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FEWER KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENTS DURING JANUARY

Average Lower Than for Any of Preceding Four Months

51 KILLED IN STATE

Very Small Percentage of Accidents Due to Mechanical Defects of Cars; Carelessness Is Chief Cause

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—Fewer deaths were caused in this State through automobile accidents last month than in any of the preceding four months, while the 51 killed in this month last month is seven below the average number reported the preceding six months, the report from the automotive vehicle office of the State Revenue Department shows.

"The majority of automobile accidents are caused through carelessness," W. C. Spruill in charge of compiling these statistics, said yesterday. "Take these five reports of accidents here," he said picking up five from his desk. "Carelessness was responsible for four of them. In only one was a mechanical defect of the car responsible."

It is only occasionally that a broken radius rod or other mechanical defect is to blame, he said, the majority of lives lost through accidents is due to taking a chance in the face of danger.

In October, 71 lives were lost in automobile accidents. The number dropped to 67 in November, to 65 in December, and to 51 the past month.

A total of 296 persons were injured in the 246 accidents reported during the month, the report showed. Skidding, excessive speed, and other forms of carelessness being responsible for the accidents.

More accidents occurred on Monday than on any other one day, with 47 reported. Other days and the number of accidents on each were as follows: Sunday 46, Tuesday 39, Saturday 36, Friday 26, Thursday 18, and Wednesday 18.

Only one death was attributed to accidents at railroad crossings, although ten accidents occurred at crossings. Drunken drivers killed one man and injured 29. One death and seven injuries were attributed to motor bus accidents, and seven deaths and 30 in truck accidents.

Tourists and travelers from other states, have complained to the automotive bureau as well as to the State Highway Commission that the bright light law is not being observed in this State, Mr. Spruill said. The reflectors are said to be faulty in many cases.

Jailed On Attempted Criminal Assault Charge

Louis Brown and Ben Biggs, colored, landed in jail here this week on a warrant sworn out by Hannah Stokes, colored woman, living near the A. C. L. depot.

The warrant charges the two men with entering the Stokes home and attempting a criminal assault on the Stokes woman.

The warrants came from the recorder's court and are returnable next Tuesday when the case will come up for investigation. Both Biggs and Brown have employed counsel and a hard fight will be made by them to break down the prosecution.

If the charge is sustained the case will go to the superior court.

No Services at Christian Church Next Sunday

On account of the illness of the pastor, J. H. Hale, the Christian church will not hold either the morning or evening service Sunday.

Sunday school at the regular hour, 9:45.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY
BRYANT WASH-BURN in
"With Sitting Bull at The Spirit Lake Massacre"
Also
Two - Reel Comedy
And Serial
"ISLE OF SUNKEN GOLD"
Theatre Well Heated

LOAD POULTRY CAR WEDNESDAY

Prices Will Be About Same As They Were Last Year

County Agent T. E. Brandon cooperating with the Division of Markets, will load a car of poultry here next Wednesday, the 29th at the A. C. L. station. The loading next Wednesday will be the first this year, and according to Mr. Brandon it will be followed by at least two other shipments.

The prices advertised for the poultry this year are almost the same as they were last year, ranging one or two cents below and one or two cents above in the several types. The 1928 prices, like the 1927 prices, are not as high as those paid in 1926.

Last year several thousand dollars were paid to the farmers of this county for their poultry, and it is the opinion of farm and home agents that next Wednesday will be a good time to clear the barnyard of all the "dead beats".

The poultry will be weighed at the car door where settlements will be made with farmers for their offerings.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES HERE

Rev. Mackie, of Windsor, S. S. Nash, of Tarboro, In Charge

The Lenten services in the Church of the Advent were begun with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 9:30 o'clock, Wednesday morning with Rev. Mr. Mackie, of Windsor, as celebrant. The continued illness of the Rector would have kept the church closed on this important day in the Church's Year, but for the kindness of Mr. Mackie, who could conduct services here and then reach home in time for his own parish service.

At four o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. S. S. Nash accompanied by Captains Jarvis and Broxton, of the Church Army, who are now at Tarboro, held service. Mr. Nash is one of the most prominent laymen in the State, and has been in the work for fifty years, going out every Sunday to a Mission school. He read the Litany and Captains Jarvis and Broxton made short addresses. These young men are Englishmen, and have been in America about a year. They are a unit of the Church Army of one thousand men sent out by the Church of England, and are holding services in different parts of the country.

The congregation of the parish appreciate the coming of both laymen and priest in this hour of the Church's need.

Sunday Worship At Baptist Church

"The Cross in Eclipse" will be Sunday morning's sermon subject; and at the evening service the theme will be, "Emptiness".

At the evening service there will be special music by some members of the choir.

With the new choir arrangement, the church is now able to announce better music. With Mrs. Warren Biggs and Mrs. Harper Holliday training the choir, and with the addition of new members the standard of the music is much higher. Everybody loves music and this church is pleased to be featuring additional musical numbers.

Announcements will soon be made about the Bible school which the church is planning to put on just before Easter.

Sunday morning we shall hear the report of the Findings Committee which the church appointed as its preliminary move towards the erection of an educational plant addition to the church.

This church congratulates the Methodist congregation on their one hundredth anniversary.

We regret to learn that Rev. C. O. Pardo is confined to his bed again.

Washington's Birthday Not Generally Observed

Last Wednesday, the birthday of George Washington, was observed by very few people in this county. Although the day has been proclaimed a legal holiday by enactment of Congress and by a further enactment of the General Assembly of our State, business was carried on here as usual, only the banks and postoffices in the county closing.

However, the day was featured by church people, especially those of the ritualistic faiths as the day marked the beginning of Lent. The Ku Klux Klan unmasked and started a membership drive in an effort to restore the lost membership of the order and begin a drive against Al Smith for President.

REPORT FAVORS MAKING MOUTH RIVER DEEPER

Boats Can Now Enter River Only Under Certain Conditions

MANY COMPLAINTS

District Engineer Jewett Advises Removal of Sand Bars, Says Washington Dispatch

According to a dispatch from Washington, a favorable report on the proposal to deepen the mouth of Roanoke river has been made by the District Engineer, Col. Jewett. Numerous complaints have been sent to the district representative and senator and they were informed of the submission of the favorable report.

The complaints made to Congressman Warren and Senator Simmons stated the condition of the river's mouth, and went on to say that boats and barges were unable to pass over the sand bars except at certain periods when there was a strong east wind. It was shown that there was sufficient water until the mouth of the river is reached, that the Roanoke is a deep stream and boats are not hindered once they are inside.

"Favorable report on the project to secure a mean low water depth of five feet will greatly facilitate the securing of an appropriation, which it is hoped to do at the session of Congress," the dispatch stated.

WANT MARKETS OPEN EARLIER

Opening Is Sought for August 21st This Year; Now Being Considered

Kinston, Feb. 23.—A widespread movement was underway throughout Eastern Carolina today to obtain an earlier opening for the New Bright belt tobacco markets this season.

The opening sought is on August 21, a committee of directors of the Tobacco Association of the United States recently appointed to consider the opening dates of this and other belts is known to include members who favor an earlier opening in this section.

The committee is to meet at the call of the chairman before the tobacco season starts. It may not be called for several months yet, it was learned, until a line is obtained on the crop prospect.

Tobaccoists in this section oppose an opening as late as last year's for the reason that millions of pounds of the weed produced in the new bright belt are sold on the border market, which usually opens several weeks earlier.

It was learned that some members of the committee favor an earlier opening in Georgia and South Carolina and moving up the Eastern Carolina belt opening accordingly.

OAK CITY SCHOOL AND TOWN NEWS

Parent-Teacher Association To Meet Tonight in School Building

Oak City, Feb. 23.—(Special to the Enterprise).—The parent-teacher association will meet Friday evening at 7:30 in the school auditorium. A special program has been planned and a cordial invitation is extended to all. The fourth grade has held the ball for the last month. Votes are expected to run up and a close contest is expected for the next winner.

The Estherian Literary society gave a very interesting program last Friday afternoon. Two more programs will decide which society has the cup for next year.

The boys and girls are enjoying the supply of new books just added to the elementary school library. The school is indebted to Mrs. Robert Everett for her valued service in selecting and classifying this order of books.

Town News
Misses Mildred and Pauline Davenport, of E. C. T. C., Greenville, were home for the week end.

Miss Naomi Harrell celebrated her sixteenth birthday at a party given by her mother, Mrs. Alice Harrell, at her home Friday evening. Many friends were present, and they reported a delightful evening.

Miss Beatrice Whitfield, who is in training at the Fayetteville hospital is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whitfield.

Mrs. T. H. Johnson was hostess to the Literary club Wednesday evening February 15. A very interesting program on Lanier's Life and Works was given, after which several valentine contests were enjoyed. Refreshments consisted of a chicken salad course. The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. L. J. Davenport, March 14.

PLAN ERECTION CENTENNIAL IS CELEBRATED BY LOCAL CHURCH

Local Housing Situation Is Serious; 25 New Homes Needed

While actual work on Williamston's spring building program has not started, plans are almost complete for the erection of seven new homes here during the next several months. Architects have been consulted in several cases, and in one or two the contracts to builders have been let. It is reported that the majority of the buildings in the group now being planned will be located north of Main street.

The housing situation has reached that point here where it is impossible to rent, and in numerous instances, more than one family occupy the average size home on account of the lack of housing facilities. Applications for homes and rooms suitable for light house keeping are made daily here, but it is always the same answer, "no rooms and no houses."

The majority of the homes to be built will be of the bungalow type, it is understood.

WOMAN'S CLUB MET THURSDAY

Had One of Best Meetings of Year; Good Program Is Presented

The Woman's club held one of its best meetings of the year yesterday afternoon, thirty-two members and several visitors attending.

It was announced by the president, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, that she had had the acceptance of Mrs. J. H. Hale as leader of the junior department. Mrs. Hale has had experience in work of this nature and the club is very glad to have her accept the leadership of that department.

Miss Sleeper, who is so admirably succeeding Miss Trentham in home demonstration work in the county was present and explained the nutrition school to be held today and asked delegates to be appointed to represent the club at the all-day session. Mrs. L. B. Harrison and Mrs. J. D. Biggs were appointed.

It was voted by the club to buy the victrola that was demonstrated at the meeting at a price of \$450. The machine is very satisfactory for the dances held by the club and will be a source of much pleasure to those who use the club rooms.

The treasurer was authorized to buy \$60 worth of new chairs, the money having been donated to the club by the Kiwanians.

The program for the day, arranged by Mrs. P. B. Cone, chairman, was very good. Miss Lora Sleeper had an exceptionally fine biographical sketch of the life of Washington, emphasizing the personal life more than any other phase of his character.

Mrs. J. W. Manning and Mrs. W. C. Manning, jr. played an instrumental duet, "No Surrender March," by Morrison.

Professor L. H. Davis, of the local schools, made a few very interesting remarks on the subject of "Good English."

Lenten Services At Church of the Advent

On account of the illness of the rector, Rev. C. O. Pardo, the several pastors will assist in the Lenten services at the Episcopal church each Wednesday afternoon throughout the period.

The rector hopes it will be possible for him to conduct the Good Friday service, which is an institution of the Church, and a service which all should attend if possible.

Wednesday afternoon, February 29, at four o'clock, Litany Service, with address by Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, D. D., on the subject of "The Value of Repentance."

The following Wednesday afternoon, at the same hour, Litany Service with address by Rev. J. H. Hale.

On March 14, Rev. C. H. Dickey will make an address at the service.

Wednesday afternoon, March 21, Litany Service at four o'clock with address by Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald.

Rev. Mr. Hale will, on March 28, make the address at the service.

Wednesday afternoon, April 4, at four o'clock, Litany Service with address by Rev. C. H. Dickey.

To each and all these services, the general public is most cordially invited.

SCHOOL MATTER BEFORE KIWANIS

Club Appoints Committee To Assist in Any Way Possible

The local Kiwanis club is attempting to help get a school building to house the children of the district at the coming fall session. The club appointed a committee to assist in what every way it may be able to help procure funds to erect the proposed buildings.

The membership of the club was astonished when the true status of the school situation in the county was given.

Since the first building program was turned down by the commissioners here the 6th of this month, school officials have made special efforts to prepare a program that would be acceptable to the commissioners. According to unofficial reports, a call meeting of the county commissioners was to have been ordered, but practically a month has passed and no definite plans have been made public.

The matter is expected to wait now until the county boards meet the first Monday in March.

TRAIN REMOVAL HEARING TODAY

Ask Continuance of Trains Until Road to Plymouth Is Completed

According to a long distance telephone message made at 2:00 o'clock this afternoon, a large delegation of citizens from the several towns along the route served by trains 56 and 57, of the Coast Line, is in Raleigh to protest the removal of the two trains at a hearing before the Corporation commission at 2:30 today.

Citizens appointed to represent this town were unable to attend the hearing, but many protests were wired to the commission early this morning.

The train request, stated to have been in the protests wired from here, was to have the transportation company continue the trains until the link of Highway No. 90 between here and the Washington County line was hardsurfaced.

FISH HATCHERY FOR ROANOKE

Reestablish Hatchery for Rock on Roanoke Near Weldon

Discontinued since 1923, the only hatchery in the United States for Striped bass will be in operation again this year on the banks of Roanoke river.

This information was contained today in advice received by Wade H. Phillips, director of the State Department of Conservation and Development, from the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries at Washington.

The hatchery will be operated by the federal bureau in cooperation with the state department. The hatchery was discontinued in 1923, when it was found that the waters of the Roanoke were polluted by industrial wastes, but it was believed that this condition has been eliminated.

Basketball Fans Greeted By Dark House Thursday

Failure to pay the light bill at the Reiter warehouse caused citizens from Everetts and Jamesville to be greeted by a dark house last night when they came here to see the basketball game between teams from the two towns. The light and water department here had allowed the light bill to run a few days over the final date set for settlement of all accounts, and to complete his report the treasurer was forced to have the lights disconnected. This action brought about an investigation which showed that Jamesville had paid \$2.50 each night its team had used the house either for practice or for a scheduled game, to Mr. Coy Roberson. Mr. Roberson turned \$1.250 of each payment over to the managers of the warehouse, and according to those acquainted with the contract, the managers were obligated to pay the light bill. The town books show that no payment had been made.

Upon learning the facts in the case, the commissioners ordered the lights back on until the matter could be adjusted. The order came after dark, and Eugene Price, employee of the light plant, refused to make the connection for less than a \$5 consideration. During the meantime, the managers of the two teams made arrangements to play in the Roanoke Dixie warehouse.

Since Jamesville has no court, and is, out of necessity, forced to play and practice on courts elsewhere, it has been suggested by local citizens that the town give the visiting team its lights free.

Mr. J. H. Robertson, jr., of Robersonville was here yesterday.

TO START MAIL SERVICE BY BUS HERE NEXT WEEK

Service by Train To Be Discontinued Tomorrow Afternoon

Mail service furnished by trains 56 and 57, operating between Tarboro and Plymouth, will be discontinued late tomorrow, and beginning Monday, practically the same service will be furnished by motor bus. According to information received here, the bus will take the mail at Parme at 12:20 p. m., serving Robersonville, Everetts, Williamston, Jamesville, and Plymouth. The motor bus will arrive at Plymouth at 2:10. On its return trip, the bus is scheduled to leave Plymouth at 3 p. m., and serving the same offices it will arrive at Parme about 4:50.

The proposed mail schedule was announced before the meeting held today in Raleigh when citizens from the several towns along the route, served by the two trains, were to protest the removal of express and mail service. According to the postal announcement, it is the opinion here that the two trains will be discontinued. An official announcement of the removal of the trains has not yet been made, however, and the outcome of the meeting held in Raleigh could not be learned shortly after the noon hour today.

According to the announcement made by the Postoffice department, the mail will be handled between Parme and Plymouth by bus regardless of the action of the Corporation commission and the transportation company.

BANKERS MEET IN GREENVILLE

Speaker Says East Carolina Should Abandon "Time" System

"The great financial need of Eastern North Carolina is to abandon the time system of buying and selling and adopt the cash basis," was the keynote of an address delivered by Gilbert T. Stevenson, Raleigh banker, before Eastern Carolina bankers in Greenville last Wednesday. Mr. Stevenson stated, "the time system has created in the east a state of financial dependence that affects landlords, tenants, merchants and bankers and retards to an extent that one can hardly realize, the progress of the whole section." He went on to say that the system benefited none, but it creates a huge drain of wealth from the section out of the State.

In his address before the bankers, assembled from several parts of the United States, Mr. Stevenson pointed out that the time system makes banking in Eastern North Carolina a seasonal business, the banks being flushed with money at market time when no money is needed and empty at other times when money is badly needed by the business man and farmer.

"The chief benefit of the cash basis to this section will not be in the increase of profit in farming, merchandising or banking, but it will be in its effect upon the people themselves," the Raleigh banker stated. He further pointed out that the tenant, the landlord and the merchant are caught in a vicious system profitable to none of them.

Many of the bankers of this county attended the meeting in Greenville and practically all the members of the local bank were present to hear Mr. Stevenson.

Mail Contract Is Awarded L. N. Vick, Robersonville

L. N. Vick, of Robersonville was awarded the contract to handle the mail from Parme to Plymouth, displacing the service given by trains 56 and 57 at the present time.

The amount of the bid was not made public, but it is understood that the bids ranged from \$1850 to \$5,000. Twenty-six bids were sent in from this office, it was reported.

The contract awarded Mr. Vick expires June 30, 1928.

"NEWS AND NEIGHBORS" TO BE GIVEN AT FARM LIFE

"News and Neighbors" is the name of the library benefit play to be given at the Farm Life school by the students there next Wednesday. A second play, "Neighbors" will also be staged by the students the same night.

In "News and Neighbors" there are ten characters and eight of them are Griffins, and there's quality as well as quantity, states the director. A large attendance is expected.

Everett's Woodmen To Meet Monday

A meeting of the Modern Woodmen at Everetts has been announced for Monday night, February 27. A special program has been prepared, and the members of the camp are urged to attend. The program will have to do with the lives of Lincoln and Washington.

Small Fire at Everetts Wednesday Morning

A fire thought to have been started by mice was discovered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ayers, Everetts, early last Wednesday morning when the family was awakened by burning timber in a second story room. The flames were extinguished before serious damage resulted.

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