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## CASES HEARD BY JUSTICE PEACE

### All Were for Violations of Game Law; Several Pay Costs

Six cases charging violations of the game laws were heard by Justice of the Peace John L. Hassell here yesterday, the court imposing no fines.

Willie Bullock was found not guilty, a similar finding resulting in the case against Charles M. Bullock.

Gus Bullock, guilty of violating the game law, was discharged upon the payment of \$14 court costs.

Crover Godard, pleading guilty of buying skin of fur-bearing animals out of season, was discharged with the payment of \$14 costs.

The case charging G. A. Burroughs with trapping out of season was dismissed for want of evidence.

T. T. Ruffin, of Bertie County, charged with selling skins out of season, plead guilty, the court discharging him upon the payment of the costs, \$12.

Aside from hearings having to do with game law violations, Justice Hassell recorder Jack Bond, colored, over to the recorder's court where he will answer a simple assault charge on a female.

## COUNTY HOME INMATE DIES

### Mrs. Nancy Styron, of Pamlico County, Buried Sunday

Mrs. Nancy Styron, a Pamlico County inmate, died at Martin's county home near here last Saturday at the age of 81 years, her death bringing a marked sadness to the home. Only last month, Mrs. Styron, with six other inmates, was sent from Pamlico County to be cared for in the home near here.

She suffered an attack of pneumonia last week, her age making it impossible for her to resist the disease. In Potter's field, near the county home, the body was placed last Sunday afternoon many miles from her native home. Mr. C. L. Daniel, of the Holly Springs Methodist Church, conducted the services.

Of the six remaining Pamlico inmates in the home here, Mrs. Styron's son, now 56-years old, and her sister, Miss Lizzie French, 86 years old, survive. Mrs. Styron's death breaks a union that had been welded during the past months.

## Expect Hard Fight on Drink Bill in Belgium

Brussels, Nov. 2.—A long and fierce fight on the country's drink bill is expected at the opening of the Belgian Parliament. Experts, who have put the final touches on the liquor law, fearing the approaching storm, are sheltering behind female opinion. They have issued a statement to the effect that they could not take any other course than to stiffen the existing blue laws, because of the views of the representatives of the working classes and the delegates of the women Socialists, who begged them not to "expose the Belgian people to the dangers of a return to free trade in drink."

The commission has decided that the quantity of spirits purchasable at one time should be reduced to one liter, while no bottles of less than three-quarters of a liter shall be sold, thus preventing the sale of sample bottles.

## Hunters Get Five Deer in Washington County

Mr. Charlie Mizell, former Army captain, and doctors from Salisbury, Mocksville, and Sparta, were here yesterday exhibiting some of the fine deer they killed in Washington county recently. Five deer were killed.

These doctors have been camping in Washington County for the last five years for the purpose of deer hunting, but this is the first real success they have had in the five years.

## Australian Ballot Gets First Trial in County Wednesday

For the first time in the county, and probably for the first time in the State, votes will be cast under the act passed at the last legislature providing for the Australian ballot, tomorrow when voters in the Hurst School District, this county, determine the outcome of a special school tax election.

Learning that the election would have to be held in accordance with the act, which became effective June 30, officials yesterday and today were busily engaged preparing the tickets and a voting booth. A careful review of

the new voting law has been made, and it is understood that the election will be handled strictly in accordance with the requirements of the act.

The Australian ballot system in this county is marked for its small beginning, only 28 voters being qualified to cast their votes tomorrow in the school election. Messrs. J. P. Harris and J. D. Coltrane are the poll holders, and Mr. Luther Leggett is the registrar.

The election, if carried, will make possible a special tax levy of 30 cents to be used for educational purposes.

## Woman's Club To Meet This Friday

The date of the Woman's Club meeting has been changed from Thursday of next week, which is Thanksgiving Day, to Friday of this week, November 22. There is some special business to be passed on, and a good attendance is desired.

Owing to the fact that this is not the regular day of meeting, the hour has been changed to 3 o'clock, as there are other meetings and services at 4 o'clock. Members are urged to be present and on time, so that the business will be finished during the hour.

## COUNTY LAGS IN RED CROSS DRIVE

### No Active Campaign Being Waged Because of Lack of Organization

The annual Red Cross Roll Call drive is on and will go through Thanksgiving Day. Owing to the fact that no one has been found to accept the chairmanship for the county, there has been no organization. If any one wants to donate a dollar and join for the year 1929, or if any one in the various townships of the county will give a little time to soliciting renewals, if he or she will go to Dr. W. E. Warren, county chairman, or Mrs. Albert S. Peel, vice chairman, buttons and materials will be furnished.

Martin County has not had its usual good crop year, and times are harder here than for some years probably, but we have not had any terrible destruction of life and property as there has been in spots over the world, and we should donate something to this organization, which is the first aid everywhere in time of trouble.

There is no organization on earth for ministering to the needs of humanity that can marshal its forces for the administration of relief work as quickly as can the Red Cross, and there is no better method or means of helping our fellow man than through the channels of the Red Cross. So if there is any one who feels that he can either join or help in the drive, please do so at once.

## "Peeping Tom" Narrowly Escapes Severe Beating

Pete Pierce, white man of Bertie County, employed here at various times as a night watchman for a warehouse, narrowly escaped a thrashing last Saturday night when he was caught peeping through a window of Eliza Barnes' home, colored, who resides below the river hill. Pierce was caught when he started to run after hearing the woman yell. Eliza's sons were about to beat Pierce on the spot, but pleaded so hard that he escaped with only one or two blows. Pierce is said to have told them that he meant no harm, that he heard some one talking in the house and was attracted by it.

While it could not be officially learned here yesterday, it is understood that an investigation has been ordered and a warrant issued. Pierce is said to have returned to Bertie.

## Secretary of War Good Dies in Washington

Washington, Nov. 18.—James W. Good, Secretary of War, died tonight, after blood-poisoning overwhelmed his courageous resistance.

Funeral services will be held in the East Room of the White House Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, in the presence of President Hoover, his Cabinet and important officials of the government. Tomorrow afternoon the body will be placed on the Capitol Limited of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad en route to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where burial will be made in the family plot Friday.

The heavy burdens of the War Department were transferred by the death of Secretary Good to the comparatively youthful shoulders of Patrick J. Hurley, or Tulsa, Oklahoma, who, as a Major and Lieutenant-Colonel, participated in three big offensives of the World War, and now wears the Distinguished Service Medal of the American government.

## TEACHERS HOLD MEETING HERE

### Elect Delegates to District Meeting of Educational Association

A program prepared by teachers in the local school and pointing out the significance of "American Educational Week," featured the general assembly of a large number of Martin County teachers in their regular monthly meeting in the new high school building here last Saturday afternoon. The exercises were well planned and prepared by Misses Allen and Harrison and Mrs. Roberson, and are said to have met with marked approval, Superintendent R. A. Pope urging the schools to put this program before the public during the fall if it had not already been done.

The meeting was opened with the devotional conducted by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, of the local Presbyterian Church. Following the program, the meeting elected delegates to the district meeting of the North Carolina Educational Association to be held in Elizabeth City the latter part of this week. Messrs. Pollock and Ainsley and Miss Peel, acting as a nominating committee, selected Mr. Watson, Misses Bishop, Smith, Waldo, Hair, Jordan, and Roebuck and Mr. Lee as delegates, and Messrs. Leake, Wynne, and Talley, and Misses Getsinger, Crowson, Newton, Baldree, and Roebuck as alternates.

The new course of study to be adopted or rejected was discussed briefly by Mr. Pope, who asked the delegates to cast their votes either for or against the measure before the association.

The first of a series of services in progress at the Baptist church here this week were largely attended. Dr. James B. Turner, pastor of the Hayes-Barton Baptist Church, Raleigh, delivering strong sermons at the Sunday and last evening services. Dr. Turner preached his first sermon Sunday evening and will continue through this week with two services daily, one at 7:30 each evening and a special service at 4 o'clock each afternoon for the children and young people.

This evening, Dr. Turner will have for his subject, "Three Certainties of the Christian Life." A goodly number is expected to hear the discussion this evening and a cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend.

Dr. Turner, a native Carolinian, received his education at Buies Creek, Wake Forest College and the Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He is a World War veteran, and was, at one time, a player in the big baseball leagues. Prior to his acceptance as pastor of the Raleigh church, he was pastor of a large church in Valdosta, Ga. He is a splendid speaker, and his preaching will, no doubt, attract large audiences throughout the week, the period the meeting will run.

The third principals' conference of the present school term will be held tomorrow evening in Oak City, with Principal H. M. Ainsley acting as host. It was announced yesterday that the members of the county board of education will attend the conference and that all principals are urged to be present.

In an effort to raise funds for the athletic association, the Farm Life School is holding a box party there next Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock, the teachers and pupils extending the people of the community a cordial invitation to attend.

Hindered by a boiler trouble during several days, the Farm Life School is back to a normal operation today, mechanics repairing the boiler yesterday. A faulty water line is said to have caused the boiler to crack.

Automobiles carrying license tags of states as far away as California, Maine and New Mexico have been seen on the streets here, but a new record was set up this morning when Thomas Ray drove in an Oakland car carrying a Turkestan, central Asia, tag. While it could not be definitely learned, it is believed that Mr. Ray is now representing a concern in South Carolina.

The teachers and pupils of the Cross Roads School will give a box party on Tuesday night of next week, November 26, at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend.

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## Prices Holding Up On Tobacco Market

Sales on the local tobacco market continue to be around 75,000 pounds each day, with not much change in the prices, although a number of observers say they range some higher than last week.

A number of farmers from other counties are selling here today. They say that after trying all the markets, they find their checks as large here as any place they go.

Warehousemen expect fairly good-sized breaks all this week and next. It is generally reported that more than 90 per cent of the tobacco in this particular section of the eastern belt has already been marketed.

## LOCALS DEFEAT POPLAR BRANCH

### Win One-Sided Contest, 62 To 0, at Poplar Branch Last Friday

Coach B. E. Hood's football eleven last Friday defeated the Poplar Branch team in a one-sided and listless affair, the locals making 62 points, while their opponents were without a score. The game was played at Poplar Branch, Coach Hood and many of the boys going to the Carrick town for their first trip.

In size, the locals were matched, but Williamston's offensive tactics completely baffled the Carrick boys and the scoring was quick and often.

Next Friday afternoon Henderson will send its eleven here to do battle with the locals, the visitors being classed among the best teams in the section. The game will be called at 3:00 o'clock on the new high school field.

## TALK OF SHRINE AT PRIEST'S TOMB

### 10,000 to 50,000 People Visit Grave Daily Expecting Miraculous Cures

Boston, Nov. 16.—Extraordinary scenes have taken place for several days now in the Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden. To that old and quiet resting place of the dead there traveled on the first Sunday of the month 10,000 persons, on last Sunday ten times that number, during the week days from 15,000 to 40,000, and on Armistice Day some 50,000. These are estimates based on the opinions of first-hand observers and of policemen who have spent strenuous hours striving to prevent injury and disorder.

The people come, men and women, the young and old, the poor and the well-to-do, the halt, the lame, the blind, and the strong, most of them devout, only relatively a few of the curious and indifferent, to place their hands upon a grave, to touch their lips to a marble slab, to wipe their faces with water from the chalice that is chiseled in the flat surface of that slab, which is upheld by stone supports like a table. This monument covers the grave of a young Catholic priest, the Rev. Patrick J. Power, who was buried almost sixty years ago.

Just how the idea that miraculous cures are wrought at this grave had its origin is not known. For years there had been occasional reports of such healings; the stories were passed from mouth to mouth without publication. More recently the suburban press from time to time has printed accounts of remarkable happenings in the cemetery, but these attracted only limited attention. The spark which produced the present excitement was probably the report in a Boston paper of the healing of a young girl, narrated in detail with accompanying pictures. When first scores and then hundreds of persons began to travel to the grave all the city editors in Boston placed the cemetery on their news schedules.

The general public, however, was startled when the "big" news stories began to appear.

Everetts Literary Society In Meeting Last Friday

Everetts, Nov. 18.—The Wilsonian Literary Society of the Everetts High School held its third meeting this year on Friday, November 15, in the high school auditorium. After a short business discussion, an interesting program was presented. Wit and humor were featured.

The officers for the 1929-30 school term are: President, Bruce Roebuck; vice president, Gentry Mills; pianist, Helen Keel; chorister, Lola Moore; publicity agent, Thelma Peel; chaplain, Silas Leggett. Program committee: Thelma Peel, chairman; Helen Katherine Taylor, Lola Moore, Ella Cherry, Irene Wynne. Social committee: Syble Clark, chairman; Ruth Roebuck, Janie Biggs, Woolard Peel, James Matlock.

Box Party at Cross Roads School Tuesday, Nov. 26

The teachers and pupils of the Cross Roads School will give a box party on Tuesday night of next week, November 26, at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend.

## Negro Prowler Is Arrested Saturday

### LARGE CROWDS HEAR 'TALKIES'

### Initial Programs Are Well Received; "Show Boat" on Thursday and Friday

Showing at the Strand Theatre here for the first time last Monday morning at 12:05, the "Talkies" met with much success, a large audience going to see the "Fox Movietone Follies of 1929." Many in the audience, seeing and hearing the talkies for the first time, were very much surprised; others hearing and seeing the type of pictures in other places were warm in their praise for the equipment and its performance.

The program starting Monday morning continues through Wednesday, the theatre management announcing the "Show Boat," a corking good show, for Thursday and Friday of this week.

"The Show Boat," a Universal talking and singing picture, based on the famous novel by Edna Ferber, brings for the first time the cream of a Broadway musical hit while it is still playing in New York. "Never before has so much entertainment been crowded into a single production as you get in Carl Laemmle's glittering, gorgeous and glamorous "Show Boat," a report reads.

## HURSTS SCHOOL TAX ELECTION

### If Carried, School Will Be Consolidated With Everetts

Twenty-eight eligible voters will determine the outcome of a special school tax election in the Hurst school district tomorrow, the election having been called some time ago by the County Board of Education at the request of several citizens in the district. The registration, totalling 28, and reported by Registrar Luth Leggett, is considered small, many of the citizens failing to enter their names on the books.

Should the election carry, a special tax of 30 cents on the \$100 property valuation will be levied in the district. The school will be consolidated with the one in Everetts, where many of the Hurst district are now receiving instruction.

According to a census made in the district last year, there are approximately 60 children of school age in the district. Records show that around 40 were enrolled in the school last year, the average daily attendance being only 13. One truck will accommodate 32 names, the total registration numbering only 28, according to a check made and reported by the registrar. The election will be held at the Hurst school house.

## OPEN SEASON ON ALL GAME

### Quail, Wild Turkey, Rabbit and Dove Season Opens Tomorrow

The hunting season in this part of the State opens in full swing tomorrow, the season opening on quail, wild turkey, dove, and rabbit. The season opened on all fur-bearing animals last Friday. With the Thanksgiving holiday just a few days off and the season open on practically all game, hunting will be popular in this section during the next few weeks. The sale of hunting licenses has materially increased during the past few days here, and the next few days will bring another substantial increase in the sale, it is believed.

According to reports coming from hunters in this section, the season has been exceptionally good for hunting squirrel and deer. The large catches of fur-bearing animals during the past few days indicate that this type of game is also to be found in large numbers. No definite reports have been heard as to the number of quail and wild turkeys.

## Checking Mail To Upper Part County

With many requests coming from patrons in the several towns, the post office department is making a check of the mail handled between Weldon and Williamston, the line proposed for a star mail route. The check made here the latter part of last week was small, according to Postmaster J. T. Price, but it must be remembered, Mr. Price said, that mail going from here to all points is very light at this time. "We have received many requests for the route," Mr. Price stated, "and we are reporting them to the proper officials."

## ATTEMPTED TO BREAK INTO 2 HOUSES HERE

### Tried to Get Into Homes of C. B. Godwin and A. Anderson

### HEARING TODAY AT 4

### Strong Chain of Evidence Worked Up Against Crew; Was Drinking When Arrested

William Crew, 25-year-old local Negro, was arrested and placed in jail here early Sunday morning, charged with attempted housebreaking and attempting to enter a house. He will be given a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell at the courthouse here at 4 o'clock today.

Crew's arrest is believed to be a climax to night prowling around private homes and property here. During the past several weeks a number of cases have been reported, but the situation reached an acute stage last Saturday about midnight, when Crew attempted to enter the home of Mr. C. B. Godwin, on Main Street, and that of Mr. A. Anderson, corner of Houghton and Simmons Streets. While no official report has been made by officers at this time, it is understood that Crew will face a strong line of evidence at the hearing today.

Prowling around the home of Mr. Godwin for a long while, Crew is said to have committed the first offense, attempted housebreaking, when he started in the front door of the home at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Godwin heard a noise on the front porch and went to the door, reaching there in time to turn the knob on the inside while the Negro turned the one on the outside. Partly opening the door, she saw the Negro and, closing it immediately, she asked him what he was doing there. Crew made several remarks and was slow in leaving. After he turned from the door and left the porch, Mrs. Godwin called her husband at his place of employment. While awaiting her husband's arrival, Mrs. Godwin returned to the front door and Crew continued around. Bringing a gun into action, Mrs. Godwin warned Crew, who had retreated across the street at that time. When Mr. Godwin and Officer Allsbrooks reached the scene, Crew ran down Pearl Street, evading Mr. Godwin and Officer Allsbrooks.

It was only a few minutes after he was chased down Pearl Street that Crew is said to have committed the second offense. This time he went to the home of Mr. Anderson and climbed a water drain, apparently planning an entrance through a window overlooking the porch. Misses Allen and Peacock, teachers in the local school, and who were in their room, heard the man as he grasped the water drain to climb to the porch roof. The noise was reported to Misses Ivey and Sample, two other teachers rooming just across the hall, and Miss Ivey went in to investigate the noise. She went to the window, raised the shade and removed the screen, seeing the man stooping on the roof within reaching distance. Hearing her call for help and the screams of the other teachers, the man jumped from the roof and ran away.

At 1 o'clock, about an hour after he left the Anderson home, Crew was taken into custody by Mr. Godwin and Officer Allsbrooks at the corner of Pearl and Main Streets. Crew practically admitted one of the charges, and when asked where he had been during the night he offered an alibi that was proven false by Policeman Allsbrooks and Mr. Godwin upon investigation.

In the jail here Sunday afternoon, Crew, lined up with 11 other prisoners, was identified by the teachers as the man who had attempted to enter the Anderson home. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, investigating the case, found white paint on Crew's clothes, the officer stating that Crew apparently rubbed the paint from the drain as he climbed to the top of the porch.

It is stated that Crew had been drinking, but that he was not drunk, however.

## Jury Returns True Bill Against Sylvester Taylor

While it could not be officially learned yesterday, it was reported that a Beaufort County jury yesterday returned a true bill in the case charging Sylvester Taylor, formerly of this county, with entering the store of Mr. E. H. Roberson, at Batts Cross Roads between here and Washington, and removing a safe and several articles.

It is understood that the court in session there this week has such a large docket that it is not likely that the case will be called at this term. It is reported, however, that the prosecuting witness is pushing the case and is anxious to have it heard during the present term of the court.

**WATTS THEATRE**  
 Tuesday-Wednesday Nov. 19-20  
**Fox Movietone "FOLLIES"**  
 All Singing, Dancing, Talking Revue  
 Also NEWS AND FABLES  
 Thursday-Friday Nov. 21-22  
 Universal's Talking and Singing Triumph  
**EDNA FERBER'S "SHOW BOAT"**  
 with the musical hits from  
 Flo Zeigfeld's Original Broadway Production  
 Also NEWS AND COMEDY