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## Many Thefts Laid To Wilson Negro

### "One Man Crime Wave" Believed Broken Up With Arrest of William White

Wilson, Feb. 2.—One man crime wave in the person of a Negro who worked with a local firm by day and robbed at night crashed on the rocks here yesterday when he was arrested by Officer P. R. Harris and placed in jail.

Harris said yesterday that the Negro had stolen around \$3,000 worth of loot in the last 30 days from various places in this section. The Negro, William White, 21, is alleged to have admitted most of the robberies the police credit him with, Harris said.

He will be given a hearing before Judge O. P. Dickinson in county court Tuesday afternoon, and in the meantime is being held under \$500 bond in each of five charges against him so far.

White was arrested the other night after Harris had waited for three hours inside his house for him to show up. The Negro arrived home at 5 in the morning. He drove up in an automobile he had stolen from George Allen, local man. While Harris was waiting at White's home several other Negroes came in and Harris kept them all in the place until the wanted man showed up.

Harris said that with the exception of some articles that White is alleged to have stolen from the store of R. L. Corbett in Macesfield all the loot stolen by the Negro in the last month has been recovered.

White is charged with the theft of another automobile belonging to W. A. Finch, prominent local attorney, and several other robberies besides those mentioned above. He is charged with the theft of a number of articles from the home of Frank Benton here; the robbery of Walston's store in Saratoga and the attempted theft of several more automobiles here in Wilson.

Detective C. P. Hocutt and Officer C. W. Fulghum, also helped investigate the case.

## School Board Has Regular Meet

### Discuss Disposition of Abandoned School Buildings in County

Nashville, Feb. 3.—The Nash county board of education met here Monday morning for its regular monthly meeting and considered, among other things, the disposition to be made of abandoned school buildings which exist in several sections of the county.

A committee from school district number six attended the meeting and requested that the board authorize the use of one of these abandoned buildings in the construction of a proposed gymnasium at the Bonvenue High School. After some discussion, this authority was given.

The board also authorized K. H. McIntyre, teacher of agriculture at the Red Oak school, to move the old dormitory dining room and use it for an agriculture shop there.

The old pavilion that stands on the grounds of the Nashville school was authorized to be moved for its eventual use as a shop for the agriculture department.

Superintendent L. H. Insoce was authorized to be out of his office for the last eight days in February in order that he might attend a meeting of the Department of Superintendents of the National Educational association which will be held in New Orleans during that week.

The trip was presented to Mr. Insoce by the school teachers of Nash county as a Christmas present. The meeting will take place one week after the Mardi Gras festival there, and according to the superintendent, that part of the festival in which the New Orleans school children participate will be reproduced for the benefit of the school superintendents attending the meeting.

## Collision Injures Three Residents

### Condition of Two Reported Satisfactory At Local Hospital

Three residents of Rocky Mount, were injured in an automobile collision on the Raleigh highway near Pilot.

At a local hospital where two were taken they were said to be recovering from their injuries. Jean Reid received cuts about the face and bruises and Bessie Hilliard suffered a concussion.

W. I. Reid, with whom the girls were riding, received a slight cut and bruises but was not confined to the hospital.

Jonas Austin, an elderly Negro farmer of Spring Hope route 1, turned into the road in front of Reid's car, according to Highway Patrolman T. R. Burdette. The accident occurred two miles east of Pilot. Burdette indicated today that reckless driving charges may be preferred after further investigation, but said none had been brought this morning.

## IN WASHINGTON



WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY  
**UNITED STATES SENATOR**

Often some highly constructive piece of legislation is thrown into the Congressional hopper and lost in the grind because it lacks dramatic appeal. In other words, its great significance is not quickly grasped. Such a measure has been offered by my distinguished colleague, Senator King of Utah. It asks the President to call for Federal and state conferences on the subject of bringing order out of chaos in the taxing field.

There is no single issue of greater importance to our people today than the need for settling once and for all the proper sources of tax revenue for the Federal Government, the states and their political subdivisions. The present method of double taxation, whereby the Federal Government and the states, and often counties and cities, tap the same tax reservoirs is having a disastrous effect. The situation is steadily growing worse.

One example is gasoline. The Federal Government collects a gas tax, every state levies such a tax, and in many sections county and cities have superimposed gas taxes. The result is that in many areas the combined taxes exceed the price of the commodity. Another example is cigarette taxes. In one state the users of cigarettes pay a Federal tax of six cents and state tax of five cents, or a total of eleven cents on each package. At this rate, the use of one package of cigarettes each day means an annual tax bill of \$40.15. Here are two flagrant instances of double taxation, others could be cited.

The existing duplicate taxation, made possible through hidden taxes—levies included in the purchase price of a commodity with the result that buyers lose sight of the heavy taxes they are paying—has been an important factor in waste in all forms of government. Citizens fail to realize just how much taxes they are paying. Finding it easy to grab these tax "Pennies from Heaven," legislators, national and state, often lose sight of equity and ability to pay, and how to expediency. This is particularly true in times of emergency such as we have recently gone through. And repeal of emergency taxes when emergencies pass is the exception rather than the rule. War taxes levied by Congress were not eliminated until 1928, and many have been reenacted.

The primary reason for these conditions is, of course, the fact that our citizens are not tax conscious. I have said that they fail to realize how much they are paying. Only a comparatively few people would be able to sit down and figure their total tax bill on the basis of direct and hidden taxes paid for all forms of government. If a great number did this, the wave of public resentment would bring quickly a new era of lower taxes, economy in government and the end of needless expenditures.

On the basis of estimates of Federal tax revenue for the fiscal year 1937, every man, woman and child pay an average of \$54.00 in Federal taxes. In 1931, they paid an average of only about twenty dollars. Per capita figures on state, county and local taxes are incomplete, but it is indicated that with Federal taxes, the total is in the vicinity of \$100. For a family of five, this means a total tax bill of \$500.00. Obviously, this tax burden is too great and it is carried because our people do not realize its weight on the family budget.

Of course, there are times when taxes cannot be immediately reduced without the curtailment of widespread governmental activities. We are passing through such times at present. However, it is not too early to plan for normal conditions. Conferences of Federal and state tax experts with the view to drawing the lines for sources of taxation, to the end that one unit of government will not invade the tax field of another, are sorely needed.

The basis for such conferences is already at hand. Four years ago, a subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee, headed by the able Representative Fred M. Vinson of Kentucky, made an exhaustive inquiry into the subject of double taxation. Its factual preliminary report offers a startling indictment of existing conditions.

In its review of the situation, the Vinson subcommittee offered the following questions which, in its opinion, should be discussed and solved:

"First, which taxes are most adaptable for the use of the Federal government and which taxes are most adaptable for the use of the state governments?"

"Second, what taxes may be properly imposed by both State and Federal governments without serious objection?"

## Tarboro Woman Attempts Suicide

A few moments after walking out of the rest room of a local downtown cafe, a woman identified as Mrs. Lucille Feur, 36, of Tarboro, collapsed on the street.

At the hospital here where she was taken by Police Officer J. B. Robinson, Mrs. Feur was treated for poisoning. She was reported to be sleeping but because of the slow action of that poison hospital attendants would make no statement as to whether she will recover.

On the seat of the car which Mrs. Feur drove over from Tarboro Officer Robinson found a bottle containing a poison (bichloride) in tablet form with two of the tablets missing. She had bought the poison, Robinson said, earlier in the morning at a drug store here, giving her name to the druggist as Mrs. N. C. Cook.

Ruby Fussell, 18, of Tarboro, who was with Mrs. Feur at the cafe, told police and reporters that Mrs. Feur was despondent as a result, she thought, of a misunderstanding last night with her husband, "Blackie" Feur, said to operate a Tarboro cafe.

Mrs. Feur instructed her, Miss Fussell said, when they drove over from Tarboro, "if any thing happens to me take the car back to my husband."

Mrs. Feur had not told her, she said, that she intended to take poison.

Miss Fussell, who said she was married but had been separated from her husband for six months, said Mrs. Feur had come to her house in Tarboro and had persuaded her to come over to Rocky Mount with her, though not for any particular reason.

## Say Bootlegging Shows No Gain

### Wilmington And New Hanover Officials Hasten To Deny Charges Of Barton

Raleigh, Feb. 2.—Stung by widely publicized statements of the Rev. Arthur J. Barton, that bootlegging has increased in New Hanover since opening of the county ABC stores, officials of the county and Wilmington and county of New Hanover have hastened to deny in whole and in part assertions of the Wilmington minister.

Chairman Addison Hewlett, of the board of county commissioners and a lifelong dry both in personal habit and public record, openly declares that the county system has been a success.

"I think the operation of ABC stores in New Hanover has been a success. We certainly had liquor before and we have it now, but we do not have the numerous dives there were to be found scattered around over the county," he said.

There has been no increase in drunkenness and I am sure that bootlegging has been materially reduced, and is confined to small operators who are doing a re-sale business."

In the opinion of Chief of Police J. S. Lane, who cites statistics to prove his statement, conditions in Wilmington are materially better.

"Arrests on account of bootlegging decreased from 201 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1935, which was the last year prior to opening of the liquor stores, to 112 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936," he said.

"There is every evidence that bootlegging has decreased fifty per cent at least and I would say there has been a one hundred per cent decrease in the operation of speakeasies."

"In my opinion conditions, so far as liquor is concerned, have greatly improved since the Alcoholic Beverage Control system has been in operation."

Sheriff C. David Jones, of New Hanover feels the same way about conditions in the county.

"I wish to state personally and as sheriff of New Hanover county that the liquor situation has improved materially in respect to the manufacture and sale of illegal liquor since the opening of the ABC stores in this county," he said.

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## Youngest Congressman Marries



Congressman Lyle Boren and his bride, the former Miss Christine McKown, who were married recently at Stillwater, Okla. Mr. Boren, who is twenty-seven years old, is the youngest member of congress.

## This Is A Serious Matter

May we again call attention to the citizenship of Rocky Mount the importance and seriousness of the question of removing the railroad tracks from the city of Rocky Mount and again ask our Board of Aldermen, who are the constituted authority, receiving their commission from the people, to act with great caution and deliberation because of the grave consequences that might fall upon the people themselves by reason of a wrong step taken or antagonism created which would affect the life time earnings of property and home owners of this city. We have talked with many citizens of Rocky Mount engaged in diversified businesses and we have found no spirit to chastise the railroad company, rather than chastise the railroad company there is a feeling in the breast of our people that the large amount of money spent by the railroad company in Rocky Mount to its employees has lifted Rocky Mount from a flag station of days gone by to what, we think, is the best city in Eastern Carolina. We cannot agree with the following editorial that the business men want to chastise the hands that have fed them and we do not believe this represents the viewpoint of our citizenship. If chastisement be in the hearts of a few, it is not in the spirit of the many.

Evening Telegram, January 19, 1937. Editorial Entitled: Chastising The A. C. L.

"The business men of Rocky Mount have seldom spoken in a louder or more unanimous voice than was heard here last night when they, by their actions, issued a virtual ultimatum to the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad to sink its tracks or route its trains around the city. The action seemed to come from pent up feelings which had their first opportunity to pour out at the meeting last night."

"Rocky Mount knows that the A. C. L. has been a kind friend in the past—but rather one made after years of thinking about the problem of having trains disrupt traffic and fill the business district with smoke and cinders several times each day as they came thundering through."

"For year, business men have suffered mostly in silence as they contemplated the growing inconveniences and dangers of having the 'choo-choo' dashing through the center of town. They have been every sympathetic toward the railroad, even while many of them thought of altering the course of the business district. There also has been a marked cordiality between municipal officers and railroad bigwigs. The present situation should not alter this friendship."

The above editorial entitled, "Chastising The A. C. L." is not the spirit of Rocky Mount in our opinion, in fact, editorials are usually written from the viewpoint of the writer and his opinions and his own conclusions. The people are entitled to the full facts, in this case, the facts, as we have been informed have been largely withheld and the public is still in the darkness as to what is behind the whole movement. At the first meeting of the so-called Citizens Committee, we were advised that one of the citizens, a bank president who was put down as probably favoring the movement, when the question came up not only did not vote on the matter but got up and addressed the assembly and told them that the matter was of such serious consequence that he had refused to vote because he felt he did not have enough information and had not made sufficient study to act on such an important question in such a hasty manner. This is the viewpoint of our leading men who have had such important part in the development of our city. It has appeared in print, that the Board of Aldermen was unanimous in its action, but we were further advised that the Aldermen were not unanimous in their action and two of the members voted openly against the proposition, with probably others of the same viewpoint.

It is generally known that the South-end business section of Rocky Mount has been largely handicapped by not having good crossing facilities. It is a long travel from Bassett street crossing to Marigold streets without being able to cross the street and this has handicapped Washington street very much. Some feel that this agitation will have the effect of denying to that section of the city the much needed street improvement in the way of the Jordan street underpass.

Now where is the money coming from? The Highway Commissioner informed the Board of Aldermen, according to information, that they would be expected to pay in the neighborhood of four thousand dollars for expenses already incurred. The contractor is demanding damages for the withdrawing of the contract, and if the railroad is removed and we start into the building of a new rail-

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## Salvation Army Feeds Refugees

### To Serve 12,000 Meals Per Day To Sufferers in Louisville

Major C. L. Frazier of the Salvation Army post here has disclosed a telegram he has received from Major W. W. Bouterse in Louisville, Ky., describing Salvation Army activities to aid refugees in the flood stricken area.

The telegram said: "The Salvation Army today served 6,000 meals in the city of Louisville. Work of feeding the refugees is divided between the Salvation Army and the Red Cross. The Red Cross distributes canned and uncooked bulk food, and the Salvation Army serves meals. In the dry area, four restaurants and seven kitchens are now operated under the direction of Major Bouterse and Brigadier Range. Additional restaurants and kitchens are to be opened tomorrow. This will increase the feeding capacity to 12,000 meals per day.

Major Bouterse has a blanket order from the mayor of Louisville to commandeer any merchandise, food or supplies necessary to keep the community going.

The Salvation Army Industrial Home and Hospital are marooned by water. The headquarters building is partly under water. This is reached by a pontoon bridge."

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## Tar River Is At Standstill

Tarboro, Feb. 3.—Tar River, far out of its banks and but a few inches from the floors of houses in Princeville, a Negro suburb here, was virtually at a standstill today after passing the predicted 25-foot crest by a few inches.

Meanwhile, in answer to an appeal of Dr. L. L. Parks, county health officer, approximately 250 persons gathered at Princeville school in what was thought to be the largest typhoid immunization clinic ever held in the county. The clinic was held as a precautionary measure after Dr. Parks had determined wells in the area were polluted. The affected section has no city water connections and depends entirely on wells for drinking water.

Dr. Parks himself in bed with flu after visiting all houses in the section to warn against drinking unboiled water and to urge the taking of typhoid immunization over to Mrs. Lydia Simpson, county health nurse.

The high water caused much inconvenience and brought the threat of disease but resulted in no appreciable property damage.

## Hold Services For Mrs. Letha Wilder

### Wife of J. E. Wilder Buried in Wilson Cemetery

Mrs. Letha Garris Wilder, 38, wife of J. E. Wilder of 901 Falls road, was buried in the family plot in the Maple Wood cemetery of Wilson following services at three o'clock from the Summerlin funeral home with Rev. W. R. Hales and Rev. N. W. Grant, Methodist ministers, officiating.

Mrs. Wilder died in a Raleigh hospital following an illness of several years.

Besides her husband she is survived by two sons, Richard and Norman Wilder; three daughters, Mrs. Mixine Thompson, Mrs. Hettie Ruffin and Miss Frances Wilder, all of this city; her mother, Mrs. Sarah Garris of Wilson; a brother, J. B. Garris, of Wilson; and five sisters, Mrs. Lydia Walston, of Walstonburg, Mrs. J. L. Lancaster, of Belhaven, Mrs. W. G. Morris of Kinston, Mrs. John F. Owens of Wendell, and Mrs. J. A. Bell of this city.

## ALUMNI AND ALUMNAE MEETING

Greensboro, Feb. 4.—Alumni and alumnae secretaries of colleges belonging to the southeastern division of the American Alumni council will meet at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina Friday and Saturday, February 12 and 13. The district is composed of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama.

Meetings will be held in the new alumnae house on the college campus. Built during the past two years and opened in January of this year, the house is now available for official college and alumnae functions.

## English Airline Officials Visit Local Airport

Gilbert Miller, an English airline official, and Mrs. Miller were visitors at the city airport here Manager R. E. Lane said.

Forced by bad weather to interrupt their trip from New York to Florida, they left their new Stinson plane at the airport when they arrived and continued their trip by train.

Their pilot, Frank Steinman, flew the plane to New York.

The new radio-equipped plane bore an English license, Mr. Lee said.

The travelers had been delayed all along by bad weather. They had left Florida Saturday, they told Mr. Lee and yesterday came here from Georgetown, S. C.

## Will Try To Get 100 Musicians

### Hooker Hopes 100 School Children Will Take Up Music

A goal of one hundred additional boys and girls playing musical instruments by the close of the school this spring has been set by the instrumental department of the city schools in its intensive campaign to make permanent the music program in the public schools.

"It is not impossible to achieve this end," comments H. Vernon Hooker, director of instrumental music, "Last year when the parents had to assume the outright purchase of the instruments approximately ninety pupils were enrolled in the instrumental classes. Now that we are planning a rental program on instruments a goal of at least one hundred young musicians is not visionary."

Letters have been sent to the homes of the pupils of the fourth, fifth and sixth, and seventh grades explaining in detail the rental plan and the scientific music tests which will be given by Hooker this week to 1,200 pupils in the above grades. These tests will determine the boys and girls best adapted to various musical instruments. The careful selection of ability plus the low cost to parents are the two chief features of the plan for building the instrumental department. Hooker further stated that records of the musical aptitude displayed by pupils in the high school have been kept and those receiving the highest ratings will be given further information about the rental plan.

## Tarboro Sheriff Much In Demand

Tarboro, Feb. 2.—Sheriff W. E. Barton has complained long and loud about the silly calls he gets, but they keep on coming in.

Not long ago he missed his supper and drove five miles in a pouring rain in answer to a telephone call for help, only to learn that a woman who couldn't manage a recalcitrant son wanted the sheriff to make the boy bring in some wood. Soon thereafter, he left a warm bed at 2 A. M. A man, he found, wanted to ask him not to let the landlord put him out on the street the next week.

Last night, mourned the sheriff, a long distance call came from Scotland Neck with the charges reversed. He accepted them and heard a man say that a Tarboro Negro in Scotland Neck had no way to get home and wanted the sheriff to come for him. For once, he did not follow up the call.

"What in heck do these folks think I am?" the sheriff wanted to know.

## W. G. STINSON, 62, DIES SUDDENLY OF HEART ATTACK

W. G. Stinson, 62, died suddenly at his home at 200 East Spring street. He went to work but was stricken with a heart attack.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Fannie J. Stinson; two sons, W. C. Stinson of Big Stone Gap, Va., and H. L. Stinson of Francisco, Calif.; and three daughters, Mrs. J. Z. Dickens of Weldo, Mrs. A. L. Haywood of Danville, Va., and Mrs. E. C. Englehardt of San Antonio, Texas.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete pending the arrival of relatives.

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