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PATROLMEN FIND MANY MOTORISTS WITH BAD LIGHTS

State Police Here Saturday Send Many Drivers to Garages

NONE ARE ARRESTED

Eighty Rear Lamps Repaired at One Corner; Other Drivers Required to Have Lights Tested

A marked increase in the garage and filling station business resulted here late Saturday and yesterday following an inspection of automobile lights, both rear and front, by three of the North Carolina patrolmen Saturday night. Stationed at the corner of Main and Haughton Streets the patrolmen started work soon after dark and until late in the evening the cops handed out the little slips, escorting many of the drivers to nearby filling stations where the defects in the car lights were remedied at once.

Approximately eighty rear lamps were repaired, and many machines were driven to garages yesterday where headlights were tested and other lighting defects were corrected.

Horse-drawn vehicles added to the duties of the patrolmen but the number traveling that evening was so small that the officers found it necessary to turn their attentions but twice from the autos.

The work of the patrolmen created much excitement at the corner, and at times autos were parked in long lines along the four streets. So rushing was the business that many auto owners backed from the scene and rushed to the filling stations and repaired their car lights before the officers could issue tickets. Unaware as to what was going on, many newcomers to the scene parked their cars, half a block away to rush to the center of the excitement and turn away disappointed at not finding a work, a fight or something.

No arrests were made in this section, however two boys narrowly escaped going behind the bars when they refused to stop when hailed by the officers on the river fill.

MARTIN-BERTIE WIN 2 AND LOSE 1

Defeat Bailey Twice; Lose Game Saturday by 2-1 Score

The Bailey baseball nine, champions of the Central Carolina League, went down in defeat twice in a three-game series with the Martin-Bertie aggregation of the Bright Belt League last week. The Central Carolina champions dropped the first of the series here Tuesday of last week and another last Friday.

In the game Friday, Gardner, the slim fellow from Jamesville, twirled a splendid game, allowing only five hits, and won the game with a two-base hit with two men on. Pace and Pittman worked on the mound for Bailey, allowing only two runs. Gardner and his team mates limited Bailey to one run. Saturday, a battle between pitchers White, for Martin, and Lindsay, for Bailey, featured the play. The order of the day before was reversed when Brantley, for Bailey, battled for two bases with two men on, counting them on. A single by Roebuck with one man on base accounted for Martin's lone score.

Local Masons to Have Meeting Tonight, 7:45

Suspending their meetings during the summer months, members of the local Masonic lodge will reorganize at a meeting to be held here tonight at 7:45 o'clock.

Important business will be placed before the meeting, it was stated, and all members are urged to be present.

Sixteen Divorces Granted In This County Last Year

IST TWO LESS THAN GRANTED IN 1927

Judgment in Several Cases Have Never Been Made Complete

Sixteen divorces were granted in this county during the year 1928, according to a recent check of the court records in the office of the clerk of the superior court, Mr. R. J. Peel, here. The number was less by two than that for the year 1927, it was learned by a comparison of records. While the number was decreased by two, the percentage of divorces as compared with marriages was considerably less than in 1927. In that year there were around 200 marriages, while last year there were 238 marriages and only 16 divorces.

It was pointed out, however, that the number apply for divorces was much greater last year than in the preceding one. The court clerk also stated that judgment in several of the cases where divorces were granted had never been made complete as the full settlement of the costs had not been effected. It is understood that several of those receiving divorces are married again, and in those cases where the costs have been paid bigamy is being practiced. However, it is the common opinion that the violators are not aware of any guilt, they entertaining the belief that the decree was made complete at the time the divorce was granted by the court. With the exception of one, the cases are confined to colored parties.

The number of divorces granted is about equally divided among the two races, the coloreds leading by a small margin. Ten of the applications were filed by the husbands, the check showed and abandonment was the ground advanced in the proceedings.

According to an unofficial report, there were more divorces granted in the year 1927 than in any other period of equal length in the county's history. Prior to that the number averaged around 7 or 8 each year. Comparing the number of divorces here and those reported for the country as a whole, Martin County has a very low divorce rate.

ORDER MISTRIAL IN STRIKE CASE

One of Jurors Is Adjudged Insane and Famous Trial Halts

Charlotte, Sept. 9.—Two weeks of the time of scores of people and thousands of dollars today went to naught and the most dramatic trial North Carolina has ever known received another high spot when Judge M. V. Barnhill today found as a fact that one of the jurors in the case of the 16 textile strikers and strike leaders charged with the murder of Chief of Police O. F. Aderholdt of Gastonia had become insane. The juror was J. G. Campbell, a 35-year old news vendor and an obvious eccentric. It required three attendants to drag him to court this morning. A mistrial was ordered and Governor O. Max Gardner immediately issued his third commission to Judge Barnhill to hold a special term of court for the trial of this case. The term will be held on September 30.

The defense was anxious to retain the 11 jurors left in the box by some method, but attorneys on both sides admitted that there was nothing Judge Barnhill could do but order a mistrial and then adjourn the term. His commission expired on last Saturday night, and under the law the only thing he could do after the term ended was to continue a trial in progress at the time.

Former Rector of Local Church Dies in Canada

Rev. J. E. Warner, rector of the Church of the Advent here for a short period several years ago, died at his home in Canada a few days ago, according to information received here this morning.

Rev. Mr. Warner was around 80 years of age, but in spite of his advanced years he was active in church work up until a short time prior to his death. During his ministry here he made many friends and was regarded as an able religious leader.

Mrs. D. M. Roberson Accepts Position Here

Mrs. David M. Roberson, formerly Miss Ethel Griffin, of this place, has accepted a position in the local school as teacher of the fifth grade. While it is reported that her acceptance is not final, Mrs. Roberson entered upon her new duties yesterday morning. It will be remembered that she taught here several years ago, going later to Charlotte where she taught in the schools there until this year.

BEARS MAKE RAID ON HOGS

Jamesville Township Farmers Kill One and Drive Others to Swamps

Troubled by bears, farmers in the Laurel pocosin section of Jamesville Township staged a hunt here last Sunday, bagging one bruin and chasing others back into the woods.

Saturday morning, Mr. Vance Price, a farmer in that section, upon hearing one of his hogs squealing, rushed to the pen to find a big black bear attacking the porker. He fired twice into the body of the bear, but each time it recovered to find refuge in the thick woods nearby. Sunday morning another report was heard, and that time the neighbors joined in the hunt. After the dogs had been on the trail a few minutes, a bruin was started by William Price, who felled him.

Bears have killed several hogs belonging to Mr. Price and other farmers in that community during the past few weeks.

While the season for hunting bears does not open until the first of next month, the hunt was permissible on the grounds that one is allowed to kill an animal that molests or damages property.

NEW COACH AT ROBERSONVILLE

Ira C. Ainsley Takes Place of L. S. Crisp as Coach and Teacher

Robersonville, Sept. 9 (Special).—Mr. L. S. Crisp, athletic coach and high school teacher, left yesterday evening for his home at Falkland, where he will be until he goes in November to the State Sanatorium for rest. Mr. Crisp taught in the Robersonville school last term and was generally liked because of his extraordinary qualifications as teacher, coach, and friend. He accepted reelection in good faith, knowing nothing of his trouble. After special examination he was advised on August 26 to give up his duties temporarily in the school. Acting upon the advice of his physician, he at once offered his resignation to the local board, who, upon the circumstances, released him from his contract. Mr. Crisp, with the interest of the school at heart, remained in Robersonville for the organization of the eighth grade boys' section, and the boys' athletic association, keeping his resignation a secret from the students until his successor was named and acquainted with the system.

Mr. Ira C. Ainsley, of Oak City, successor of Mr. L. S. Crisp as high school teacher and coach, entered upon his duties on Tuesday morning, September 10.

Mr. Ainsley comes to the school highly recommended. He was educated at the University of North Carolina. While at the University he received instruction in athletics from Coaches Collins and Bob Fetzer.

Last year Mr. Ainsley was a member of the faculty at Steadman. Reclected by the Steadman officials shows the esteem in which he was held by the school and community. In both curricular and extra-curricular activities, his work was outstanding. He made a success with football, basketball, and baseball. Upon request he was released from his former position to take up the work here.

He insists that community and school pledge him loyal support in carrying on the work so well begun by Mr. Crisp. At present several letters are out, and it is hoped that the schedule will soon be completed.

496 Pupils Enrolled in Robersonville Schools

Four hundred and ninety-six pupils enrolled in the Robersonville schools during the first week, according to an official announcement made today.

The report reads: "For the week ending, September 6, 1929, there were enrolled in the elementary department 312 students—153 boys and 159 girls; in the high school 169 students—61 boys and 108 girls; and in the business or commercial department 20 students, 15 of which are not enrolled in other classes. The total for the school, then, is: elementary school 312 and high school and commercial department 496.

"During a similar period last year there were enrolled in the school 443 students—in the elementary school 285 and in the high school 158. Of the 285 elementary pupils 135 were boys and 150 were girls. Of the high school enrollment 56 were boys and 102 were girls.

"There has been an increase in enrollment over last year. More children have entered since September 6, and others are expected."

TEACHERS GIVE WORK TO ASSURE 8-MONTHS TERM

Bear Grass Faculty to Work Two Months for Pay Of One

WILL START MONDAY

Expect to Enroll About 300 Children Opening Day; S. M. Lee Again Principal

Agreeing to teach two months for one month's salary, members of the Bear Grass School faculty made possible for that district an eight-months term at a meeting of the committee, faculty and officials held here last Friday afternoon. The school term there has been limited to six months in the past, and it was by the sacrifice of the teachers and principal that the way was paved for the longer instruction period. The district levies a 20-cent special tax at the present time, and it is understood that the rate will care for the expense of the other month.

Committeemen A. B. Ayers, Edmond Harris, Wheeler Rogers, J. D. Wynn and W. R. Roebuck met with the faculty and explained the situation, and while it is an imposition, the teachers offered their services free during one of the extra months. With the service of the teachers pledged, the school authorities immediately started arrangements for opening the school next Monday morning, according to information given out by the secretary of the board here yesterday afternoon. Approximately 300 children are expected to enter for class work that day, it was stated.

The faculty there this year includes, Mr. S. M. Lee, principal; Misses Rachel Godwin, Louise Rogers, Carrie Lee Roberson, Ernestine Johnson, Hilda Modlin and Florence Clark.

ADD WARREN TO FIGHT SHUFORD

Bout To Be Staged at Kugler Field, Washington, Thursday Night

Washington, Sept. 9.—Facing his hardest foe since he entered the professional ring, Addison Exum Warren, Beaufort County boxer, will battle Graydon "Ox" Shuford, of Lincoln, in a championship bout to be staged here on Kugler Field on Thursday night, September 12.

Shuford, captain of the University of North Carolina boxing team, and heavyweight champion of the Southern Conference one year with Warren captain and likewise heavyweight champion of the conference the next year, will for man interesting enigma which can only be solved with the appearance of the two men in the ring.

Shuford's managers have been after the bout since their man entered upon his professional ring career to prove conclusively that Shuford was and is still the better man.

Warren will endeavor to stage his comeback in the match with Shuford, as he started an intensive training period following the bout in which he lost his first decision to Jake Denning in the ring at Durham.

A fast set of preliminaries has been arranged by the promoters to give the fans one of the best fight cards that has ever been staged in Eastern Carolina. Tickets have been placed on sale at the Diamond Cafe here.

ASKS SURVEY OF CATTLE IN SOUTH

Congressman Warren Seeks Aid of Congressmen in Securing Appropriation

Congressman Lindsay C. Warren, of the first North Carolina congressional district, announced today that he has sought the aid of all members of Congress from the States of Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida to secure an appropriation of \$100,000 at the next session of Congress to investigate beef cattle and related livestock problems in the area recently released from cattle tick quarantine. Mr. Warren stated that there were 1,307,000 fewer cattle in the States mentioned in 1927 than in 1922, and that there was a net loss of 19.03 per cent in value during the same period. The appropriation would be supplied by State funds.

If funds can be secured, it is proposed to investigate the following problems together with such others as may arise in the future: (a) Utilization of native grasses and reeds for beef cattle production. (b) Utilization of home-grown feeds for finishing beef cattle. (c) A study of the factors affecting the production and cost of pure-bred beef cattle. (d) A study of methods for the best utilization of soybeans and other feed stuffs for beef cattle and swine.

Prices of Tobacco on Local Market Are Stronger Today

18 BOYS ARE OUT TO MAKE TEAM

Coach B. E. Hood Gets High School Squad To Work

Eighteen boys in the local high school responded to Coach B. E. Hood's call for football practice last week, and already the young athletes have settled down to work preparatory for opening the season the latter part of this month. Tomorrow the boys will hold their first scrimmage of the season and with a daily practice schedule in effect, the coach anticipates opening the season with his team in excellent form.

While several of the letter men of last year will not be in the ranks this season, Coach Hood is carefully filling their places and states that the school enters the play this fall with a team equally as good, if not better, than the one of last year. The boys are competing with much earnestness for a berth on the regular squad, and splendid progress is being reported in the practice each afternoon.

The team's manager is busy at this time arranging a schedule of play for the fall, but no contracts had been entered into up until last night. While it is probable that the team will play its first game of the season the 27th of his month, it is certain that they will open the season not later than October 4. If present plans materialize, the season's schedule will include several of the larger school teams in the play.

Reporting for practice last Thursday were Holding, Saunders, Shearon, Simpson, Whitley, Walter Cook, Harrison, Cowan, Harrison, Summerell, Crockett, Barugh, Taylor, Brown, Jones, Albert Cook, Clark, Billy Liverman and Oscar Anderson, jr., are also attending practice regularly, and even if handicapped in size, they are taking an active part in the practice. The boys are practicing at the new high school building, where, it is understood, the games will be played this fall.

RUSSIANS AND CHINESE FIGHT

Real War Seems to Have Broken Out Along Border

According to late press reports, real war seems to have burst along the Manchurian border between the Chinese province of Kirin and the Siberian Maritime province where for a month Russian and Chinese forces have been strengthening their positions on each side of the border.

The strategic railway center of Pogranichnaya, Eastern terminal of the Chinese Eastern Railway, has been the scene of fierce fighting for three days. It has changed hands twice in the heaviest fighting yet to occur since the beginning of the Manchurian dispute two months ago.

Despatches from various points in the far east, Harbin, Mukden, Shanghai and Tokyo indicate the seriousness of the fighting. Artillery and airplanes were used by the Russians but there has been no report of the large number of casualties which may indicate exaggeration of the gravity of the situation.

For six weeks Russian troops have been moving into the Ussuri district and reports have said there were 30,000 Soviet soldiers between Vladivostok and Khabarovsk, Shanghai reported Chinese reinforcements rushing northward where fighting is supposed to be progressing along "the entire Manchurian-Siberian frontier." This would mean along a 2,000-mile stretch of primitive country and the reports probably highly speculative.

The new flare-up in Manchuria comes at a time when it seemed likely that diplomatic negotiations would result in an amicable settlement of the dispute which arose when Chinese provincial authorities seized the administration of the Chinese Eastern Railway and ousted Russian staff members.

Dry Officers Have Poor Day's Hunting

Federal Prohibition Agents Street and Roebuck reported small catches yesterday when they searched practically all day and found only one small liquor plant. The officers started in Griffiths Township and accidentally ran across a plant with a small quantity of beer and a kettle of 50-gallon capacity. The still was cold, and the agents found no liquor.

Meeting with little success in this county, the officers carried the search over into Beaufort, but arrived there too late to make a catch.

INSURANCE MAN GETS 2 MEDALS

Kader Crawford Honored by Companies for 25 Years Of Service

K. B. Crawford, local insurance man, has just received from the Continental Insurance Company and the Fidelity-Phenix Insurance Company "long service" gold medals, the official decorations of the companies' "old guard," in recognition of his connection with them for the past twenty-five years.

The badges of service were accompanied by a letter from Paul L. Haid, president of the companies, who expressed his appreciation of Mr. Crawford's record of loyal and faithful service, saying in part:

"It is with distinct pleasure that the writer and his associate officers welcome you into the increasing circle of those who by twenty-five years or more of loyal and faithful association with us have earned this medal of honor.

"We may all be exceedingly proud of the continued progress made by the Continental and the Fidelity-Phenix and the position they now hold in the insurance world, reached, in a large measure, by the conscientious and aggressive service of their remarkable agency force."

In commenting upon the award, Mr. Haid said: "It is due to the interest and earnest cooperation of valued agents like Mr. Crawford that the companies have enjoyed such long and successful careers and which will make them of still greater service to the public in the future."

At a dinner party given by Mrs. Crawford on Wednesday evening, September 4th, to a party of Mr. Crawford's friends, Mr. James W. Cheshire, of Raleigh, State representative of the Continental Insurance Co., and Mr. Robert B. Scott, from Greensboro, the State representative of the Fidelity-Phenix Fire Insurance Co., presented the medals to Mr. Crawford.

SCHOOL OPENS AT HAMILTON

New High Enrollment Record Is Set With 220 Registered

Opening the 1929-30 term yesterday, the Hamilton school established a new high enrollment record when 220 children registered for work in the various grades there. The enrollment yesterday was greater by 53 pupils than the one last year and marks the greatest increase ever recorded in the school there in any one year.

Following short talks by Messrs. P. L. Salsbury, D. G. Matthews, and Rev. E. P. West, Mr. W. E. Plyler, the new principal of the school, made the opening announcements, assuring the patrons the teachers' undivided efforts in making the term a successful one.

The faculty includes Misses Rabon, Metlock, Hill Williford, Ward, and Wáldo, and Mr. W. E. Plyler, principal.

B. S. Courtney Holding Furniture Auction Sales

For the first time an auction sale in a regular furniture store will be held. Beginning tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, the B. S. Courtney store on Main Street will offer its entire stock at auction, selling piece by piece to the highest bidder, regardless of the cost price.

Under the direction of the C. Lawrence Cook Co., America's foremost furniture auctioneers, the sale will continue for a few days only. Sales will be held twice daily, one in the afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock, and another in the evening from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock.

To the first 50 ladies attending the opening sale, a useful present will be given, and at each sale the management will give away a useful article of furniture.

Martin-Bertie Missionary Women in Meeting Today

The meeting of the Bertie-Martin Missionary group of the Methodist churches in the two counties is being largely attended, according to information received here at noon today. Lewiston is entertaining the various delegates to the meeting and an appropriate program is featuring the two sessions, it was stated.

The local church is being represented by Mesdames L. B. Harrison, W. E. Warren, J. W. Watts, Jr., J. E. Harrison, R. A. Critcher, Jodie Barnhill, J. F. Thigpen and W. C. Liverman.

PRICE BELIEVED TO BE AROUND 2 CENTS HIGHER

Sales Continue To Be Light Throughout Whole Belt

100,000 POUNDS HERE

Farmers and Warehousemen Are in Little Better Spirits As Result Of Slight Increase

After remaining around the 12-cent mark since the opening last Tuesday, prices on the tobacco markets were unofficially reported higher today. While the increase is only slight, from one and one-half cents to two cents per pound, the upward turn had a very noticeable effect in that the farmers and warehousemen are in better spirits than they were during last week when little hope was entertained by anyone.

According to reports from a number of markets, the sales continue light throughout the belt, no block sales being found on any of the markets.

According to estimates, approximately 100,000 pounds of tobacco are on the floors here today. The sales are brisk, the buyers paying more attention to the golden leaf than they did last week. The spirit of dullness was apparently relieved to some extent and dullness was pushed aside to give way for a more lively market.

Individual averages were reported around the 30-cent mark today, and prices reached and went above forty cents on a number of piles.

The upward trend in prices is expected to result in an increase in sales on all the markets in the belt during the next few days.

PELLAGRA SHOWS RAPID INCREASE

State Health Officer Tells How to Avoid Disease

Raleigh, Sept. 10.—Pellagra is increasing in North Carolina by leaps and bounds, carrying with it a constantly mounting toll of death and insanity, according to Dr. Charles O'H. Laughinghouse, secretary of the State Board of Health, who views the situation with alarm.

The death rate during the past five years has increased from eight per hundred thousand to 30 per hundred thousand, while the increase in insanity caused by pellagra is also large.

Two years ago five per cent of the admissions of insane patients in the State Hospital at Goldsboro was caused by pellagra, Dr. Laughinghouse stated. Last year 10 per cent and since July of this year the percentage has been climbing until now 15 per cent of the admissions are insane from pellagra.

"Pellagra is not only a public health, but is also an economic problem," declared the physician. "Its treatment is more red meats, eggs, milk, tomatoes, corn field peas, and other green vegetables, and less rising flour, grits, rice, fat meat and molasses.

"The disease is increasing so rapidly that the physicians and the public need to have their attention called to it so that immediate steps can be taken looking to the proper feeding of people in the State. We need to raise more green vegetables, more chickens and more cattle. We need to consume more red meat, more milk and more eggs. Every rural family should have a garden."

Mrs. Joshua Corey Dies In Griffiths Township

Mrs. Joshua Corey, 54 years old, died at her home in Griffiths Township last Friday morning of apoplexy. She had been in poor health during the past five years and suffered much of that time.

The funeral was conducted at the home Saturday afternoon by Rev. W. B. Harrington. Interment followed in the Tice cemetery near by.

Mrs. Corey, the daughter of the late Major Corey and wife, Millie Lilley Corey, is survived by her widower and two daughters.

No Meeting of Kiwanis Club Set for Tomorrow

The local Kiwanis will not hold their regular luncheon tomorrow as the club is planning to entertain the local school teachers next Friday evening, it was announced this morning.

WATTS THEATRE

Wednesday September 11
BUZZ BARTON in "Pals of the Prairie"
Also Comedy and Serial

Thursday September 12
"THE PACE THAT KILLS"
A Tragic Tale of Boys and Girls Who Play Too Hard in the Tragic Game of Life
Also News and Comedy

Friday September 13
"The Voice of the City"
With Robert Ames, Sylvia Fields and Willard Mack
Also News and Comedy

MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE