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4 NEGROES HURT IN AUTO WRECK SATURDAY NIGHT

Car Strikes Cart on Bridge Over Conine Creek; One Man Badly Hurt

MULE IS DROWNED

William Hopkins, Driver of Car, Held Under \$500 Bond; Hearing in Windsor Next Monday

Two colored men, Captain Barnes and Charlie Jordan, were hurt, one seriously, and a mule killed in a car-automobile accident on the highway bridge across Conine Creek last Saturday night between 9 and 10 o'clock.

The mule, frightened when the automobile struck the car, jumped the bridge railing and landed in Conine Creek and drowned. The animal was blind and it is not known whether he was injured so badly he drowned or just could not find his way out of the stream.

According to the story told to officers by Hopkins, he with Jim Staton, Godard, Charlie Alexander, and a Waters boy, all white, near Jamesville, were riding across the Roanoke River fill, that when they almost reached the cart, going toward Windsor also, a light was raised from the cart's body and placed on the left side.

According to rumors, Barnes, who is around 50 years old, waved his lantern when it appeared to him that the car was going to hit his cart. The speed the car was traveling has not been determined, but it was stated that the car was averaging around 30 miles an hour when it struck the horse-drawn vehicle.

The three boys, with Hopkins, fled from the scene. Godard, reaching home the next morning, stated that he was so badly frightened he left the scene at once. Hopkins, assisted by others, coming upon the scene shortly after the wreck, brought the injured here for medical attention.

According to latest reports, Jordan was still living, but his condition was reported to be very grave. Hopkins was placed under a \$500 bond yesterday, pending the outcome of the wreck. A preliminary hearing has been scheduled to be held in Windsor next Monday morning at 10 o'clock, according to information received here yesterday afternoon.

2 JAILED FOR STEALING HOG

Matt Gray and James Corey Charged With Killing Neighbor's Hog

Matt Gray and James Corey, colored, were jailed here early Saturday for stealing a hog from the field of Mr. George Taylor, Everetts. Gray and Corey ran the hog down and killed it with a wooden railing. With a search warrant, officers went to the home of Gray and Corey where they found fresh meat cooking. Before Sheriff Roebuck could read the warrant, Gray's wife ran to the kitchen and removed part of the meat and hid it under the bed. The evidence was sufficient for the arrest of the two men.

Returning there later, Sheriff Roebuck found a large portion of the meat in a lard stand buried in the ground with a pile of wood over it. The two men will be given hearings today, it is understood.

Presbyterian Campaign For Funds Short \$150

According to information obtained from Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, the goal set by the Presbyterian church here is still about \$150 behind and about half of the people of the town have not been seen by the canvassers at this time.

They hope to be able to complete the canvass this week and have the budget fully prepared in time to render a complete report Sunday.

Town Commissioners Hold Special Meeting

The town commissioners here held a special session last Friday evening, the business of the evening being limited to one or two building permits and a discussion of the ordinance having to do with milk inspection for the town.

Government Peanut Grader Has Made Few Tests So Far

While the number of tests made has been limited in the section, peanut grading is making a very favorable impression on the farmers who have had their product tested, according to a statement made yesterday by Mr. H. O. Henly, of the United States and State Departments of Agriculture. Mr. Henly, who was stationed here last week by the agricultural departments to carry on the grading work in this section, stated yesterday that a number looked upon the tests very favorably and it is believed they will have their

RIFT REPORTED IN FREE UNION

Distillers Are Invading One Another's Camps and Destroying Property

According to Lincoln's great saying, "United, we stand; divided, we fall," the Free Union section of this county is apparently doomed. Complete facts in the case have not been learned at this time, but it is understood that the liquor manufacturers there are invading each other's camps and laying waste the property. The split was aggravated last Saturday night, it is understood, when George Boston fired a load of bird shot into the back of George Boston, George's half brother. Early procured a warrant for George, who, upon learning of this, swore one out against Early for creating the disturbance that resulted in the shooting. Learning of George's action, Early is said to have destroyed a still believed to have been the property of George or that of his friends. Bond was arranged in one of the cases, it is reported, but Early Boston has not been apprehended at this time. The man was not very badly hurt by the gun shot wounds.

MAN IS CAUGHT REPAIRING STILL

Federal Agents Get Man in Bertie County Raid Yesterday

Lloyd E. Pritchard, young white man of Bertie county, was caught repairing a liquor still near Crems, that county, by federal prohibition agents working out of here and Deputy Sheriff Mitchell, of Hertford county, in a raid made yesterday afternoon. The owner of the still, assisting in the work, made his escape, but it is understood that the evidence in the case will result in a warrant's being issued against him.

According to the story told by officers, Mr. Pritchard was called in as a mechanic, that while he was patching several holes in the kettle, the plant was raided and he was captured.

At a hearing held here last night, Pritchard was placed under a \$500 bond. The case, charging him with connection in the manufacture of liquor, will be called in Washington, April 7.

While returning home, the officers saw John Taylor, colored also of the Crems section, driving down the highway with a load of manufacturing equipment and a gallon of liquor. The mule and cart were returned to their owner, and Taylor was chaperoned along with Mr. Pritchard. In default of a \$500 bond, Taylor went to jail, but it is expected that bond will be arranged for him today.

Christmas Program At Baptist Church Sunday

Next Sunday afternoon promptly at 5 o'clock the local Baptist church will give a short Christmas program of music and Scripture readings at the church.

This is in addition to the regular Sunday morning Christmas sermon. There will be two special musical numbers and a group of girls will recite selections of Scripture appropriate to the Christmas season.

The service being held at 5 o'clock in the afternoon will make it possible for every one to attend who cares to do so. And every one is invited and will be very welcome at the short service.

Kiwians To Have Meeting Tomorrow

The local Kiwanians will hold their regular meeting tomorrow at the usual hour in the Woman's Club hall. According to a statement made by the club's president today, important business is scheduled to come up before the members tomorrow and a large attendance is urged.

SEASON ENDS ON TOBACCO MART HERE TOMORROW

Sale For Season Slightly Over Four and Quarter Million Pounds

QUALITY VERY POOR

Shortage of Crop and Poor Quality of Offerings Have Caused Heavy Losses to Warehousemen

With sales slightly exceeding the four and one-quarter million pound mark, the Williamston tobacco market closes the season tomorrow. Taking in consideration the conditions existing in this immediate section during the growing season, the market here has had a successful year. The shortage of the crop and the poor quality of the offerings have caused marked losses for the warehousemen, and surely the low prices have been more than disappointing to the growers.

After examining closely the reports coming from a half-dozen or more of the markets in the belt and talking with circuit riders and men acquainted with the conditions in the entire section, it is generally conceded that the market here received a crop of the poorest quality ever received. Considering this fact alone, the average price, while it is not high, is considered unusually good.

Disinterested observers have stated that no market had a better corps of buyers, who with the warehousemen, have worked hard for the interests of the market and its patrons. The buyers will leave tomorrow afternoon and Thursday for their homes in the various states. Practically all of them have expressed themselves as anxious to return next year; for they said that the market here is bound to grow, that this year had there been a good growing season it would have established a high record.

While no announcements have been made yet, it is understood that many of the present warehousemen will be on the market next year.

OFFICERS SEIZE 21 GALLONS RUM

Sheriff and Deputies Narrowly Escape Fight in Raid on Home

Officers G. B. Roebuck, H. O. Daniel, J. H. Roebuck and Street, armed with a warrant, searched the home of Wiley Roberson, colored, near Robersonville last Saturday night and found 21 gallons of liquor. Much difficulty was encountered in making the search and the officers narrowly missed serious trouble. Roberson was not at home at the time officers arrested him in Robersonville where he was allowed bond for his appearance at a hearing scheduled to take place here.

Sheriff Roebuck, entering Roberson's house to make the search, was roughly ordered out by the Roberson woman. When Sheriff insisted that he was to search the house, she started pushing him. There were several other negroes in the room at the time. Joe Roebuck arrived on the scene at the time and he offered his assistance, but not until Daniel came in and held the crowd at the end of a pistol did the officers complete the search.

Returning to his home, Roberson is said to have brought his gun out and threatened the lives of several. The charges, possession of liquor and assault with a deadly weapon, preferred against him will be heard in the recorder's court here today, it is understood. Roberson had a brother to hang here about 25 years ago.

Roberson's wife will answer to the charge of resisting an officer, it is understood.

Live-at-Home Program At Everetts This Week

Everetts, Dec. 16.—In keeping with Governor Gardner's proclamation of this as a "Live at Home Week," the Everetts Parent-Teacher Association is having a special "Live at Home Week" program at the Everetts school auditorium tonight at 7:30. Judge F. D. Winston, of Windsor, is to be the special speaker.

Attendance is urged of not only the citizens of Everetts, and community but other sections of the county as well to hear the well-known and much-respected Judge on this subject that is much needed in this section of the State at this time.

Telephone Employees Have Oyster Feast

Telephone employees enjoyed an oyster feast here last evening, Messrs Davis, district manager for the Carolina Telephone Company, and Mullin superintendent of construction, being guests of honor.

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SIGNS REDUCED INCOME TAX ACT

President Signs Bill Without Formality in His Office Monday

Washington, Dec. 16.—Income tax reduction of \$160,000,000 was enacted into law today when President Hoover signed the joint Congressional resolution providing for the slash. The Chief Executive affixed his signature in the presence only of two of his secretaries, George Akerson and Lawrence Riehey, using the pen with which he transacts routine business.

The measure had been sent to the Treasury Department, where Secretary Mellon quickly gave his approval. A Treasury messenger returned the document to the White House and the President signed it immediately after it was laid upon his desk.

Enactment of the legislation, which was the first to complete the Congressional circuit in the regular session, was finished all but for Mr. Hoover's signature when the Senate gave its approval Saturday by a vote of 63 to 14.

The tax cut was advocated by the administration early this fall and won speedy approval from both Republican and Democratic leaders, many of whom believed that it would help to give assurances that business conditions were sound. In the Senate, however, a number of Western Republican Independent voted against the measure after assailing it as a gift to the rich.

Find Body of Aviator Preserved in Ice Cake

Washington, Dec. 14.—Eleven years ago Allison Gray, who had been engaged in work here at the time of the World War and was a popular youth, was shot down in his airplane in Russia. The aviator's body could not be located at that time.

Word was received here last night that the body was recently discovered in a cake of ice and was perfectly preserved. The remains were shipped to this country and were interred at the youth's home, South Boston, Va.

Principals To Meet in Hamilton Tomorrow

The Martin County school principals and several of the officials will hold their regular monthly conference tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock with Principal Plyler, at Hamilton, according to scheduled plans.

Organization Is Perfected To Care For Local Charity Cases

SENTENCE OF PERCY MILLER IS COMMUTED

Windsor Negro Escapes Electric Chair by Action Of Governor

KILLED POLICE CHIEF

Presence of Troops at Trial Is Given As One of Reasons for Commuting Death Sentence

Raleigh, Dec. 14.—Governor O. Max Gardner yesterday, upon recommendation of Judge N. A. Townsend, executive counsel, commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of electrocution imposed on Percy Miller, Bertie County Negro.

The Percy Miller case had occupied the mind of Judge Townsend and Governor Gardner for several months. The Negro was accused of shooting Chief of Police Pat White, of Windsor, to death. He was tried and convicted with national guard troops guarding the courtroom and jail due to the high feeling in the community.

The case was appealed to the Supreme Court, and the high tribunal found no error in the case. The date automatically set for his execution, after the appeal was dismissed, approached and Judge Townsend asked that he be reprieved. Again the execution date neared and another reprieve was granted. Today's action, coming on Friday, the thirteenth, brought a permanent reprieve from the death sentence, although the man must serve the remainder of his life in the State Prison unless some governor paroles or pardons him.

The recommendation of Judge Townsend was based largely on the fact that feeling was so high in Bertie County when the man was tried that troops had to be used in court for protection. The matter of evidence was also mentioned, one of the chief prosecution witnesses being alleged to have told several versions of the killing and of events just preceding it when Miller was said to have made threats against Chief White.

BEGIN POWER LINE SURVEY

Engineers Start Routing Line to Jamesville and Plymouth

A preliminary survey for the Virginia Electric and Power Company's transmission line from this point to Plymouth was started yesterday, employees arriving from Roanoke Rapids, the company's Carolina headquarters, and Richmond.

According to unofficial reports, preliminary activities will be carried forward rapidly preparatory to the line's construction within the next few months. The line will be constructed across the country, following the highway only now and then, it is understood.

Meeting of the County's Teachers is Postponed

The fourth county teachers' meeting scheduled to have been held in the high school building at Robersonville last Saturday afternoon was postponed until Saturday, January 25, 1930, on account of the death of Mr. Nathan Rogers, county board of education member.

It was announced from the office of the county superintendent yesterday that the regular number of the meetings will be held, the last session coming one month later than would have been the case had no interruption occurred last Saturday.

Town Auto License Tags Now on Sale

Town automobiles will be well dressed this year with two State license and one town tag attached. The sale of town tags was started yesterday at the mayor's office. Automobile owners here will find the clerk in the office from 9 until 12 and from 2 to 4 each week day. Chief W. B. Daniel will also assist in the sale of the tags, it was stated.

The officials are urging all local auto owners to equip their cars with the plates before January 1. The price of the plate is \$1.

Fifty head of Hereford cattle have been received by T. D. Temple, of Scotland Neck, in Halifax County, and will be fed out and sold as beef next fall. The cattle were shipped from Fort Worth, Texas.

SEVERAL WANT BOARD VACANCY

Board Education to Elect Successor to Mr. Rogers in January

The seat on the Martin County Board of Education made vacant by the death of Mr. Nathan Rogers is held in January, according to information received here from official sources.

While several people have been mentioned as possible candidates for the seat, none has been officially reported at this time.

The appointment, to be made by the remaining members of the educational board, is understood to be centered to Bear Grass and Griggs Townships. However, it is understood the board is at liberty to make its own selection, regardless of districts.

For some time a system has been followed in this county whereby the townships have been paired off with one nominating and electing the county commissioner and the other nominating the educational board member, subject to the legislature's approval. According to this arrangement, Mr. T. C. Griffin, of Griggs, figuratively represented Griffin and Bear Grass Townships on the board of county commissioners, and Mr. Rogers figuratively represented both townships on the board of education.

The next meeting of the county educational board is scheduled to be held January 6, 1930. Since the schools are reopening for the winter term on that date, the meeting might be postponed until the following day.

COUNTY BOYS ON STATE TEAM

Jimmy Brown Hailed As Best Prospect in Many Years

Martin county and Jamesville in particular loomed up this week in State sports when Jimmy Brown and Onward Gaylord were mentioned for places on State College's basketball team.

The News and Observer sports writer has to say: "The team should be well fixed for forwards. Haar is expected to take care of one place, while the other first-stringer will likely be drawn from a trio of sophomores—Jimmy Brown, Bill Woodward and Onward Gaylord. Brown is hailed as one of the best prospects at State since the days of Fletcher Dickens. He is very fast, a good floor man, a fine defensive player and a brilliant shot in the scoring zone. According to the coaches, the youngster has everything except experience but is expected to come through handsily."

Schools of County Close Friday for Christmas

Approximately 8,000 Martin County school children will cast aside their books next Friday afternoon to celebrate the Christmas holidays, all the schools reopening January 6 for the winter term.

The local school, according to a schedule prepared by the principal, will close at 3:30 that afternoon. Members of the local faculty, with the exception of one or two, will leave that afternoon for their respective homes.

31 State License Tags Sold Here on Monday

Thirty-one automobile licenses, and for \$40, were sold at the local license bureau yesterday, according to a report made by Bureau Clerk Joseph G. Corey, late in the day. The sale yesterday was 24 greater than it was on the opening day last year. A majority, 22, was in the E group.

The sale was distributed in four counties, several going to each Beaufort, Washington, Bertie, and Martin. Only two licenses were sold for trucks, 29 going on pleasure or business cars.

Many Tenants Are Moving This Week

While moving has been going on for several weeks, tenants apparently started changing their places of residence in earnest yesterday when several truck loads of furniture rolled through town. Some of the trucks carrying the furniture were going one way and some another. This season in the county is expected to be one of the greatest in several years for moving.

THURSDAY TO BE OBSERVED AS BUNDLE DAY

Scouts Will Call at Homes Here to Get Packages For Poor

ALL ASKED TO HELP Permanent Organization Is Formed At Meeting Held Here Last Saturday

A permanent charity organization was perfected here yesterday morning when representatives of the various religious and civic bodies met in the office of Attorney E. S. Peel and considered ways and means of meeting the urgent needs of the poor in this community. The meeting was called by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and president of the ministerial association recently organized here.

Rev. Charles H. Dickey, of the Baptist church, opened the meeting with a short prayer. Mr. Wheeler Martin, Scoutmaster, taking the floor, suggested that a bundle day be observed. Thursday was mentioned and, according to present plans, the Scouts will call at the homes in town that afternoon for old clothes, toys, and other articles that will be of service to some one. The bundles will be turned over to the woman's club for distribution through the welfare committee, composed of Mesdames W. C. Manning, A. R. Dunning, Erah Cobb, and Henry D. Harrison.

The bundle day idea has proved popular in other communities, and it is one of the best ways to raise articles that will be of untold value to those less fortunate than the donors.

In connection with the work, Rev. A. H. Marshall, of the Episcopal Church, suggested that the several churches appoint committees to assist the Woman's Club charity committee.

While very few urgent cases have been reported, the number of needy families in this immediate section is understood to be larger than at any previous time. In spite of the increase in such cases, it is believed that the situation can be well handled with the people of the town and community cooperating in the work.

In making the results as effective as possible, the leaders in the work are asking every one acquainted with needy cases to report them to the Enterprise at once with the conditions and any supplementary information they can offer. These cases will be promptly reported to the investigation committee who will determine the needs of the cases reported and arrange for distribution of the articles most needed.

Since last Friday various needy cases have been pointed out, and these will be reported to the charity committee. To meet these cases, the citizens of the town are urged to respond with bundles next Thursday afternoon, when the Boy Scouts start their collection work.

While conditions in this immediate section are not as bad as those reported in other sections of Eastern Carolina, there are many needy cases in and around here to be cared for. Numbers of children are out of school because of a shortage of clothes and books and can be greatly helped by small donations.

The charity organization is not a temporary one, but during the next several months it will receive and handle requests. Bundle days will be designated from time to time as the conditions demand, the organization appealing for their support.

ALARM BRINGS MANY TO TEST

Firemen and Many Citizens Fooled by Blowing of Siren Sunday Night

A goodly number of the volunteer firemen and other citizens here were fooled last Sunday night when a fire alarm was sounded that representatives of the American LaFrance Company might test the town's fire-fighting equipment. The representative had been here two or three days inspecting the equipment, and to prevent the loss of another day he asked Chief H. D. Harrison to assemble the volunteer group for a test Sunday night.

Many of the citizens rushed to the fire station in their cars to learn the source of the alarm, and a number, unable to learn there, followed the truck and firemen out to the warehouse district, where the test was made.

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