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TWO MEN TRY TO SET FIRE TO OLD BUGGY FACTORY

Considerable Alarm Caused Here Sunday Night By Reports of Fire Bugs

BOTH MAKE ESCAPE

Employees Find Oil-Soaked Paper and Struck Matches Beside Old Wooden Structure

With two big fires fresh in their minds, the people of the town were badly upset when two men attempted to fire the large building of the Blount Manufacturing Co., one block from Main, on Smithwick Street, here early Sunday night.

Sunday night, around 10 o'clock, two men were said to have drawn oil from a can on Mr. J. D. Harrison's back porch, right near the buggy factory. A short while afterward, Mrs. Harrison heard two men complain when they were unable to get matches to burn.

Employees of the company made an investigation and found several matches that had been struck near by a pile of paper soaked in oil. Apparently the two men had planned to destroy the big building by firing the structure housing the blacksmith shop and which is only a few feet from the main building.

A short time before the attempt to fire the building was made a strange car was said to have come from the rear of the school building and go in the direction of the buggy plant. The same car was seen a short time after the plot was learned going out Watts Street.

The two fires and the attempt to fire the buggy plant have put the people of the town on their guard, and prowlers have been ordered carried before the authorities that they might explain their cause for loitering around the town.

Little Tobacco On Market Here Today

With a heavy and continuous rain falling since early this morning, there was little tobacco on the warehouse floors here today. Approximately 200,000 pounds were reported on the floors here yesterday.

Services at Fairview Church This Week

A series of services was started last night by Rev. W. A. Davis, of Washington, in the Fairview church, near here. The services will continue through Sunday night, it was announced this morning.

Special Meeting of Masons Tonight

There will be a special communication of Skewarke Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., tonight at 8 o'clock. Work in the first degree. Members and visiting Masons are cordially invited to attend.

2 Die Near Dardens When Autos Collide

UNITED THANK OFFERING TO BE MADE OCTOBER 11

Service Will Be Held in Washington City Cathedral

MEET HERE FRIDAY

Members of Local Parish To Make Final Donations to Offering At Meeting Friday

At the general convention of the Episcopal Church to be held in Washington, D. C., next month, representatives of that church from all over the country will carry the United Thank Offering contributed by the various parishes, it was stated yesterday in a bulletin sent out from that city.

Mrs. James G. Staton, of this place, who is the Diocesan Treasurer of the offering, states that the women of East Carolina have already given towards the offering of 1928, the sum of \$9,367.47, which will be presented in Washington City October 11. Many of the parishes are holding a last meeting this month when the ladies are urged to make additional donations in an effort to increase the fund to over \$10,000 from this Diocese. The women of the local parish will meet at the home of Mrs. C. B. Clark next Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when the final United Thank Offering will be turned in.

On Thursday, October 11, at 8 o'clock a United Thank Offering service of the church women will be held in the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul at Washington.

For three years many women and girls over 18 in the Diocese of East Carolina have been presenting their offerings twice a year, which offerings will be gathered into one whole and presented at this coming service in Washington, D. C., October 11th. This is a service of Holy Communion for all the women of the church. So eager are the women to attend this service that it has become necessary to reserve seats for those women who will be honored with the privilege of presenting these offerings.

On October 11, at 8 p. m., in the auditorium, 19th and E Streets, will be held the United Thank Offering Mass Meeting of the women of the church. At this meeting Dr. John Wilson Wood will introduce the missionaries from the different fields, and there will be interesting addresses by many from all four corners of the earth. Appropriate prayers will be said, special hymns sung, and the climax of this meeting will be the moment when Mr. Lewis B. Franklin, treasurer of the National Council, makes an announcement of the sum total of the offerings of the women for the closing triennium. In 1925, at New Orleans, this offering amounted to \$912,814.30. It is expected that the amount will be considerably over a million dollars this year.

For the triennial of 1925 the women in East Carolina presented an offering, through Mrs. James F. Woolvin, at New Orleans, of \$7,780.31. The women in Williamston have shown their thankfulness during this Triennium and their offerings so far have amounted to \$346.18. This is September, an opportunity for the women to present another offering, and Mrs. C. B. Clark, who has charge of the offering in this parish, is confidently expecting a creditable one from the women of the Church of the Advent Parish.

NEGRO HIT-RUN DRIVER CAUGHT

Is Captured After Chase Through Town in Which Another Car Is Struck

Sam Roberson, local colored man, created much excitement here last Sunday morning when he ran his Ford into another car and made an attempt to escape an investigation. He hit the car of Mr. C. B. Coltrin on the corner of Main and Smithwick streets knocking Mrs. Coltrin out of the car. She was not badly hurt in the fall, however. When the man failed to stop witnesses to the accident gave chase in their cars, and Roberson was cornered several blocks away. During the chase Roberson hit the Chevrolet belonging to Mr. M. R. Spivey, but the damage to that car was slight.

Roberson was placed in jail and will face a drunken and reckless driving charge in the recorder's court here Tuesday week.

WHITE MAN AND NEGRO WOMAN DIE INSTANTLY

Young Negro Man Is Seriously Injured and Recovery Is Doubtful

HAPPENED MONDAY

White Man, Mr. J. F. McNair, Was By Himself; Three Negroes in Other Car; One Not Hurt

Mr. J. F. McNair, of Washington county, and Ethel Gordon, eighteen-year-old negroess of this county, were instantly killed yesterday afternoon when the cars in which they were riding collided on N. C. No. 99, near Plymouth. There were no eye witnesses to the accident, and no cause for the fatal wreck had been given late last night.

Willis Pierce, young negro, living in the Free Union section of this county, suffered a broken arm and dangerous cuts about the legs and body. A second colored woman, riding in the Pierce car, escaped serious injury, according to reports coming from the scene of the wreck. Mr. McNair was traveling alone.

When the cars, a new Chevrolet and a new Ford, ran together on the curve, people nearby heard the impact and rushed to the scene. The McNair car, the new Chevrolet, was burning and before he could be removed from the car he died. His face and neck were so badly cut and mashed that his identity could not be determined until some time later. It was not definitely known whether he died from the loss of blood or from some direct blow. Attendants removed the Gordon girl and were taking her to Plymouth when she died. Her skull was crushed and it is said that her brains were scattered along the pavement. She never regained consciousness, it was stated.

It was stated yesterday that Pierce was driving the Ford, but today he stated that the Gordon girl was at the wheel. A few weeks ago Pierce was bound over to the Federal court on a liquor charge, but it could not be learned whether or not liquor played a part in the wreck.

Mr. McNair had attended to business matters here during the day and left about 3:30 for his home. Pierce was returning from Plymouth to his home in the Free Union section.

Both cars were completely wrecked, it was stated by those who went to the scene.

THIEVES RAID SMOKE HOUSES

Around 50 Hams Stolen From Farmers of Three Townships

Various smokehouses in this section were the scene of wholesale robberies last week when thieves stole approximately fifty hams from farmers in Griffins, Bear Grass and Williamston townships. The thieves hit heavy when they entered a smokehouse, taking from ten to fifteen hams at a haul.

The first robbery was discovered by Mr. Samuel J. Lilley, who lives just a short distance the other side of the Kader Lilley store, when he entered his smokehouse and found twelve of his best hams missing. The hams weighed from 12 to 15 pounds each.

Saturday morning, Mr. John A. Griffin missed 11 or 12 of his hams, the thieves had paid his smokehouse a visit the night before.

Saturday night the rogues removed twenty hams from Mr. Henry C. Green's smokehouse on the Washington road. The thieves tore the lock from the smokehouse door, and picked over Mr. Green's supply, taking the best. The same night, thieves entered the smokehouse of Johnnie Savage at the fair grounds here and made a clean sweep of his hams. The exact number stolen there is not known, but it is stated that Mr. Savage had a plentiful supply.

The thief or thieves are said to have driven their car near the Lilley home and approached the smokehouse about, carrying the meat in sacks to the car and driving to towns in other counties where they sold it. No facts to the robbers' identity have been established at this time, but Messrs. Lilley and Griffin think the rogue is a young white man and that he stole the meat to sell and not for personal use. The two men are offering a \$25 reward for the apprehension and conviction of the thief or thieves.

WOMANS CLUB TO HOLD FIRST MEET ON OCTOBER 4TH

Meetings Thereafter Will Be Held on Fourth Thursdays

ASK BIG ATTENDANCE

Executive Committee Held Its First Meeting of Fall Season Last Friday

The first regular meeting of the local Woman's Club for the fall season was called for October 4 by the executive committee in session last Friday afternoon. The fourth Thursday in each month was set as the regular meeting time, but since the fair will be in progress here that week the executive committee changed the time of meeting to the following Thursday. This change in the first meeting will not affect the time for the second meeting which will be held the fourth Thursday of the month.

"Appreciating the fact that Mr. Hood is thoroughly interested in school athletics and is exerting all possible effort, at present, to put out a football team of which the whole town will be proud," the club's president, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, stated, "the executive committee in session voted to donate to the athletic association 25 per cent of all the proceeds of club dances given weekly for two months. It is also hoped that other arrangements can be made to assist the association financially."

There was a representative of the Radcliffe Chautauqua at this meeting who was most anxious for the club to book a three-day entertainment program, but after much discussion, the committee voted not to book the chautauqua.

The advisability of having the club sponsor a cooking school for the women of the town was discussed. This school will not be confined to the members of the club alone, but will be for every one interested in such subjects as balanced diet, party cookery, food values, etc. The courses offered by this school are most helpful, and this is an opportunity that one can hardly afford to ignore. The individual expense will be very small, Mrs. Martin stated.

Since the meeting to be held October 4 is the first after a vacation of about two months, Mrs. Martin is very anxious for the members to enter whole-heartedly into the club's work again.

SELL CAR HOGS IN RICHMOND

Jamesville Farmers Get 12 To 13 1/4 Cents Pound For 79 Hogs

Prices ranging from 12 to 13 1/4 cents per pound were received by Messrs. C. C. Fleming and C. T. Mizelle, farmers of Jamesville, last week, when they sold a carload of hogs on the Richmond market. The hogs were sold at auction, and those weighing around 125 pounds brought 12 cents while the heavier ones sold for around 13 1/4 cents per pound.

Messrs. Fleming and Mizelle, accompanied by Mr. W. T. Overby, agricultural teacher in the Jamesville schools, motored to Richmond to see the 79 hogs, which comprised the car, sold.

Baptist Pastor to Speak On Carnes Defalcation

Because of the unusual conditions immediately confronting the Baptists of the South, brought about by the embezzlement of large sums of money by the treasurer of the Home Mission Board, in Atlanta, recently, the pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church said today that he would take this matter up before his congregation next Sunday morning at the hour of morning worship.

He went on to say, because of the nature of the entire matter, it was only right that the members of the local church be given the fullest possible statement concerning the affair.

He, with other preachers of the State, will be in Raleigh Thursday, where the Baptist State Board will consider the matter from all its angles.

The pastor feels that his entire congregation is interested in the outcome of what is involved; and is desirous of a large congregation at the time when he speaks.

Mr. Dickey thinks that needed economies, installation of more up-to-date business methods, general reorganization of the work of the board, and many other benefits will issue from this unfortunate situation—thus turning a great disaster into a permanent blessing.

Tropical Storm Is Headed for Williamston; Warning Issued

Local Negro School Building Destroyed by Fire Saturday

IS SECOND BIG BLAZE HERE IN AS MANY DAYS

Fire Is Believed To Have Been of Incendiary Origin

WORK HANDICAPPED

Classes Are Being Held in Various Colored Lodges and Churches; \$1,400 Insurance

The colored graded school here was completely destroyed by fire at three o'clock last Saturday morning, just 24 hours after the stables belonging to Harrison Bros. & Co. were burned. The fire, thought to have been purposely started, had gained much headway before it was discovered, and the fire company was only able to hold the flames to the one building. A few desks were removed from the building, but as a whole the equipment was burned.

Hardly before the town's citizens had finished discussing the peculiar origin of the Harrison Bros. stable fire, they were called from their sleep in the dead of the morning by the shrill note of the town's fire siren. They peeped from their windows to see the sky brightened by burning timbers of the large wooden structure, and as the truck roared on to the fire, they were struck in great numbers. And some were so thinly clad that they were forced to the fire that they might keep warm.

The volunteer company equaled its record of the morning before, when it had water flowing on the stable fire within 7 minutes after the alarm was turned in. Although the school building was completely destroyed, the fire company members controlled the flames and prevented nearby houses from burning. The home of Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, pastor of the colored Methodist Church, was in immediate danger and members of his family took no chances and moved the furniture out of the house just to move it back in an hour or so later.

Rev. Edwards stated he first saw the building burning in a corner in the west end of the building, that the flames were soaring high and it was a matter of a few very minutes before the entire structure was ablaze. The alarm was telephoned in from the parsonage and employees of the Sally Ann Bakery sounded the siren.

Many opinions have been offered in attempting to explain the origin of the fire, but no founded reason has been advanced at this time. It is believed by some that a maniac started the blaze, while others think the fire was the result of formulated plans made by several colored people here. E. J. Hayes, principal of the school, stated that he worked with carpenters in the building Friday, but no matches were struck during the entire day. One of the carpenters lost a complete set of tools, valued at \$100.

The school's principal had planned to begin classes yesterday morning in the building and had prepared to open the session with eight teachers. Yesterday morning many of the children went to the spot where they were directed to colored lodge buildings and churches. Since the school budget for the year has been passed, no immediate action will be taken in replacing the building.

The old building was said to be a regular fire trap and carried a high insurance rate. Approximately \$1,400 will be received from insurance companies, it was stated by County Superintendent Pope yesterday morning.

New Requirements for Pupils Of First Grade

Due to the large number of beginners in the local school, it will be impossible to enroll children under six years of age; that is, those children who were not six years old by the first of this month will so crowd the first grade that it will retard the progress of those already in school, the principal stated this morning. It is with regret that school officials make this ruling, but with 75 children already enrolled in the class and with condition badly crowded, they were forced to establish the age limit.

Classes were continued through the noon hour today, the pupils leaving the building for the day at 1:30.

Dr. Cone Wants List Of Rooms For Fair

Local people having available rooms in their homes and who wish to rent them during the fair are asked to notify Dr. P. B. Cone at his office in the old Farmers & Merchants Bank Building. It will be impossible for the hotels and boarding houses to care for the people coming here during the fair, and local residents are asked to help relieve the expected congestion where they find it convenient to do so.

Dr. Cone states it will be greatly appreciated if the people having rooms would notify him as soon as it is possible to do so.

MOVE PAVING OUTFIT HERE

Roberts Paving Co. Soon To Begin Paving Of Fill

The Roberts Paving Co., successful bidder on the paving projects between this town and Windsor and another between Aulander and Ahoskie, is moving its plant here this week. The loading equipment will be placed on a lot adjoining the tracks of the Atlantic Coast Line near the river. The company will begin pouring concrete on this end of the Windsor-Williamston project as soon as the plant can be set up here.

Paving work on the Windsor end of the work will be completed today, it was stated yesterday by one of the company's employees, and will be opened to traffic within 10 or 15 days. While the exact detours handling the traffic between the two towns could not be learned today, it is officially understood that traffic will not be held up but very little while the paving work is under way.

The company has been at work only a very short time on the link near Windsor, and while it will be impossible to rush the work on this end, it is understood that only a few weeks will pass before the entire road is opened to traffic. Only one side of the fill will be paved at a time, and this will cause the work to extend over a longer period of time, according to those acquainted with the project.

MRS. BOWEN DIES AT HOME HERE

Had Made Home With Her Daughter, Mrs. Bailey, For 15 Years

Early Sunday morning Mrs. Sallie Bullock Bowen died here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. State Bailey, following a complication of diseases attendant upon advanced years. She had made her home with her daughter for the past 15 years and will be greatly missed in her home as well as by numerous friends and relatives in the county.

The deceased was the daughter of the late William and Nancy Bullock, and was in her seventy-eighth year. She was married twice, first to J. A. Campbell, and to this union seven children were born. The three surviving their mother are Mrs. Carrie Hardison of this place, Rev. C. A. Campbell, of Portsmouth, Va., and Mrs. Addie Adams, Hongwell, Va. Her last husband was W. H. Bowen and the children surviving this union are Mrs. Bowen Bailey, of this place and Eli Bowen, of Greenville. She also leaves 20 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bowen joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Bear Grass 57 years ago and was very loyal to her church and faith all these years. She was, prior to her death, the oldest member of the Bear Grass church. Funeral services were conducted from the home yesterday at 2:30, with Elders B. S. Cowing and John L. Rogerson officiating. Interment was made at the Bowen cemetery at the old homestead near Everetts.

Ice Cream Supper at Vernon Church Friday

There will be an ice cream supper at Vernon church Friday night, September 21, for the benefit of the Sunday school. The public is cordially invited.

IS DUE TO REACH HERE SOME TIME THIS AFTERNOON

Associated Press Reports at Noon Indicate Heavy Losses at Charleston

MANY WIRES DOWN

Warning Says Storm Is Headed for Virginia Capes; This Section in Direct Path

Striking Charleston, S. C. shortly after the noon hour today, a hurricane was reported to be racing up the coast and headed for the breakwaters of Virginia. Warnings have been issued to all sections in the path of the storm, and early this afternoon the news of the disasters in Charleston and other towns was being dispatched to all parts of the country.

The storm is expected to reach the breakwaters of Virginia late this afternoon or early tonight, it was stated in a telegraphic report received at 1:00 o'clock here. Since this section is in a direct path of the storm, damage to property is expected here late this afternoon.

Reports from the South Carolina town were cut off when telephone and telegraph wires were thrown out of commission. Reports from other towns in that section state that several people were killed there and numbers of houses were torn up. The wind was blowing a regular gale, and much damage to property was reported. Reports of damage in other sections have not been received at this time.

Judge Clayton Moore adjourned court here this afternoon in anticipation of the storm, and the court attendants left for their homes. Many people are expecting a heavy damage in this section while others are of the opinion that we will witness only minor effects of the storm.

At the announced rate the storm is traveling, some think it will reach here around 5 o'clock.

SUPERIOR COURT BEGAN MONDAY

Judge Clayton Moore Presiding; Briefly Charges Grand Jury

With Judge Clayton Moore, of this place, presiding, the fall term of Martin County Superior Court convened here yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

In his charge to the grand jury, Judge Moore briefly outlined the general duties of that body, stating that besides hearing the evidence and passing on bills of indictment sent it by the solicitor, it should investigate reasonable complaints of law violations and present them to the court. The jury was also ordered to examine the county offices and other public buildings and report its findings to the court, and to make certain that all prisoners in the jail and inmates in the county's home are receiving proper care and attention.

The judge only mentioned three laws in his charge and they had to do with slandering, larceny, and driving automobiles. He stated that the good name of a man or woman is too often defamed and too seldom prosecuted. The court deplored the fact that the majority of the stealing was accredited to the young white men, men who generally hang around the streets and are known as the neighborhood loafers. The large number of automobile law violations, the judge pointed out, is due to the real lack of enforcement and real officers.

Mr. Moore pointed out a few acts that are violated almost daily in one section or another. Among this list he mentioned the act requiring all horse-drawn vehicles to carry a light at night. He also stated that every automobile driver who strikes any person, whether the person is walking or riding, is required to stop and make an investigation and offer his assistance. Failure to do so is a felony, whether the case is willful, accidental, or careless. Where property is involved and failure to make an investigation is reported, that act would be a misdemeanor and would be treated as such in the courts, the judge pointed out.

MANY WRECKS ON NEW ROAD TO PLYMOUTH

Since the road to Plymouth has been opened five auto wrecks have occurred, one of them proving fatal to two people.

STRAND THEATRE WEDNESDAY KEN MAYNARD in THE RED RAIDERS Also 2-REEL COMEDY "The Jungle Goddess" and FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY