badly hurt, and Arthur Williams, of Washington, was seriously hurt when the car in which they were riding hit a bridge abutment near here on the Hamilton road yesterday morning. Lyman Jones, auto salesman, of Washington, with Mr. Williams, was demonstrating the car, a new sport model Hudson roadster, to Mr. Green, when the accident occurred. Mr. Jones, the car's driver, escaped injury, but did so by a very narrow margin, for when the car stopped one of the front wheels was overhanging a 12-foot embankment.

The victims were brought to Dr. Warren's office here, where the two face wounds of Mr. Green were sewed up. Mr. Williams' condition was such that Dr. Warren had him removed to the hospital at Washington. One of his knees was split open and dislocated at the joint, and a leg was badly bruised. The extent of his other injuries could not be learned, but Dr. Warren thought the man was hurt internally also.

The three men were traveling toward Hamilton, and as they started to pass a truck near the Whitley canal, the two left wheels went into the ditch. The car was traveling at a high rate of speed and went at least 50 yards with its two wheels running at the ditch's edge before hitting the bridge abutment.

No estimate of the damage to the car could be had, but it is thought it will run into several hundred dollars.

### "Maggie's Room To Be Feature of 1927 Fair

"Maggie" has the strangest room in town, and it is always topsy-turvy. The walls won't stay put, and likely as not the floor will be where the ceiling ought to be.

So strange is this room of "Maggie's" that it will be thrown open to the public during the Roanoke Fair to be staged by the Roanoke Fair Association the week of September 27 on the fair grounds here, and every woman and girl in the county is urged to visit it and see what a room should not be.

"Maggie's Room" is one of the attractions that will be found on the long "Pleasure Trail" of the Nat. Reiss Shows, engaged to furnish the amusements. It will be one of the most popular rooms during the fair, according to Manager J. L. Rodgers.

There will be another attraction on the "Pleasure Trail" almost as funny, and it will be the "X-Word Puzzle." There are no horizontal and vertical squares in this cross-word puzzle, and one will have no need for a dictionary to solve it, but it is only fair to warn those who contemplate a visit to the fair that if it hurts them to laugh long and hearty, they had better let the "X-Word Puzzle" strictly alone and stay far away from "Maggie's Room."

### Sunday Services at Episcopal Church

Rev. C. O. Pardo, Rector  
Fifth Sunday after Trinity:  
8:00 a. m., Holy Communion.  
10:00, Church school.

On the fourth Sunday the rector will be in St. Martin's, Hamilton, and directly after the fourth Sunday he and his family will leave for their vacation. All communicants are urged to make their communion on the third Sunday at the 8 o'clock service.

## STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY

George O'Brien, Olive Borden, Lou Tellegen and Tom Santschi in  
**"THREE BAD MEN"**

Also  
Comedy and Serial

Always a Good Show

## Tobacco Condition in This Immediate Section Much Improved in Past Few Days

### Conditions Point To As Good a Crop As the One Last Year; First Curings Are Generally Good

Mr. W. T. Meadows stated yesterday afternoon that the condition of the tobacco crop in this section has caused him to change his mind again. According to his statement the tobacco crop has improved, and now looks as if there will be as good a tobacco crop in the county as there was last year. The improvement is due, according to Mr. Meadows, to the good rains a few days ago and other conditions favorable to the growing of tobacco.

Mr. Meadows' statement has been verified by farmers from all over the

county. Not more than 10 days ago, one large grower stated that he would not get over 400 pounds to the acre. Yesterday, this same farmer stated that his crop would average at least 800 to the acre, and it might go as high as 850 pounds to the acre. The improvement in the crop has been general in this section, and farmers are very optimistic over the outlook.

First curings have been reported to be the best in years by dozens of farmers. The lugs are clean, and in the majority of cases are coming from the barns with a good color and right much body.

## Local Scouts Work for Trip

### Will Get Receipts From Picture Show Next Monday Night

The local Boy Scouts have been very busy during the greater part of this week selling tickets to the picture show next Monday night. Mr. Watts, manager of the Strand Theatre is giving the boys all the door receipts above expenses, and they will add them to the fund set aside for a camping trip to White Lake, near Fayetteville.

"Knockout Reilly," the picture to be shown next Monday night, has been thoroughly advertised by the Scouts, and a large attendance is expected. In fact, the attendance is expected to be so large that one showing will not care for it; so the Scouts arranged with Mr. Watts to have a two nights' run of the picture. Richard Dix appears in the picture, and he is a favorite among all the young people of the town and a large number of the middle-aged and over.

## Citizens' Training Camp At Fort Bragg Ended

Fort Bragg, July 14.—Eleven hundred young men from North and South Carolina left here this morning at the close of their thirty-day period with the Citizen's Military Training Camp. Clothing and equipment were turned in yesterday, travel allowances were paid, and tickets furnished by a representative of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

Training in the camp, which opened June 15, was designed primarily to enhance the value of the students to the civil community. A course in citizenship was given, and the military instruction was planned to emphasize the value of cooperation and self-discipline. An athletic program, designed to improve the physical condition of the boys, was carried out.

Officers of the camp expressed themselves as well pleased with the results of the camp. The students showed an unusual readiness, and entered all activities with enthusiasm. Especial commendation was given to the work of the band, composed entirely of C. M. T. C. students and trained during the camp period.

## Chowan Bridge Opens Next Wednesday

The bridge opening at Edenton next Wednesday promises to be one of the biggest events in the history of this section in years. It will bring together and reunite families divided by the waters of the Chowan and Albemarle for a century.

The old Albemarle section lost many of its finest young men and women in the colonial days. They followed the southwest course in search of a hilly country and crossed the sound, the Chowan, Cashie and Roanoke and began to spread in many directions. Most of them never returned, nor has their offspring gone back to view the scenes of their ancestral homes.

It will be a new joy Wednesday when the people of the southwest return to the country of the northeast, and there set up a new friendship, even if they are not able to trace the kinship. Edenton hopes to greet at least 15,000 visitors that day.

## Attends Short Course Domestic Science Class

Miss Edith Peel is in Raleigh attending the summer short course for members of the domestic science classes, which are held annually.

The young girl is representing the local class, and Miss Trentham has girls from the other classes over the county representing their respective classes.

## Firemen Hosts To Association

### Plymouth Gets the Next Meeting 2nd Tuesday in September

The Williamston Fire Department was host to the regular meeting of the Eastern Carolina Firemen's association here last Tuesday night.

The meeting was held in the rooms of the Woman's club where 150 firemen from all over the section gathered around tables and dined together. The chicken, Brunswick stew, chowder, slaw and old ham was pronounced most delicious. John Cook was chief cook and he proved himself to be some chef with the assistance of Theodore Roberson, Bill Baker and half a dozen firemen.

It was a pleasure to the local boys to have more than a score of their own townsmen present to enjoy the meeting, which in a way seemed to give them a greater appreciation of the value and importance of fire fighting equipment and organizations.

A. R. Dunning of the local bar welcomed the visitors to the town with warm words of appreciation for their presence.

Mr. D. L. Ward, jr. of New Bern responded to Mr. Dunning's welcome address. He is a prominent young lawyer of that town and did the job splendidly.

Judge Francis D. Winston of Windsor was introduced and he made a speech that outlasted his own. He is always pleasing and logical, but on this occasion, he made a greater speech than usual. It met with a hearty response from everybody.

The regular order of business was taken up following Mr. Winston's speech. R. C. Whitley reported on the various types of equipment found in the towns belonging to the association. Plymouth and Beaufort both asked for the next meeting to be held the second Tuesday in September. A small majority voted in favor of Plymouth and the next meeting will go there.

One of the pleasing features of the meeting was the encouraging words coming from a dozen or more of the friends present. They gave all the firemen assurance of the appreciation in which they are held by their fellowmen.

The following towns were represented: Kinston, New Bern, Morehead City, Beaufort, Belhaven, Washington, Ayden, Farmville, Robersonville, Plymouth and Windsor.

The meeting was said to be one of the very best since the organization of the association. The boys are all set for a good meeting in Plymouth.

## J. D. Thrower Manager Local Gold Star Store

Mr. J. D. Thrower has accepted a position with the Gold Star Stores, and will work in the local store here as manager. Mr. Thrower is an experienced grocer, having worked in some of the largest stores of that kind in Portsmouth and Norfolk during the past several years.

## Sunday Services at the Baptist Church

The pastor will preach at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning. The people are requested to be present in goodly numbers. This church and its pastor feel, very keenly, the loss of that good man, Rev. A. J. Manning. We loved him deeply, and shall miss him continuously. To his wife and family we extend our prayerful sympathy.

Postmaster and Mrs. J. T. Price and family have returned from a week's visit to Morehead City and Beaufort.

## Recorder Had Number Cases Here Tuesday

### Fourth of July Holiday Cases the Crowded Docket Tuesday

Failure to hold a session of recorder's court Tuesday, July 5, caused Judge Bailey to face a heavy docket last Tuesday. Fifteen cases, varying from simple assault to house-breaking and larceny and receiving, were called.

Simon Sheppard had three charges entered on the docket against him, but in each case a nol pros with leave was returned.

The first case heard charged Will Williams with reckless driving. Nol pros with leave was returned.

Wesley Baker pleaded guilty to an assault with a deadly weapon, and appealed from the nine months' jail sentence offered him. The appeal bond was fixed at \$200.

The case against Hezekiah Purvis, charging him with non-support, was continued one week.

C. H. Clark, violating the liquor laws, pleaded guilty to the charge. He was fined \$50 by the court and a sentence given him on the Edgecombe roads. The nine months' sentence, however, was suspended upon the defendant's good behavior. Notice of appeal in open court was made.

The case charging Perlie Harris with an assault with a deadly weapon was not pressed.

The court disagreed with Justus Everett, when he pleaded not guilty, and after hearing the evidence in the case charging him with larceny and receiving gave him a six months' road sentence. He made an appeal, and his bond was fixed at \$250.00.

Sam Roberson and Maney Roberson pleaded not guilty to a charge of manufacturing liquor. The evidence in the case was such that the court returned a verdict of guilty. A fine of \$100 was made and one-half the costs from each was required. Notice of appeal in open court was made with the bonds fixed at \$150 for each of the defendants.

Simon Sheppard had four cases marked up against him, and in each instance a nol pros with leave was made. Housebreaking, larceny and receiving, violation of the liquor laws and resisting an officer constituted his four cases.

Will Hines pleaded guilty to simple assault in the case charging him with an assault. The plea was accepted by Solicitor Horton. Judge Bailey sentenced him to 30 days in jail and required him to pay the costs.

The case against Henry James, James Bowen, and Steward Taylor was of the one-two-three order. Nol pros in the case of James was returned; Bowen pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting in the manufacture of liquor, and Taylor pleaded guilty to the charge of manufacturing liquor. Bowen was fined \$50 and cost of action placed on him; Taylor was fined \$150 and required to pay the costs.

There were cases entered against Fleetwood Boston, Nymphus James, and Will Spencer, charging them with violation of the liquor laws. In the first two, the cases were continued one week. In the last, Spencer pleaded not guilty but evidence heard caused the court to find him guilty and when prayer for judgment was asked, the judge allowed one week to pass before passing sentence.

## To Demonstrate Majestic Ranges

B. S. Courtney, furniture, holds its first Majestic demonstration in the new store here next week. These demonstrations have been held here annually for the past several years, and each one is well attended.

At the range demonstration next week, Mr. Courtney is giving a souvenir puzzle to all the children. By special arrangement with the Majestic Manufacturing Co., Mr. Courtney gives without cost to every purchaser of a Majestic range a handsome kitchen ware set.

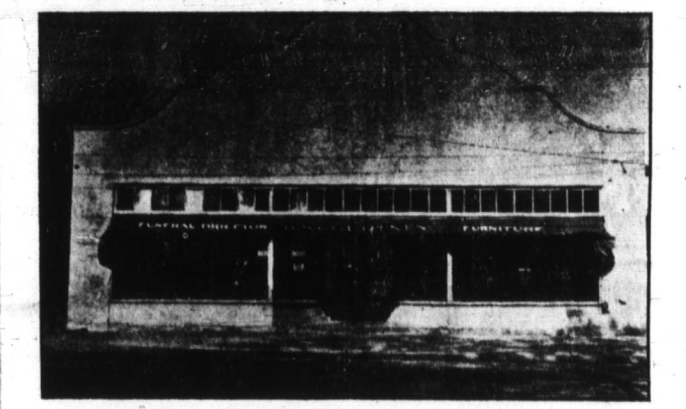
Experts have called this range the finest ever built, and many prospective purchasers will visit the store next week to see the latest make.

## Attending Lecture at Greenville Today

Drs. J. S. Rhodes and J. H. Saunders are in Greenville this afternoon attending the lecture being given by Dr. Hartmann. Dr. Hartmann, who is the head of the Marriot Clinic, of St. Louis, is holding six 8-week courses over several eastern States, and Greenville is where the eastern Carolina clinic is being held. Doctors from all over this section are attending. The subject that is being studied is "Children's Diseases."

## Property Valuation Quarter Million Dollars Under 1926

### COUNTY'S LEADING FURNITURE DEALERS



Above is a photo of the B. S. Courtney furniture store where special range demonstrations will be held next week.

## Main Street Property Shows \$4,630 Decline in Valuation

### Losses Partly Offset by Gains Amounting to \$11,670

According to the county's tax books, property in the business section on Main street here this year lost \$4,630 in valuation as compared with that of last year. Out of 28 listings, eight reveal a loss amounting to \$16,300 and six show a gain of \$11,670. Fourteen listings are the same as they were last year.

Listing for the Main street business section, as they appear on the county's tax records, follow:

J. W. and O. S. Anderson, 1 lot adjoining hotel, \$2,000; gain \$1,400.

J. T. Barnhill, 3 stores \$13,500; loss \$3,000.

J. W. Biggs, 1 store \$3,000; loss \$300.

Fannie S. Biggs, store \$3,500; same as last year.

G. W. Blount, store, hotel and buildings in rear, \$12,500; same as last year.

C. D. Caratharphen, store \$3,500; loss \$500.

B. S. Courtney, store \$8,000; gain \$3,500.

Farmers and Merchants Bank, 3 stores, \$10,000; loss \$2,000; Bank building \$5,000; loss \$4,000.

J. G. Godard, bank building \$5,000; loss \$2,500, store \$2,500; same as last year.

Eli Gurganus, 2 stores \$5,000; same as last year.

S. S. Hadley estate and T. S. Hadley, hotel \$8,000; loss \$1,000.

Harrison Brothers, store \$15,000; loss \$3,000.

Harrison Oil company, Central service station, \$12,000; gain \$6,000.

Mary Lee Hassell, 2 stores \$5,000; same as last year.

Mrs. W. J. Hodges, 1 store, \$3,500; same as last year.

H. G. Horton, office \$3,000; gain \$500.

Mrs. Ada Knight, office \$700; gain \$170.

Mrs. J. D. Leggett, store, \$3,500; same as last year.

Mrs. C. A. Martin, office \$2,000; same as last year.

Mary Gordy, store \$2,500; same as last year.

Mrs. J. E. Rogerson, store \$2,500; same as last year.

Dr. J. H. Saunders, office \$800; gain \$100.

W. N. Sherrod, post office, \$2,500; same as last year.

Standard Oil station, \$12,000; new.

Mrs. J. G. Staton, Tar Heel bldg. \$20,000; same as last year.

Moore, Crawford and Martin, double store, \$7,000; same as last year.

H. D. Peele, jewelry store, \$2,500; store \$3,000; both same as last year.

## Truck License Demand Greater Than Supply

The local auto license bureau is temporarily out of the one-ton truck license tags. The demand for the ton-truck license was much greater than was expected, and orders were filled so fast at Raleigh that the State's supply proved inadequate. Mr. J. D. Woodard, manager of the local bureau, stated yesterday that the tags were expected any day now, but just when they would arrive he did not know. The State is having more tags made, and they will be distributed to the agencies throughout the State where shortages exist as soon as possible. Until that time, it is understood, one-ton trucks can operate and not be molested by revenue inspectors.

License tags for other makes of trucks and cars continue in abundance with no shortage expected.

## Meeting of Soy Bean Growers

### National Organization Meets in Washington On August 9th

The American Soy Bean Association's annual meeting will be held this year in Washington, N. C., beginning on the night of August 9th. The business sessions will be held at night, while the delegates will tour the surrounding soy bean belt during the day.

On August 10th they will go to the rich, black land section of Hyde county and will attend a picnic at Swan Quarter. This trip will show them the American home of the soy bean, where it was first introduced in our country. It has had quite a number of names, among them were Japan peas, stock peas, and soja beans, but now everybody seems to have agreed to call them soy beans, which is recognized as one of the cheapest stock feeds and land improvers that can be grown in this section.

The delegates will tour Martin and Bertie Counties Thursday, August 11, and pass on to Elizabeth City.

Many prominent speakers will make addresses during the various sessions; among them will be Prof. F. H. Dorsett, of the United States Department of Agriculture; K. E. Beeson, of Purdue University, and Dr. R. Y. Winters, of our own State Experiment Station.

Fred P. Latham, of Belhaven, is president of the organization; Taylor Potts, of Camden, Ind., is vice president; W. E. Ayers, of Stoneville, Miss., secretary and treasurer.

The meeting of the national association was brought to North Carolina through the influence of Mr. Latham, the president. The previous meetings have been held in the Middle West and Mississippi Valley States.

## Merchants Preparing for Heavy Fall Trade

That a heavy trade is expected here this fall is evidenced by the fact that many of the merchants are increasing their equipment. Mr. P. P. Peel, owner of the cool drink and cigar store on Washington Street has installed a large Frigidaire unit carrying 12 ice-cream containers, with a capacity of 60 gallons of cream. Perhaps Mr. Peel carries the largest supply of ice cream of any retailer in the eastern part of the State and can supply the local trade with ice cream of every flavor.

Right across the street from the cigar store, Mr. Dlykan has arranged his cafe after the modern style, and for the first time in several seasons, the town has an up-to-date cafe.

## Colonel A. D. Watts Is Critically Ill

Colonel A. D. Watts, who was commissioner of revenue for several years, is critically ill at his home in Statesville.

Colonel Watts was for many years the leading politician in the State, standing out a head and far above any other man in the State in the knowledge of the political conditions here. He was a master in the science of politics and had the ability to marshal forces with the genius of a great general.

Physicians at his bedside last night held out little hope for his recovery.

## Total Taxable Property This Years Amounts to \$12,962,542.00

\$255,953 less this year than in 1926. The total taxable property in the county this year, real and personal, but not including railroads, is \$12,962,542.00 as against \$13,218,493 in 1926.

Seven townships lost \$408,276 on real estate, as follows: Jamesville, \$165,226; Williams, \$58,135; Bear Grass, \$956; Williamston, \$162,512; Cross Roads, \$10,875; Poplar Point, \$83,760; Goose Nest, \$16,812.

The land in three townships gained \$136,691, as follows: Griffins, \$46,106; Robersonville, \$59,146; and Hamilton, \$31,439, leaving a net loss on hand of \$271,585.

Personal property in the county made a net gain of \$14,537, four townships showing a loss from last year of \$38,466, as follows: Bear Grass, \$13,072; Williamston, \$15,540; Robersonville, \$6,218; Hamilton, \$3,636. The other six townships of the county gained \$53,003, as follows: Jamesville, \$5,708; Williams, \$16,449; Griffins, \$7,021; Cross Roads, \$11,447; Poplar Point, \$1,853; and Goose Nest \$10,525.

Of the ten townships, Griffins was the only one that gained in both real and personal property; that township also made the largest net gain of any township, the total gain being \$53,127.

Robersonville gained more in real estate but lost in personal property by \$6,218, which brought its net gain \$199 less than Griffins.

Only two townships lost in both real and personal property, Bear Grass and Williamston.

The loss in Williamston Township makes up about two-thirds of the total loss of the county, running up to the enormous sum of \$178,052.

Five of the ten townships show a net loss, while five show a net gain, but not enough to overcome the heavy loss of the five.

We find two townships, Robersonville and Williamston, above \$2,000,000 in total valuation. Three, Jamesville, Hamilton, and Goose Nest between one and two millions. Three townships, Griffins, Bear Grass, and Cross Roads, are within \$45,000 of the same valuation, ranging between \$794,000 and \$838,000.

Two townships, Williams and Poplar Point, are below the half million mark; Poplar Point being the smallest, both in size and valuation, which is \$440,148.

## Peanut Meeting To Be Held Here Next Week

Growers, business men and professional men will hold a peanut meeting here next Friday, July 22 in the court house at 3:30 p. m.

These meetings are termed "Primary Meetings" and are held during the latter days of July each year for the purpose of selecting nominees as directors for the Peanut Growers association.

While it is true that only members of the association can vote in this matter of selecting nominees for directors, yet it is very much needed that farmers generally and business and professional men attend, in order that they may obtain information relative to the peanut industry as a whole and particularly as concerns the marketing of the crop.

It is understood that all of our people are vitally interested in the price of peanuts received by the farmer, as his prosperity means the prosperity of all.

There is some way in which each and every one can help in this matter of obtaining a living price for the farmer and it is hoped that a large number of men will attend and see an outline of the work to be done. It simply is no use to continue talking about the deplorable condition of the farmer except this talking is intelligent and constructive and tends to devise ways and means by which this condition can be alleviated. We find that when our people become informed they not only begin talking intelligently but acting in the right direction as well.

These meetings will be held in nine counties in as many days.

## Methodist Program For Next Week

Sunday school at 9:45 p. m.  
Services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.  
Services at Holly Springs at 3:30 p. m.  
The woman's missionary society will hold its regular meeting at the church Monday at 4 p. m.