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MAN BADLY HURT WHEN STRUCK BY HIT-RUN DRIVER

C. J. Gurganus, of Raleigh, Suffers Broken Leg and Internal Injury Here

C. J. Gurganus, Wake County citizen, suffered a broken leg and internal injuries last Saturday night, when the cart in which he was riding with his brother, R. H. Gurganus, was struck by a hit-and-run automobile driver on Highway No. 30, near the plant of the Columbian Peanut Company. The two men were on their way here to summon a doctor for a child on the Stuck farm when the reckless driver struck the horse-drawn vehicle and threw Mr. C. J. Gurganus out. His brother was not injured.

Following first-aid treatment here the injured man was removed to a Washington hospital, where his condition is considered serious.

The reckless automobile driver continued on his way without stopping. The running board and fender were torn off at the scene of the wreck.

It was said that the horse-drawn vehicle displayed a light, apparently placing all the blame for the wreck on the reckless auto driver. Officers are said to have a description of the car and are spending much time investigating the case. They refused to comment in connection with the possibility of an arrest within the next day or two. The Chevrolet car, traveling toward Williamston, struck the cart in the rear, tearing it apart.

GROVER WYNN DIED MONDAY

Live Just Across Martin Line in Beaufort County

Grover Wynn, native of this county, died at his home in Beaufort County, just across the line, at 5 o'clock yesterday morning following an illness of about two months.

Thirty-one years old, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wynn, of this county. In early manhood he was married to Miss Estelle Taylor, who with one child, Elizabeth, 10 years old, survives. Besides his parents, he also leaves five brothers, J. D. Garland, Willie, John L., and June Wynn, and three sisters, Mrs. Estelle Jenkins, Mrs. Louise Ayers, and Mrs. Lillian Farmer, all of this county.

Mr. Wynn had farmed all his life. Funeral services are being conducted from the late home this afternoon at 2 p. m., by Elder B. S. Cowin. Interment will follow in the Terry cemetery.

County Board of Education In Meeting Here Monday

Other than routine duties, there was little activity reported in the meeting of the Martin County Board of Education here yesterday.

Mr. C. B. Clark was appointed committee of the Williamston school district to fill the place made vacant there by the death of W. Joe Taylor.

A general review of activities carried on by CWA workers in repairing the several school buildings showed that valuable improvements had been handled, and that the school property is now in the best shape it has been in for years. However, it was pointed out that much work was needed on some of the buildings.

Local Boys Team In Raleigh Tournament

Coach James Peters and his basketball boys plan to leave here Thursday for Raleigh, where the boys will take part in the State tournament. The locals will go into action at 5:15 that afternoon against Paw Creek, a strong five from Mecklenburg County. If the Williamston boys can overcome the first handicap, they are expected to make a creditable showing in the contest for class B champions. Paw Creek has played and won 21 games so far this year and has one of the best teams entered in the tournament.

No local games are scheduled this week, the boys having their eyes on the play in Raleigh.

White Farmer Is Hurt In Fight This Morning

Robert Coltraine, white farmer living in the Macedonia community of this county, was badly beaten over the head with a pitchfork in the hands of a colored man there this morning, according to reports received here. Coltraine received medical treatment here; the attending doctor taking several stitches to close the wounds, it was said.

A warrant for C. B. Sheppard, alleged attacker, has been issued, but the man's arrest had not been effected at noon today, it was learned from the sheriff's office.

Town Will Put on Another Drive To Get Rid of Rats

Having met with very little success in their first campaign against ever-increasing numbers of rats here, the local board of town commissioners last night appropriated \$200 for another drive against the rodents.

Mr. W. R. Carson, experimenter in rat poisons for a number of years, will handle the drive, and a direct appeal for the cooperation of all the townspeople is being made.

The town contract with the "Pied Piper" is limited to public property, including rights-of-way, alleys, and streets and the trash dumps, where the rodents are said to be multiplying by the thousands. Mr. Carson will avail

his services to private property owners for a nominal charge, and it is hoped they will take part in the movement to exterminate what is proving to be the section's most expensive pests.

Home-owners have talked about how the rats ate up their chickens and destroyed property in general, but they have done little to stop the destruction. With every one cooperating, it is believed the rodents can be limited to a small number and a saving in thousands of dollars can be effected. Property owners are directed to get in touch with Mr. Carson immediately so that a complete extermination campaign can be carried on at one time.

But Little Interest So Far in Politics

RELIEF GARDENS

Garden projects will feature relief activities among needy families in the county this spring and summer if present plans of the authorities are carried out, it was learned from the welfare office yesterday. The free distribution of seed will be limited to relief families only, it was declared.

Last year the welfare office in this county distributed nearly 7,000 pounds of seed free to the needy. Approximately 300 families will be eligible for seed this year, holding the distribution to about 1,500 pounds, it is believed.

A supervisor to head the garden work in the county will likely be named today at a meeting of the county authorities with Miss Mary Ward, district supervisor of relief work.

FAMILY DAY AT LOCAL CHURCH

Baptist Church Members Asked To Attend In Family Units

Family Day will feature the meetings at the Baptist church next Sunday, in a series of services just launched there, leading up to Easter day. It is the wish of those in charge of the members of the families of the church and congregation attend next Sunday in family units, occupying the pews together.

Last Sunday, the first services were held in the pre-Easter program, and were marked by increased attendance through the Sunday school and church. The Sunday school announced an attendance of 147, and there were six "star" classes—meaning that every teacher assigned to those classes was present and that every pupil enrolled was there. The choir loft was full of singers at the morning service, with Mrs. Warren Biggs at the organ.

This church is launching a program of extra-activities throughout the month, and is very anxious, first, that its own groups avail themselves of the services, and that the friends of the organization do likewise.

Notary Public Gets New Title, "Noble Republican"

"Go see Mr. C. D. Carstarphen at the bank, for he's a Noble Republican and can fix them papers for you," an old colored woman here instructed a friend who had a chattel mortgage requiring the seal of a notary public.

Mr. Carstarphen, popular young banker here, just because he is a notary public on the side, has been addressed as Mr. Notorious Public and other similar names, but only recently was the title "Noble Republican" bestowed upon him.

Baby of Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Roberson Dies

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Roberson died at the home of her parents in Williams Township early yesterday. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. T. Rogers, Methodist minister, yesterday afternoon. Interment was in the family plot near the home.

Mrs. Hubert Harris Is Painfully Burned

Her dress catching fire from a stove in a Bear Grass store, Mrs. Hubert Harris was painfully burned last week. Mrs. Harris ran into the street and J. Price and Arthur Harrison beat out the flames. She is expected to recover.

4 VACANCIES ON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Goose Nest Farmer Enters Name In Campaign for County Commissioner

Other than the announcements of James R. Perry for county commissioner, no new developments have taken place in county politics during the past few days. The several candidates, or some of them, are already becoming active in advancing their individual campaigns, and it now looks as if interest in the June primary will center around the race for clerk of court. However, little talk has been heard so far in connection with other offices so far, and developments in the future might add to the primary interest.

For instance, it is understood, the terms of four members of the county board of education will expire next year, making room for at least four candidates for that office. While the present incumbents, if they choose to run, have no opposition just now, a contest may develop before the time closes for filing the early part of May. No announcements have been advanced for the several other county offices, it being generally understood that the incumbents will file in due time.

Mr. Perry, Goose Nest Township farmer, in making formal announcement for county commissioner, mentioned the withdrawal of Commissioner Everett from the race for a place on the board, and that he will seek his place on the commissioners' board. Mr. Everett is one of the four candidates for the clerkship of the Martin County superior court, he having made his announcement for that office along with Messrs. T. B. Slade, of Hamilton; L. B. Wynn, of Williamston; and John D. Lilley, of Williamston, R. F. D. 1.

Judge J. Calvin Smith, a possible candidate for the State Senate, said yesterday that he would not enter the contest this year, adding that he might seek a place in the legislature about 1938. The judge decided some time ago that he would not seek reelection to the House of Representatives, where he served the county during the past two terms, and Attorney Hugh G. Horton announced his candidacy for a member of the house.

And so the political line-up is now as follows:

For clerk superior court: T. B. Slade, L. Bruce Wynn, H. S. Everett, and John D. Lilley.

For State Senate: A. Corey, of Jamesville; Carl Bailey, of Roper; and Robert L. Coburn, of Williamston. It is understood that Beaufort County will not have a candidate for senator, but this information could not be confirmed and will not be until time for filing closes on May 5. It was unofficially learned here that Mr. Theodore Meekins, of Dare County, is considering running for the senate from this district.

For house of representatives: Hugh G. Horton.

For county commissioner: James R. Perry.

Colored Woman, 94 Years Old, Dies Near Hassell

Amanda Best, colored, one of Martin County's oldest residents, died recently at her home near Hassell. Twenty years old when the first gun was fired at Sumter marking the beginning of the Civil War, she was in her 94th year when she died. Recognized as a faithful slave before the war, she led a useful and Christian life, commanding the respect of all she knew after the struggle and until her death. She leaves 70 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

TOWN BOARD IN REGULAR MEET MONDAY NIGHT

Grant Permit for Pool Room And Name List Taker; Talk Other Matters

Holding their regular monthly meeting last night, the town commissioners learned that John Wier for the operation of a pool room, appointed James E. Griffin at a salary of \$30 for town property list-taker, and discussed peddler's tax and the town's financial condition.

Mr. Wier has no building in sight for his pool room, "but I wanted to be ready to open if I could get one," he explained.

Discussing the peddlers' tax, the commissioners learned that fruit and vegetable vendors selling from trucks had paid required license fees to the treasurer, and there was no way to stop the practice considered unfair to established merchants.

At the present time there is due the town approximately \$38,000 in taxes, including those past due for the years 1929, 1930, 1931, and 1932, and those due for the year 1933. Collections up to the first of this month are about \$2,000 ahead of those received up to the same time last year, it was said.

The town is behind in its bond and interest payments to the tune of about \$15,000, but it has \$10,122.26 in the bank, leaving the treasury in the red by about \$5,000. But there are some heavy bond payments due in the next three or four months, which will show the treasury in a bad way unless much of the \$38,000 due is paid before that time. Complete collection of taxes levied would more than offset the indebtedness, including bonds, interest, and general expenses.

BODY OF MAN IS TAKEN FROM RIVER TODAY

Badly Decomposed; Little Hope for Identification; Several Theories

The remains of a human body were removed from the Roanoke River just below the bridge here this morning, the discovery revealing no clues that could be used in identifying the object. The upper part of the body, including the head, shoulders, and arms, and a greater part of one leg were missing. The flesh around the backbone was badly decomposed, but the hips and one leg were fairly well preserved. After viewing the body, Coroner S. R. Biggs had it removed and buried along the river bank.

It is believed the man had been dead for months, that the rising waters in the Roanoke recently started it drifting from some point miles from here. While it is certain the identity of the body will never be established, some people are of the opinion it is the body of a colored man who was drowned up the river last spring. Others suppose it to be the body of a negro worker who fell from a bridge in Roanoke, Va., about one year ago. Still others think it possibly could be the body of a colored man who was murdered in the Kellford section about one year ago.

Following a close investigation, authorities advanced the belief that the body was that of a small white man or a white boy 16 or 17 years old. He was wearing United States brand rubber boots, and his socks and overalls were very well preserved, it was said.

Firemen Called Out Saturday to Auto Fire

After remaining inactive all during the recent cold weather, the local fire company had its first call in six weeks last Saturday evening, when an automobile caught fire below the river hill. The firemen rushed to the scene and put the fire out with the use of chemicals.

The automobile, an old model Studebaker belonging to Charles Terry, of near Robersonville, was damaged about \$10 or \$15, it was said.

While other sections experienced serious fires during the past few weeks, Williamston was very fortunate in having none. In fact, the local firemen have been called to no serious fire in several months.

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Thirteen unemployed Martin County residents have registered for farm work with the employment bureau in the county recently. Eight of the farm seekers are white, and it is understood they will go any place where they are assigned.

Just how the applications will be handled it could not be learned here. The number of applicants is expected to increase to a great extent when CWA activities are stopped altogether.

Tax-Listing Machinery Set Up at Board Meet Monday

All Tobacco Contracts Sent Back to Pitt County Farmers

Contracts said to have represented a tobacco production greater than had ever been grown in Pitt County, were returned to farmers there recently, according to information received here today.

Particulars in connection with the apparently wholesale misrepresentation of tobacco acreage in that county could not be learned, but it is understood that the government is planning a blanket reduction in nearly every case where the farmer is unable to support his claims by sales records or recognized systems of book-keeping. All the farmers have

been advised that their contracts have been returned and that a reduction in keeping with the curtailment program would be put in effect in Pitt, as well as in other counties, it is understood.

The information received here indicated that the alleged "padding" of past records was traceable to the "big" farmers there.

No contracts have been returned this county except a few sent back for correction of technical errors, and as far as it can be learned, nearly all of them, if not all, conform to the requirements of the tobacco reduction program.

T. C. GRIFFIN IS AGAIN NAMED AS SUPERVISOR

Only One Change Made in List-Takers; Other Work Of County Board

The machinery for listing property for 1934 taxation was set up by the Martin County commissioners here yesterday when a supervisor and list-takers for the 10 districts were appointed. The appointees, with only one change in the personnel since last year, will meet in the courthouse the third Monday in this month for instructions. Mr. T. C. Griffin, chairman of the board, was made supervisor, he having served in that capacity last year. The names of the list-takers are, as follows:

- Jamesville Township: F. C. Stalings.
- Williams Township: Lucian J. Hardison.
- Griffins Township: George C. Griffin.
- Bear Grass Township: A. B. Ayers.
- Williamston Township: Roy T. Griffin.
- Cross Roads Township: Gordon G. Bailey.
- Robersonville Township: J. B. Rawls.
- Poplar Point Township: L. G. Taylor.
- Hamilton Township: L. R. Everett, succeeding T. B. Slade, who is now a candidate for the Martin County Superior Court clerkship.
- Goose Nest Township: James A. Rawls.

No marked variation in listing property for taxation is expected this year, but it is understood that more attention will be given in those cases where a few owners have, for one reason or another, failed to list their property in its entirety in one or two districts.

Other than making preparations for listing property, the commissioners transacted very little business during the day. Joe Slade, colored, of Poplar Point Township, was allowed \$150 a month, and Jane Cherry, colored, of Jamesville Township, was allowed \$2 a month. The commissioners made available \$25 to the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce for carrying on its work in connection with rehabilitating home owners.

Expect To Cut 30 Men Off CWA This Week

According to unofficial information received here yesterday, 30 additional men will be discontinued on Civil Works Administration projects in the county this week. Approximately 253 men are employed on the four projects now under way in the county, the reduction this week leaving only 223 workers on the pay roll.

First of Closing Exercises at Bear Grass Announced

The first of the commencement exercises in the Bear Grass school will be held there Friday evening of this week at 7:30 p. m., it was announced yesterday by Principal Hickman. The primary grade children will appear in the operetta, "Golden Locks of Adventure."

HEALTH REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

Total of 21 Cases Contagious Diseases Reported; 10 in One Family

Twenty-one cases of three contagious diseases were reported in this county last month, the colored family of King Latham in Hamilton Township accounting for nearly one-half the cases. Out of 13 children in the Latham family, 10 are now victims of the whooping cough, the three escaping the current cough having already had it. The victims range in age from 16 years down to 7 months. Two-year-old twins are listed among the coughers.

Whooping cough, after remaining in an almost dormant state during the dead winter months, is making its appearance again, 9 cases having been reported among white children in Williamston township last month.

Other than for the whooping cough cases, health conditions in this county were very satisfactory last month. One chickenpox case was reported in Robersonville, and a case of scarlet fever was reported in Williamston.

Mr. J. Arthur Wynn, prominent Cross Roads Township farmer, continues critically ill at his home there.

NUMBER PEOPLE FROM HERE WILL HEAR DR. TRUETT

Noted Texas Minister Will Begin Series Services in Raleigh Tonight

Dr. George W. Truett, native North Carolinian and peerless preacher of the South, is coming to Raleigh tonight to open a 10-days' meeting, according to an announcement made today by the pastor of the local Baptist church.

It is expected that large delegations of people will be going from Martin and surrounding counties. For wherever the Texas preacher goes, great throngs hang on his words. For more than a third of a century he has been pastor to the great First Church in Dallas, Texas, and will doubtless stay there as long as he lives.

His return to his native state will give thousands of his admirers an opportunity to hear the incomparable speaker again, and other thousands their first chance to hear him. And whoever hears Dr. George W. Truett once always wants to hear him again. For he has a magnetism and a power over human souls that cannot be matched since the days of Charles Hadden Spurgeon.

Word from Raleigh says that the first service will be held in the new Memorial Auditorium Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, then there every evening for 10 days; while at each noon hour he will speak at the State Theatre.

MAY REOPEN TWO PROJECTS

Resume Work on Robersonville and Bear Grass Drainage

Two Civil Works Administration projects—Robersonville and Bear Grass drainage—may be reopened in this county, according to information gained here this week. The two projects were discontinued last Friday along with orders to "turn off" 143 men employed by the CWA program in this county.

The reopening of the projects will not create jobs for additional workers, it was learned. A "floating" crew of men will be selected from the current list of workers, and they will be dispatched to the two jobs to apply the finishing touches, it is understood. The completion of the projects in their entirety as originally planned is not expected.

The reopening of the two projects was ordered by the chief district engineer.

Dr. C. J. Sawyer Changes Schedule of Office Days

Changing his office days, Dr. C. J. Sawyer, ear, eye, and nose specialist, of Windsor, will be here each Friday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock, the doctor announced yesterday. He will also visit here by special appointments through local physicians, it was stated.

Mid-Week Lenten Service At Episcopal Church Here

Lenten services at the Church of the Advent this week will be on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoon, at 4:30.

Girls Team To Play Bear Grass Tonight

The basketball season will be brought to a close locally tonight at 7:45 o'clock, when the Bear Grass and Williamston girls meet on the warehouse court.

NOTED PREACHER



Dr. George W. Truett, prominent preacher, who will begin a series of services in Raleigh this evening.

W. N. ROBERSON PASSES AWAY

Substantial Farmer of Bear Grass Community Died Early Sunday

W. Noah Roberson, substantial farmer of the Bear Grass section, died at his home there Sunday morning at 9 o'clock of a complication of diseases. Mr. Roberson, 74 years old, suffered a stroke of paralysis several years ago, but recovered sufficiently to be out and fairly active. He later suffered a second stroke, and during the past four years he was confined to his home, spending the last two years as an invalid in bed.

He was born and reared in Bear Grass Township, where he farmed all his life, working diligently year in and year out until his health failed him. In early manhood he was married to Miss Sallie Swanner, who died a number of years ago. Several years ago he was married to Miss Mamie Corey, who survives. A son, Eli Roberson, by the first union, also survives.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Elder B. S. Cowin, of the Primitive Baptist church, which faith Mr. Roberson had ardently followed for a long number of years. Funeral was in the family plot in Bear Grass Township.

Local Fire Company Gets Call About Noon Today

The local fire company was called out at noon today when fire threatened the home of Ronald Latham, colored, on Sycamore Street. Starting from sparks coming from a grass blaze, the fire was eating its way into the roof of the home when the firemen reached there and checked it with a small stream of water from the booster tank on the truck.

A little baby and its mother were moved to the home of a neighbor. Very little damage was done to the property which belonged to Mrs. Kate York.

Young Boy Hurt When Struck by Car Saturday

James, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roebuck, of Stokes, was painfully but not badly hurt, last Saturday afternoon when he was struck by a truck driven by William Henry Walston for the Harrison Wholesale Company here. The little fellow is said to have darted out from between two cars parked on Main Street and ran into the side of the truck. His hand was bruised, and he suffered one or two small cuts about the face, but no bones were broken, it was learned.