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AUTO IS TURNED OVER NEAR FAIR GROUND SUNDAY

Three Men From Elizabeth City Have Narrow Escape

L. B. Belanger and J. G. Pinner, of Elizabeth City, and a young man named Chapin, whose residence could not be established, narrowly escaped serious injury last Sunday afternoon when their car, a Willys-Knight coach, was hit by a Chevrolet touring car driven by Earl Stephenson, of near here. None of the occupants was hurt but the two machines were badly damaged.

A warrant charging Stephenson and Charlie Mack Mizelle, a companion, with drinking at the time has been filed, Stephenson being placed under a \$250 bond for his appearance before the recorder here today.

The Elizabeth City car was traveling out Highway No. 90 when it met the Chevrolet coming into town near the Roanoke fair grounds. The Willys-Knight driver yielded the road, and when hit, two of the car's wheels were in the ditch, the machine turning over with all four of its wheels in the air. A substantial top and the forethought of the driver prevented serious injury to the men.

Stephenson stated that the steering apparatus on the Chevrolet car went wrong and he could not avoid hitting the Willys-Knight. He accepted the blame for the accident.

Postpone Children's Story At Christian Church Here

"The Children of the Forest," a story of African girls and boys scheduled to have been given last Sunday evening by pupils in the Christian Sunday school here, was postponed until next Sunday evening.

Inmate of County Home Died Monday Afternoon

Tom Roberson, 70-year-old inmate, died at the Martin County home, near here, yesterday afternoon, of Bright's disease. He had been in feeble health for some time, but up until a week ago he was able to be up and about the home and grounds. Interment will be made this afternoon in the Bowen cemetery, near here.

He is survived by five children.

Skewarkee Masons to Elect Officers Tonight

Skewarkee Lodge of Masons will hold its annual meeting tonight, at 8 o'clock, when officers for the ensuing Masonic year will be elected. A large attendance of members is earnestly requested by the officers, and a cordial invitation is extended to visiting members of the craft to attend.

Will Hold Discussions of Present-Day Amusements

—By Z. T. PIERHOFF

Do you dance? Do you play cards? Do you engage in any other form of amusement considered by many to be harmful and a sin? If so, would you really like to know if these things are sinful and just what attitude you should take toward them? An impartial, unbiased, and unprejudiced discussion of all types and forms of amusements is to be undertaken by the pastor and young people of the Wesleyan Church, to which discussions of the public is cordially invited. The first discussion will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Rodgers on Thursday night, at 8 o'clock. It is hoped that all those who are interested and who expect to attend these discussions will list for the coming discussion Thursday night all those amusements which they believe to be clearly wrong, also those which they are convinced are always right. These meetings will last only about 45 minutes and will be three in number. We invite you to come and receive the benefit of these discussions.

To Let Contract for Three New Buildings Tomorrow

A contract for the erection of three new store buildings on the main street here between the new Watts theatre and the postoffice, will be let tomorrow afternoon, according to present plans of the builder, Mr. J. G. Staton. The cost of the proposed undertaking could not be learned this morning.

According to the prepared plans the new buildings will connect with the new theatre building and

will extend to within a few feet of the postoffice building, leaving room for a private drive and walk. The buildings will be one-story high and will house a drug store, a Western Union office and a pressing and cleaning establishment.

Until the contract is let tomorrow, no definite time can be learned when construction work will be started.

C. B. ROEBUCK CHOSEN AS SHERIFF AT SPECIAL MEET THIS AFTERNOON

BEGIN WORK ON STREET PAVING

Work Will Be Done Near Warehouses First; Start Operations Today

Awarded the contract last Tuesday afternoon, the Messrs. J. G. Clark & Company, of Greenville, placed their equipment here yesterday and started work on the \$42,000 paving program. Activities were under way near the tobacco warehouses this morning, the contractors stating that the work would be under way in other parts of the town within a short time.

Captain George Brooks, engineer in charge, arrived yesterday with three assistant engineers to be on the job until its completion, the contract allowing 60 working days for the task.

HOME AGENT'S WORK IN MAY

Agent Traveled 866 Miles, Conducting 16 Meetings During Month

Following is a summary of the work of Miss Lora E. Sleeper, county home demonstration agent, for the month of May:

Eighteen and one-half days were spent in the field and eight and one-half days in the office. There were 7 office conferences, 9 news articles written, 212 bulletins distributed, 24 individual letters written, 5 circular letters written with 111 copies circulated. The agent traveled 866 miles, conducting six meetings with women.

One club held a millinery meeting, and eight women made hats, saving \$16. There were 122 women attending meetings during the month. The women received demonstrations in bread making using whole wheat flour during the month. There were 10 meetings held for the juniors and the regular project of clothing was carried on. Twenty-eight homes were visited.

1,200,000 Candidates for Office in French Election

Paris.—If there be people who like holding public office better than the French, statistics have not revealed their identity. Of the 10,000,000 voters in this country, 1,200,000 were candidates in the recent municipal elections.

Every village, town and city in France, 37,984 communes all told, elected a mayor and a municipal council. About 400,000 men got posts as municipal councillors, or aldermen. The minimum number of councillors, no matter how tiny the commune, is ten.

In some places every voter is an officeholder. In the hamlet of Riboux, in the Var department, where there are only eight voters, two officeholders had to be borrowed from a neighboring village.

INSPECTION FOR LOWER RATES IN INSURANCE WILL BE MADE HERE WITHIN 10 DAYS, SAYS OFFICIAL

Will Require About Two Months to Complete and Publish Rate Book

Applying for a better insurance rating for local property after meeting certain requirements set forth by the Southeastern Fire Underwriters Association, town officials were assured yesterday by Land Hill, manager of the North Carolina inspection and rating bureau, Raleigh, that the re-rating of the town would be started within the next ten days or two weeks.

Manager Hill stated in a letter to Mayor R. L. Coburn, "If we reach Williamston within the next 10 days we will feel that we have given your city much more prompt attention than is ordinarily given any town. It will probably require two or three weeks to re-rate Williamston and about 30 or 40 days longer to publish the rate

book, so from this you will see that it ordinarily takes about 60 days to publish a rate book after change in classification has been authorized. In fact, we think that two months is about the shortest length of time that we possibly do this work."

The re-rating of the town was recommended several weeks ago, but it was not until about the first of this month that the new classification was approved by the reclassification committee. It is understood from Mr. Hill's letter to Mayor Coburn that the re-rating work will be started within a comparatively short time after the committee's approval of the new classification.

It is also understood that all policies written since April 1 this year will be altered so as to bring them under the new classification.

T. L. MOORE DIES AT HIS HOME IN PITT SATURDAY

Was Father of C. O. Moore and Mrs. W. T. Britton, Of This City

Thaddeus L. Moore, prominent farmer and highly respected for his Christian character, died at his home near Oak Grove, in Pitt County, last Saturday night, of heart trouble. Mr. Moore was taken seriously ill with heart trouble early the Tuesday morning preceding his death and never regained full consciousness after that time. He was 73 years old last August; and during the past several months he had been in feeble health.

Mr. Moore was born near Whichards, where he lived a number of years, later marrying and moving to the Oak Grove section of Pitt County, where he was successful in his farming activities and rearing a Christian family of five children, one of whom preceded him to the grave. Although he confined his activities to agriculture and the care of his family, Mr. Moore was regarded as a leader in the things uplifting to the home and community.

The funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, interment following in the family plot near the home. Rev. B. S. Cowing, of the Primitive Baptist Church, conducted the last rites.

The deceased is survived by Mrs. Moore, who was Miss Zora C. Holliday, of Pitt County, prior to the union of the two, and four children: Mrs. W. T. Britton and C. O. Moore, of Williamston; Mrs. Slade Gray, of Beaufort County; and Mr. Claude E. Moore of California. He also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Henry Brown, of near Spring Green, this county; Mrs. Fannie Brown, of Robersonville; and Mrs. R. L. Woodard, of Windsor, Va.

ALL-STAR WIN FIRST GAME

County Team Defeats Aulander, 5-2, Friday; To Play Here Today

The Martin County All-Stars gained a commanding position in the realm of baseball last Friday afternoon, when Dick Cherry pitched them to a 5 to 2 victory over Aulander, undefeated up until that time. The working organization of the team, rigidly tested and found to be unusually good, points to success for the Martin County boys in the four-county league, opening next week.

While the young men are just starting the season, the exhibition last Friday afternoon gave evidence of a reliable and steady team. Cherry commanded the honors for the afternoon tilt, and his stellar work was ably supported by every member of the county nine.

The moundsman from Everetts struck out 14 men, allowed only 2 hits, and even offset those two hits from his own bat. The All-Stars made nine errors and were credited with only two runs, Aulander making three.

The county's first two runs came in the first frame, when Hood reached first on an error, stole second and came home on Arch Aebuck's double, Roebuck registering a few seconds later when Jimmie Brown batted one for two bases. Taylor scored in the sixth on Cherry's single for a third run.

In the eighth stanza Cherry and Taylor singled, both scoring on Hood's hit for two bases.

Aulander threatened in the ninth when, with one out, they had a man on third base. With 2 strikes and 3 balls on the batter, Castloose attempted to steal home, but was caught by "Izzy" Spivey, able catcher, and Cherry retired the side by fanning the batter.

The county boys play Aulander a return game here this afternoon and will go to Windsor tomorrow to play that town's team. Windsor will return the game next Friday, the four-county league activities getting under way next week.

CLUB MEMBERS BACK FROM CAMP

Return Saturday Afternoon; Home Agent Leaves For Vacation

Miss Lora E. Sleeper, county home demonstration agent, returned last Saturday afternoon with county 4-H club members from a five-day outing at Camp Leach, on the Pamlico. The campers reported a splendid trip which will be described by the campers and agent within the next few days.

The agent left yesterday for her home in Vermont, where she will be on her vacation until the latter part of this month, going then to Washington, D. C., where she will attend a national gathering of home demonstration agents.

GET \$340.86 FOR MOTHERS' AID

Martin County Gets This Sum From State Fund For Next Fiscal Year

Martin County will receive \$340.86 from the State mothers' aid fund as her quota from that source during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1929, it was announced Sunday by Mrs. Lily E. Mitchell, director of Mothers' Aid for the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare. This fund is divided on a per capita basis among the counties agreeing to match their allotment received from the State. Prisoners' families in this county will receive \$91.62 from a \$10,000 fund set aside from the \$47,500 for mothers' aid to be used exclusively for that purpose.

The State provides \$47,500 as a fund for subsidizing worthy mothers deprived of their husband's support in order that they may support their children in their own homes.

First of 1929 Tobacco Sells For 20c Pound

Conway, S. C., June 10.—Paul D. Wooten, tobacco warehouseman, of Conway, S. C., bought the first 1929 tobacco-cured in South Carolina from Marion Dusenbury, farmer, at 20 cents per pound.

SCOUTMASTER AND EIGHT BOYS RETURN FROM CONFEDERATE REUNION; ALL HAD A GOOD TIME

Boys Acted As Escorts for Veterans; Newspaper Praises Work

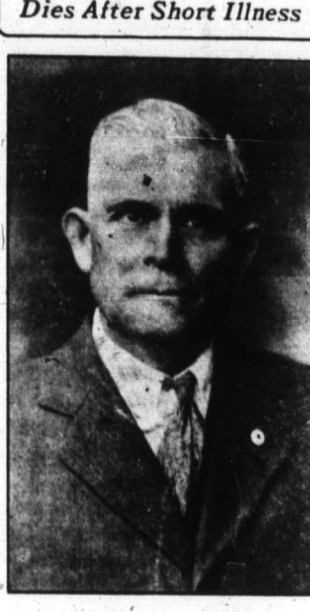
After taking part in the care of the 4,000 Confederate veterans at Charlotte last week, Scoutmaster Wheeler Martin and his eight Scouts, Walter Cook, Cash Hassell, Mack Simpson, Reg Simpson, Jim Rhodes, Carroll Crockett, Albert Leslie Clark, and Billy Watts, returned early last Saturday morning, reporting a splendid trip and an unusually good time.

Scoutmaster Martin, while telling of the trip, stated that the eight Scouts from here fitted into the working organization splendidly and handled their work, the caring for the old soldiers, well. To be a member of the attending group, the local Scoutmaster and his eight Scouts take pride in the following editorial appearing in the Charlotte Observer last Wednesday:

"How would we get along without the gallant young fellows! They are nowhere in evidence except at places where their services are required, and there they are present in abundant numbers, ready to the hand of veteran or visitor, alert minds, well informed and quick of action, the finest bodyguards soldiers ever had. The usual sight is two Scouts to the veteran, one on each side as shoulder-props, and they never leave their charge until he is comfortably disposed of just where he wanted to be. Coming out of the auditorium, Monday night, the Scoutmaster got into one of these Scout-manned busses and had good opportunity to witness their performances in transportation of veterans from the Auditorium and distribution to their several homing places. The veterans would be helped in and out of the bus with a care that was tender. They would not be dropped on the sidewalk, but carried into the house and left in the safe hands of the housekeeper before being relinquished. At the Thompson Orphanage two Scouts who had escorted a veteran into the home, tarried a longer time than was expected. When they got back to the bus, they explained that they had been delayed by putting him to bed and tucking him in. And what splendid guides these Boy Scouts are through the traffic! No harm comes to veterans under their charge. Great is the Boy Scout, and he is making a record of prideful observation by all people at the reunion.

Sheriff A. L. Roebuck Died Here Saturday

Dies After Short Illness



SHERIFF A. L. ROEBUCK

FUNERAL HELD YESTERDAY IN ROBERSONVILLE

Had Only Been Ill for Few Days; Death Is Shock To His Friends

WAS ELECTED IN 1926

Was Considered One of the County's Foremost Citizens; Over 1,500 Attend Final Rites

A. L. Roebuck, Martin County's sheriff since the general election in 1926, died at his home here on Main Street last Saturday afternoon following a short illness. While attending services at a local church last Wednesday evening he was attacked with some acute stomach trouble. Physicians summoned at that time considered his case serious, but were of the opinion that he would recover. Other troubles developed, and a day or two before his death, attending doctors announced that recovery was impossible. So, sudden was his passing that hundreds of friends were surprised to learn of his illness and death.

The son of Ralph A. and Elizabeth Taylor Roebuck, he was born September 22, 1865, near Flat Swamp, in Robersonville Township, where he lived the early part of his life. As a farmer, he was a success, and in community and church affairs he stood out as a prominent leader in his section. He joined the church at Christian Chapel at the age of 25 years, and throughout the remainder of his life he ever revered its teachings, remaining an active and loyal attendant upon all services. At that age he was married to Miss Melissa M. Wyanne, of that community, moving from the place of his birth then to establish a home nearer the town of Everetts, in Cross Roads Township.

For a number of years, Mr. Roebuck was a member of the Stonewall Lodge of the Masonic order, in Robersonville. He was master for several terms, and to this, as he was to his church, he was loyal. In 1926 he entered county politics, winning in a contest for the sheriff's office. Where he was personally known, the votes were practically unanimous for his candidacy, and by his personality he waged a winning campaign to go into office. At the last election he was re-elected without opposition. At the close of the 1928 tax period, he had established a collection record unsurpassed up until that time by any officer in this section. Throughout his service as the county's officer, he added to his long list of friends, making few, and very few, enemies during that time.

Highly respected as a man of kind and sincere aims and ambitions, he did a good work as plain citizen both in the section of his birth and residence in Cross Roads Township, and in the town here since his inauguration in December, 1926.

The funeral procession left here yesterday afternoon for Robersonville, where services were held in the Christian Church by Revs. C. B. Mashburn and R. A. Phillips, his pastors. All the business houses and offices here suspended business and closed their doors from 1:45 to 2:30, while the procession was passing, as a mark of respect to his memory. The Masons of Stonewall Lodge took charge of the burial and placed the body to final rest in the Robersonville Cemetery. The services were attended by one of the largest crowds ever attending a funeral and burial in this county. The floral offering was marked for its size and beauty, indicating a love and the high respect in which he was held by his fellowmen.

He is survived by his widow and seven children: W. H. Roebuck, of Petersburg; Charles B. and Archie, of Everetts; Herbert L. and Sheppard, of Cross Roads; Mrs. Clarence Taylor, of Robersonville; and Miss Lela, of this place.

Summer Courses for Those Wanting to Make Up Work

For those pupils desiring to make up certain work in the local high school, Professor B. E. Hood, will start a coaching class at the school building here the first of next week. Mr. Hood will coach seventh and eighth grade math, seventh and eighth grade science and civics, and ninth grade biology. The classes will continue over a four weeks' period, a small charge being made to cover attached expenses. All pupils desiring to take advantage of the instruction are asked to get in touch with Professor Hood some time this week, that proper arrangements might be made.

WATTS THEATRE

Thursday-Friday June 13-14

MILTON SILLS and Dorothy MACKAILL in "HIS CAPTIVE WOMAN"

NEWS and COMEDY

Saturday June 15

KEN MAYNARD in "THE ROYAL RIDER" COMEDY and SERIAL

Shows at 7:15 and 9 P. M. Daily MUSIC BY PHOTONE