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NEGRO WOMAN IS SOUGHT IN FATAL SHOOTING HERE

James Hines Shot To Death At Home In Leggett's Lane Christmas Day

James (Cootie) Hines, colored, was instantly killed while he apparently slept in his bed in a house on Leggett's Lane here about 8 o'clock Christmas morning...

Annie Brown, colored, with whom Hines is said to have spent much time, is accused of the killing, but her arrest has not been effected.

Hines, generally described as a "bad nigger" by members of his own race, was about 30 years old. He apparently died instantly when a load of gunshot was fired into his neck at close range.

Hines and the Brown woman had been in fights and had served time in jail and on the roads. Last Saturday night other occupants of the Hines apartment heard a disturbance between the two and sent for officers.

Sunday night, the wayward lover visited another of his concubines, it is said, the act apparently enraging the Brown woman. Early Christmas morning she met Hines and they went to her apartment, carrying on a heated quarrel for a short while. He later went to bed and to sleep. She left the shack and went to the home of a neighbor, where she had left a suitcase some time before.

The killing was not discovered until some minutes later, when one of Hines' believed liquor customers called at the door. Receiving no answer the man called to others, and they entered the hut, finding the body.

Coroner S. R. Biggs was called, and he summoned a jury. After making inquiry into the happenings, the jury returned a verdict that Hines had been killed with a shot gun in the hands of Annie Brown.

The Brown woman made a mysterious getaway, and was seen by a very few people immediately after the shooting. It was said that she had tried to hire several to carry her to Raleigh, saying that she had done a bad thing and wanted to get away.

NEGRO MAN DIES FROM EXPOSURE

Ed Moore Found Dead In Dardens Section Last Saturday Night

Ed Moore, 28-year-old colored man, was found dead along a little-traveled road in the Dardens section of Jamesville Township about midnight last Saturday, his death being the first untimely one reported in the county during the holiday season.

Said to have been drinking, Moore was last seen alive in Dardens about 10 o'clock that night. When officers made an investigation several hours later they decided that the man died as a result of too much liquor and exposure.

Moore is said to be about the third colored man to have died in that section within the past few years from exposure. Examining officers stated they found no signs of foul play, that when the man was found he was stretched out alongside of the road with his cap on his head.

Approximately \$1,800 Paid for Fireworks This Season

Approximately \$1,800 was spent in Williamston for fireworks this Christmas season, it was reliably learned today. In addition to that amount numerous orders were shipped direct to purchasers and a large quantity was sold near here, the total sales running close to \$1,800, it is estimated.

Christmas Holiday Season Passes Quietly in County

Christmas, 1933, in Martin County was one of the quietest in years, reports from all sections indicate. While there were three untimely deaths during the season, the general observance was marked by peace and quietness. As far as it could be learned only one arrest was made in the county on Christmas Day, and the violation in that case was of a minor nature.

Officers, both county and town, referred to the celebration as one of the quietest they had ever seen in this county.

Only 12 cases have been docketed so far for trial in the county recorder's court next Tuesday, and eight of the number were continued from a previous session. Originally, cases are numerous following a holiday of the court, and more particularly so following a holiday just at Christmas time.

Several communities were saddened by deaths during the holiday season, and the good cheer so marked at Christmas time was pushed into the background for a few in whose homes sickness was present.

The season, as a whole, was marked for its quietness and good will toward all men.

MORE THAN 1,000 SIGN CONTRACTS IN THIS COUNTY

Expect Tobacco Reduction Drive To Be Completed Early Next Week

Approximately 1,000 or just about three-fourths of the tobacco farmers in Martin County have already signed tobacco reduction contracts for the years 1934 and 1935, it was learned from the office of County Agent T. B. Brandon here yesterday afternoon. The work is progressing very rapidly in most of the districts in the county, and a complete sign-up is expected not later than the latter part of next week.

While the sign-up has created some peculiar problems to a few individual farmers, most of the difficulties have been ironed out, and the work is receiving a marked support, it was learned. Several growers have asked various questions in connection with decreasing the number of their tenants and retaining those recognized as expert tobacco raisers. When it was explained that the government is trying to do all it can to help the farmer and that it was no more than right for the farmer to do all he can to help the tenant there has been a very encouraging result with no particular objection registered against the contracts.

COUNTY SCHOOLS REOPEN MONDAY

Robersonville and the Bear Grass Schools To Open Later In the Week

All Martin County schools with the exception of two, Bear Grass and Robersonville, will re-open after a brief suspension of activities during the Christmas season, next Monday morning at the usual opening hour, it was learned yesterday from the office of the county superintendent here. Certain repairs are being made in the two schools where delayed openings are scheduled, it was said.

The holiday for a number of the schools is the shortest in years, the faculties deciding it was advisable to make up the time lost for Thanksgiving now rather than next spring.

Price Agreement for Peanut Gets Approval of Officials

An agreement fixing the minimum price of peanuts has been tentatively approved by authorities, and the plan is now before the millers, according to information received here a few days ago. No details or particulars could be learned in connection with the plan other than that it calls for a price not lower than 3 cents for what are called U. S. Standard No. 2 grade.

Christmas Weather Here Warmest In Many Years

While many parts of the country were gripped by wintry winds and freezing temperatures, this section had one of the warmest Christmases in years. The mercury was well above 70 during much of the time until Tuesday night when it dropped to the freezing point.

No Preaching Services In Methodist Church Sunday

No preaching services will be held in the local Methodist church Sunday, it was learned yesterday. The pastor, Rev. C. T. Rogers and Mrs. Rogers, are visiting in Newport and will not return before about the middle of next week. Other services in the church will be held as usual that day, it was announced.

COUNTY BOARDS TO MEET MONDAY

Postoffice and Bank Will Observe New Year's As a Holiday

Other than the suspension of service in the postoffice and bank, business will go forward as usual here next Monday—New Year's Day. No deliveries will be made either in the village or in the rural sections by the postal authorities that day.

While no important business has been scheduled for consideration, the boards of education and commissioners will meet as usual, the two meetings being regular ones. County offices, including those of the register of deeds, clerk of court, board of education, sheriff's, farm agents', welfare and employment bureau, will go ahead with their operations as usual, it is understood. Municipal operations will be in order that day, the town authorities holding their regular meeting at 7:45 Monday night, Mayor John L. Hassell announced this morning.

AGENCY HERE CHANGES HANDS

Local Stock Company Buys Chevrolet Agency Here, Effective January 1

The Roanoke Chevrolet Company, a stock company owned and operated by local people, has purchased the Williamston agency of the Better Chevrolet Company and will take over the active management next Monday, it was officially announced today.

Mr. John Henry Edwards, a Williamston boy, but for the past two or three years associated with the Better Chevrolet Company in Robersonville, will be he manager of the new company here. He will be assisted by Mr. S. Collins Peel in the sales department. Mr. Peel has been connected with the agency here for several years. Both young men are well known in this section.

The company will display the new model Chevrolets as soon as the car is placed on the market. In connection with their sales organization, the new company will maintain a general repair service, employing experienced mechanics.

Special Service for College Students at Baptist Church

A special service will be held at the Baptist church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in honor of the young men and young women who will be leaving the community for the various schools, colleges and universities at the first of the year. These young men and young women, together with their families, are invited to this service Sunday morning if their coming does not conflict with services in their own churches.

A short New Year's service will be held Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, following the sessions of the young people's meetings at 6:30.

The sympathies of this church and congregation go out to the family of Mrs. Joe Taylor in their recent and great bereavement.

The pastor and people extend good wishes for a happy New Year to the entire community.

Highly Respected Colored Woman Died Yesterday

Lizzie Booze, highly respected colored woman and a faithful servant, died at her home here yesterday morning about 4 o'clock. She had been sick during the past month. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon.

MRS. EMILY C. LEGGETT DIES IN CROSS ORADS

Funeral Services Are Being Held From Home There This Afternoon

Mrs. Emily C. Leggett, highly respected woman of the Leggetts section of Cross Roads Township, died at her home there at 7 o'clock yesterday morning from heart trouble. Although she had been in delicate health much of the time during the past five years, she suffered a relapse about a week ago, the end coming gradually.

The daughter of the late J. H. Wynn and wife, Mrs. Leggett was born in this county 61 years ago the 10th of last September. In early womanhood she was married to Mr. Mc. D. Leggett, who, with five children, Mrs. V. A. Parker, of Halifax; Mrs. N. D. Gurganus, of this county; Augustus Leggett, of Greenville; John Leggett, of Williamston, R. F. D. 2; and J. Robert Leggett, of Williamston, survives. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. H. L. Roebuck, of Scotland Neck; and one brother, Mr. J. W. Wynn, of Niles, S. C.

A member of the Free Will Baptist church, Mrs. Leggett manifested a great interest in church work, and was recognized as a good friend and neighbor.

Funeral services are being conducted from her late home this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. W. T. Pollard, of the Free Will Baptist church. Interment will follow in the family plot at the home place.

TO TEAR DOWN OLD LANDMARK

Workers To Move Timbers To High School Ground For Gymnasium

Workmen will start tearing down Carstaphen's old store building, one of the section's oldest landmarks, next Monday, according to plans announced by CWA authorities here this morning. The material will be moved to the high school grounds for use in the construction of a gymnasium.

The project was one of two approved yesterday, the other calling for the construction of two rooms at the Bear Grass school. Work will be started on the latter project within the next few days, or as soon as material can be placed.

The office of the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina Boat Line, located in the building since the line was organized years ago, has been moved to the old Dennis Simmons Lumber Company Building, adjoining the office of Attorney H. G. Horton.

Construction of a swimming pool here has been temporarily postponed, as funds are about exhausted. The project may receive consideration in the early part of February, provided additional funds are made available at that time.

Fire Creates Excitement Here Christmas Day

Fire of undetermined origin gutted the garage and storage house of the G. W. Blount Variety Store just off of Smithwick Street here shortly after the noon hour on Christmas day, the blaze climaxing the holiday excitement in the immediate business section of the town.

When discovered the fire was burning in nearly every part of the building, but the volunteer fire company made a hurried answer and soon had the fire under control, limiting the damage to a small figure.

It is believed that the fire started from a lighted fire cracker or a cigarette thrown by careless hands. The owner stated he could not determine the cause of the fire, but stated he planned to tear the shell of the building down.

The unusually warm weather during the Christmas season in this section is believed to have been responsible for the small number of fires.

No Presbyterian Preaching Services in County Sunday

Sunday, December 31, 1933: Church schools will be held as usual. 9:45 at Williamston, 3 p. m. at Roberson's Chapel, and 9:30 a. m. at Bear Grass. There will be no church school at Ballard's Farm.

There will be no preaching services at either point due to the absence of the pastor. All services will be resumed as usual on January 6, 1934. Inasmuch as there will be no church services, all members are urged to attend the church schools.

Close the old year right—go to church Sunday.

FARMER KILLED WHEN STRUCK BY CAR NEAR HERE

W. B. Dickerson Instantly Killed Near Here Last Monday Evening

W. B. Dickerson, 65-year-old white farmer living on the Biggs farm, near Skewarkey church, was instantly killed when struck by a car, driven by B. C. Nicholson, Halifax County man, near the Sunny Side Inn on the Washington road about 6 o'clock Wednesday evening. Mr. Dickerson, partially paralyzed and very feeble, started to cross the highway and stepped from behind a parked car into the path of the machine driven by Mr. Nicholson, eye witnesses to the accident stating there was no carelessness on the part of the driver. Mr. Nicholson was driving about 30 miles an hour, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck learned in investigating the accident. However, it was decided advisable to hold a hearing, Mr. Nicholson voluntarily agreeing to appear before Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell here this afternoon.

The accident victim was originally from near Oxford, coming to this county only a few years ago. Mrs. Dickerson did a year or two ago, leaving two daughters, Mrs. R. M. Perry and Mrs. Benny Lilley, of Williamston R. F. D. 1, and six sons, James Henry, Robert Lee, William Burton, David T., Samuel and Herman Dickerson.

The body was carried to the old home in Granville County Tuesday afternoon, where funeral services were conducted Wednesday. Interment followed in the family plot.

While Mr. Nicholson was held in no way responsible, he willingly agreed to accept the funeral and burial costs, it was learned.

MUST HAVE TAGS BY JANUARY 1ST

Failure To Display State Tags Will Subject Car Owners to Arrest

Below is a letter to Chief of Police W. B. Daniel from Mr. L. T. Harris, director of the motor vehicle bureau of the N. C. Department of Revenue, which sets forth the fact that failure to exhibit 1934 license tags on motor vehicles on January 1 subjects the driver to arrest.

The tags have been on sale since December 1 and the organization has been intact to forward to each car owner a new tag, and it is no responsibility of the State that some have failed to purchase the new tags before it is too late. No extension of time will be granted.

"The Governor and the Commissioner of Revenue of the State of North Carolina have positively ordered that the enforcement of the Motor Vehicle laws of North Carolina, pertaining to the use of 1933 tags after December 31, shall begin at sunrise on January 1.

"The laws of North Carolina make it the duty of every peace officer, whether he be state, county, city or township officer, to enforce the motor vehicle laws, and I am writing you to urgently request your complete cooperation in this work.

"The State automobile inspectors and State Highway patrol will be ordered to arrest each and every person found operating a motor vehicle on and after January 1 without 1934 tags being displayed on it.

"You can be of invaluable assistance to the State in bringing about the enforcement of this law by seeing that the officers under your jurisdiction are properly instructed and commanded to arrest each person found violating the law after sunrise, January 1.

Until noon today the local bureau had sold 1,275 sets of licenses, or just about one-fourth of the expected sales for this territory.

License Bureau Reports New Sale Record Here

All records in the Martin County marriage license bureau have been broken, J. Sam Getsinger issuing 51 licenses so far this month. Eighteen white and thirty-three colored couples figured in the license issues up until yesterday afternoon.

A daily record issuance was reported the Saturday before Christmas, when 10 licenses were sold.

The number of licenses issued so far this month is nearly half as many as was issued during all of 1931 and about one-third as many as were sold last year. And the month is not spent yet.

W. Joe Taylor, Prominent Local Tobacco Man, Died Early Thursday Morning

REMOVE LIGHTS

Williamston's gala holiday season decorations, including nearly 900 lights and more than two dozen Christmas trees, will be removed from the streets next Tuesday, according to present plans. The lights made a very favorable impression on thousands of visitors and greatly added to the Christmas spirit here.

ANTI-RAT DRIVE TO GET UNDER WAY NEXT WEEK

People Urged To Take Big Part In Checking Large Number of Rodents

Weather permitting, the Williamston anti-rat campaign will get under way next week, Mayor John L. Hassell announced this morning.

Several hundred pounds of poison are available for use free of charge to property owners who are troubled by the rodents. The poison will be disbursed from the clerk's office in the City Hall.

To make the drive as effective as possible, the mayor is asking the people to buy traps and use poison and take other steps to free the town of the destructive rats. The poison, recommended by the United States Department of Agriculture, will not kill other animals or human beings, and there is no danger from the widespread use of the material.

It is important that the drive be carried on simultaneously and the people are asked to take an active part next week in this very important work. Special employees will be available to handle the eradication work in public places and aid private property owners when necessary.

AUTO WRECKED NEAR HAMILTON

Three Persons Badly Hurt When Cars Collided Wednesday

An automobile wreck on the Hamilton-Williamston road, one mile south of Hamilton, last Wednesday night, came near proving fatal to the occupants of two cars which ran head first into each other, according to reports reaching here yesterday.

A Mrs. Gurganus, accompanying G. N. Cowan, driver of a Model A Ford, suffered a broken leg and other injuries and is now in a hospital. Mr. Cowan was cut and bruised, but not seriously hurt. Mr. W. G. Anthony, driving a V-8 Ford figuring in the wreck, is confined to his bed with painful bruises. A colored man, Jero Jones, accompanying Mr. Anthony, was knocked unconscious and was believed dead for a few minutes. He later recovered, but is suffering with injuries.

The Model A Ford belonging to Mr. A. W. Boyd was virtually demolished.

OVER 200 DEATHS DURING HOLIDAY

Carolinas Probably Led Entire Nation, With 38 Violent Deaths

Early reports placed the country's untimely deaths during the Christmas holiday season at more than 200, with many others probably unreported. The Carolinas, with around 38 such deaths, apparently led the list. A train-automobile wreck at Greensboro took five lives and others were scattered throughout the two States.

Martin County reported three untimely deaths, one by murder early Christmas morning, another by exposure and a third in an automobile wreck late in the afternoon on the Washington highway.

With the thermometer registering a marked drop throughout the country, sections of the Midwest were reporting scores of deaths from cold following Christmas.

Twelve Person County farmers report an average yield of 29.52 bushels of corn an acre following lespeveda last year while that grown on similar land without the lespeveda produced 1802 bushels. Results with wheat were even greater.

LEADING FIGURE MANY YEARS IN COUNTY AFFAIRS

Last Rites Being Held This Afternoon from Late Home Near Here

W. Joe Taylor, prominent Martin County farmer, and well known throughout Eastern North Carolina as a Washington hospital yesterday morning at 1:30 o'clock from an attack of pneumonia. Suffering with osteomyelitis, an infection in the knee bone, Mr. Taylor was removed to the hospital about three weeks ago. An ailing heart made an operation impossible, and he lingered near death during several days before the end came.

The son of the late Eli and Jennie Mobley Taylor, he was born in Williamston Township, about four miles from here. He lived all his life until he was removed to the hospital at the old home place, where he successfully engaged in farming in addition to his connection with the operation of tobacco warehouses here. He was only 47 years old and during the last 24 years of that time he was connected with the Williamston Tobacco Market, gaining a wide circle of friends throughout the section.

He was interested in the betterment of his community, having served as a member of the road commission in his district, and at the time of his death was a member of the Williamston District School Committee, in which capacity he had served several terms. About a year or two ago he joined the local Baptist church, although he had been attending services there for years.

In early life he married Miss Mamie Green, who, with five children, three sons, Fred M., Ralph, Eli Marion, and two daughters, Miss Jennie Green and Mamie Clyde Taylor, survives.

He also leaves one brother, John Taylor, of Robersonville; and five sisters, Mrs. B. R. Barnhill, of Durham; Mrs. Luther Waters, of Wake Forest; Mrs. W. H. Edwards, Mrs. J. J. Manning, and Mrs. Daisy Purvis, all of Williamston.

Funeral services are being conducted from the late home this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Charles H. Dickey of the local Baptist church. Interment will follow in the family plot at the home place.

NEW PLYMOUTH ON DISPLAY SOON

New Car Will Be Placed on Display in Showroom At Robersonville

The new Plymouth car, carrying several major changes in its construction, will be placed on display Saturday, January 13, in the showroom of the Plymouth-DeSoto Agency in Robersonville, it was officially announced yesterday by Mr. E. G. Anderson, the manager of the agency there.

The showing, the first of the 1934 Plymouth models, will be held in the new home of the Robersonville agency on Railroad Street, next to A. E. Smith Hardware Company, in Robersonville. The new car is expected to attract unusual attention with its individual wheel springing plus floating power, its 75 horsepower engine, new radiator, new style skirted fenders, improved ventilation, valve seat inserts and other improvements.

The Plymouth-DeSoto Agency carries additional information in an advertisement appearing in this paper, and cordially invites the public to the initial showing there.

Morning Service at Church of the Advent Here Sunday

This being the fifth Sunday, there will be just the morning service at the Church of the Advent. The subject of the sermon at this service will be: "Some Objectives for 1934."

There will be a service at the Holy Trinity Mission near Bear Grass at 3:30 o'clock.

St. Martin's, Hamilton: There will be evening prayer and sermon at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Hamilton, Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Ambrose Cline of Lincoln County reports harvesting 900 pounds of common lespeveda seed an acre from one field this fall.