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Auto Accident Fatal To Jesse Bass, Of Gates

Gates County Farmer Killed Instantly When Car Somersaults

ARREST MADE

Companion of Dead Man Charged With Second Degree Murder

Jesse Bass, Gates County farmer, was killed late last Sunday night when a car in which he and a companion, Clayton Hollowell, were traveling north on the Suffolk pike, was wrecked. The catastrophe occurred in the neighborhood of the Warwick Swamp Church, and Bass died before assistance could reach him.

Hollowell, only slightly injured, was arrested by State Patrolman George Dail, and looked up in the county jail on a warrant charging him with second degree murder. The complaint against him stipulates, and authorities attest to the fact, that he was badly intoxicated at the time of the mishap, and that had he not been so the accident might have been averted. He will be arraigned in court on Friday.

Just where the lads had been prior to the accident has not been fully determined but Sheriff J. A. Bunch saw them both in Center Hill Sunday afternoon. Later they were noticed at Small's Cross Roads and report has it they had been in Edenton on Saturday night. They were using a borrowed car during their travels and it was this same vehicle that figured in the accident and that was practically destroyed.

The accident occurred between 10:30 and 11 o'clock Sunday night. The lads were driving at a terrific rate of speed north toward their homes just over the county line. As they approached the church section a car coming south and driven by James Parker and Milton Pierce pulled to the right to let the other travelers get by. Hollowell is said to have swung out himself and in doing so left the roadbed.

The contact with the soft soil caused the Hollowell-Bass car to swerve a moment and then start to turn three somersaults, finally landing on its top. Both men were thrown out, Bass, so it is said, having been hurled 50 feet onward and away from the upset vehicle.

Sheriff Bunch was first summoned and hurried to the scene. Dr. L. P. Williams, of Edenton, appeared quickly, also, as if by magic, did Dail. But Bass was dead at the time, and an examination showed that he had suffered most unusual injuries. Every rib on one side of his body had been broken from the vertebra, puncturing many of the dead man's internal organs. The victim's neck had been broken, also, and his head badly crushed.

Dail at first could not find Hollowell and from the fifty or sixty persons who had gathered had difficulty in ascertaining if intoxication and reckless driving could be held attributable. Some one told him Bass's companion was at a nearby filling station, and he was placed under arrest. Dail says his suspicion of too much liquor was quickly established once Hollowell had been seen.

Cigarettes Stolen From Shell Station

Thieves some time Monday night entered the Shell Filling Station on North Broad Street, operated by Tom Goodman, and made away with about \$20 worth of cigarettes. Entrance into the station was made by tearing away two boards on the south side of the building which were rotten at the bottom, thereby probably causing little noise as they were torn away. The cash register, containing \$2 in change, was also tampered with, but evidently due to lack of experience by the intruders it was not opened.

According to Mr. Goodman, nothing but cigarettes were stolen and aside from a strong suspicion, the identity of the thieves is not known.

Bible Class Has Wiener Roast At Eden House

The Loyal Workers Class of the Methodist Sunday School, of which Mrs. W. T. Gordon is the teacher, had a wiener roast in connection with their monthly meeting on Tuesday night at Eden House Beach. The roast was held immediately after the meeting was transacted, after which a program of entertainment was given.

J. C. Haste Constable Of Second Township

J. C. Haste on Monday was appointed constable for the Second Township by the Chowan County Commissioners, taking the place of J. A. Bunch, former constable, who was named sheriff following the death of C. A. Boyce.

The Commissioners at the same time accepted the resignation of Mr. Bunch as constable and also as coroner, to which office he was appointed pending the arrival of his surety bond as sheriff, thus allowing him to discharge the shrievalty duties until he was duly sworn in.

CANNING CONCERN MAY LOCATE HERE

Maryland Company Seeking New Field Due to Scarcity of Chesapeake Bay Herring

John A. Hoimes, secretary of the Chowan County Business Men's Association, this week received a letter from the Sherwood Canning Company of Sherwood, Maryland, seeking information relative to moving their herring roe canning establishment to Edenton.

The Sherwood concern, in business for the last 30 years, gives as their reason for leaving Sherwood the scarcity of herring of late years in the Chesapeake Bay, and desires to know if a site is available as well as other information.

Secretary Holmes has answered the letter, stating that in all probability a suitable site could be secured, as well as other favorable information regarding herring roe canning in Edenton.

John Wiggins Accepts Job At Duke Hospital

John B. Wiggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wiggins, who will graduate from the business and commerce school of the University of North Carolina on Tuesday, June 11, will on the following day take up new duties in the business administration of the Duke Hospital at Durham. Mr. Wiggins has been signally honored during his college career, and his opportunity to secure a position with Duke Hospital was offered when hospital authorities discussed the matter with a few of the most outstanding University graduates. He will make his home in quarters in the hospital.

Ed Bond Post Elects Officers At July Meet

The monthly meeting of Ed Bond Post, American Legion, was held on Tuesday night, with Commander W. W. Byrum in charge. Little aside from routine business was transacted.

The Post discussed the appointment of a service officer, which position was filled by the late C. A. Boyce. Commander Byrum will interview a number of members relative to acceptance of the position, which is one of the most important in the Post.

At the July meeting new officers will also be elected and Commander Byrum during the next few days will name and notify a nominating committee to place new officers in nomination.

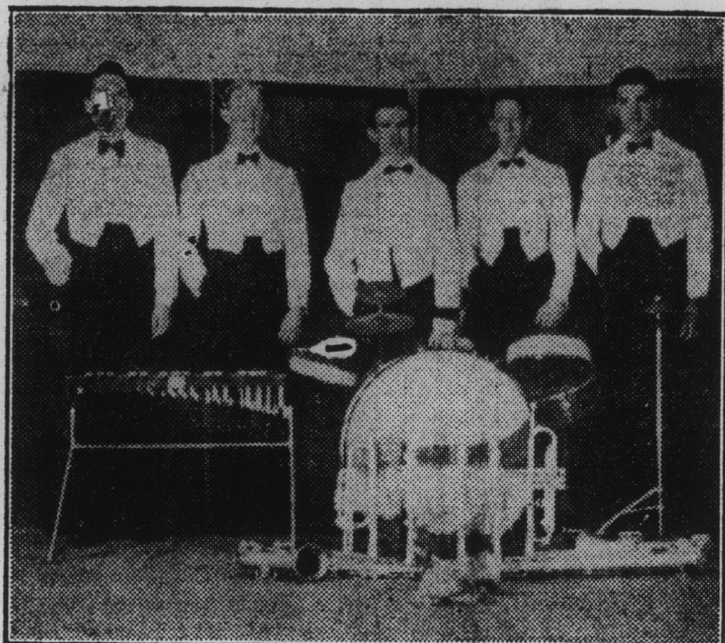
Everett's Herring Sent Out of United States

William A. Everett, local herring capitalist and ferryman, reported on Tuesday that he had just mailed some of his renowned hickory smoked herring to G. W. Hutchins, San Juan, Porto Rico. The statement was made, also, that these were the first of the delectable smoked things to be sent out of the country, at least by Mr. Everett. The consignment aggregating several dozen was ordered by F. J. Pusey, of the Lighthouse Service, whose valiant sloop fetches up here at the ferry dock with much frequency. Mr. Hutchins is, also, in the same service.

W. Carlton Mason Goes To Rocky Mount Paper

W. Carlton Mason, has severed his connection as local representative of the Elizabeth City Daily Advance, and has removed to Rocky Mount, where he will be connected with the sports department of the Evening Telegram. Mr. Mason will specialize in baseball writing and will follow the Coastal Plain League games this summer. Roy Lane, a former Center Hill boy, has succeeded him here for the present.

Edenton Boys' Orchestra Plays On S. S. Europa



Friends in Edenton will be interested to know that Jack Pruden and Ambrose Griffin have a band that is playing for the Hamburg-American Line North German Lloyd this summer, sailing June 30 on the S. S. Europa. The picture of their band appears above, and Jack will be seen in the center while "Amos" is pictured at the extreme right.

Four Hurt In Auto Smashup Saturday

Four persons were hurt, two quite seriously, in a couple of odd motor accidents occurring at the same spot late Friday night and early Saturday morning at the curve at Light Nixon Fork on the Edenton-Hertford Highway. Coupled with the mishaps was the report that one of the injured had been under arrest charged with an alleged car theft, but was subsequently tried and acquitted.

The accidents got their start around 11:00 o'clock Friday night when W. K. Copeland, of Edenton, tried to get home too fast and took the curve at a high speed. He lost control of his car and it showed a desire to run along the concrete on its top instead of its four wheels. Copeland was tossed out but except for minor cuts and bruises miraculously escaped serious injury.

While Jordan Yates, of this town, who had been called in, was at work several hours afterward jacking up the damaged Copeland car prior to bringing it into his motor hospital, Thad Jones, of Wallace, with a truckload of strawberries for delivery in Norfolk, Va., appeared and naturally stopped to see what was going on. Right behind him came a small coupe loaded to the top with Harold Thatch and his wife, Miss Maude Turner and Charles Humphlett, all of Hertford.

The Thatch entourage crashed head on into the Jones truck, scattering strawberries all over the landscape, and destroying the coupe. The Thatches and Turner girl were taken to the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, Miss Turner in an unconscious condition. She is still in the hospital. Thatch got home Monday minus half of his right ear, and his wife was well bandaged, also.

Thatch had been in Edenton Friday afternoon in consultation with Representative John F. White. He sought to engage Mr. White to defend him in the car theft action brought by the Hollowell Chevrolet Co., of Hertford, which resulted in his acquittal Tuesday before Recorder Walter H. Oakey.

Boy Scouts Selling Tickets For Show

The Edenton Boy Scouts in an effort to help raise funds for a camping trip this summer and through the generosity of the Taylor Theatre management are selling tickets for "All the King's Horses," which will be the feature picture at the Taylor today (Thursday) and Friday. Tickets have been distributed among the boys, who are busily engaged in selling them at the regular admission price, and for which the Scouts will receive a certain percentage.

The Scouts are very anxious that movie-goers purchase tickets from them which will be good for the show on either day.

LEGION AUXILIARY MEETS FRIDAY NIGHT AT HOTEL
The regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held on Friday night at 8:00 o'clock in the King's Arms Tavern. All members are urged to attend.

LICENSED TO WED
Edward Rountree and Mattie B. Felton, colored, both of Chowan County, were issued a marriage license Saturday by Register of Deeds.

William F. Bembridge Again In Toils Of Law

William F. Bembridge, young Cowpen Neck section farm-worker, who came into town drunk five or six weeks ago and before he got into jail tried out his fists on Chief-of-Police Helms, came into town drunk again last Saturday night and before he got into jail had laid his head sweetly and tenderly on the same Chief's shoulder, expressed a desire to kiss him and avowed with much maudlin emphasis "You're a nice man, Chief; I've always liked you, a fine man you are, a real nice man," and he patted the chief affectionately on the cheek, the same cheek that he had driven a fist into on the other occasion.

On this visit Bembridge was alone in his landau. He was traveling west, with no reason at all, on West Gale street. After he had crossed Granville street he apparently decided he had come to another corner for he turned suddenly to the right into the rear yard of Mrs. Walter S. White's home, plowed through that, and going right on, and into the property back of Oscar H. Brown's home, 75 yards to the north. There a pecan tree and a peach tree got in the car's road, but these Bembridge overturned as if they had been shrubs. A grape vine and arbor with its twining branches proved too much, however, and into these the car got entangled and stopped.

Neighbors felt all this was sufficient excitement and Night Officer Bob Pratt and Chief Helms were summoned. With drawn revolvers and upraised billies the two valiant cops made for their prisoner. Instead of fight he awaited them with a smile, however, and after the conversational endearments in which he engaged he was locked up for the night. The next morning his mother put up \$300 bond and took her gangly boy back home. He had been ordered to appear for trial Tuesday. Instead he was not on time and for the moment his bond was declared forfeited and Sheriff Bunch was given a capias for his rearrest.

While the sheriff was on his quest Mrs. Bembridge and the prisoner appeared. She offered the unique alibi that they had tried hard to get to court in time but had run out of gas enroute this way. Judge Pruden smiled and winced, and laid the case off for later examination next Tuesday.

Commissioners Review Values On Real Estate

The Chowan County Commissioners will sit at the Court House on Monday, June 17, at 10 o'clock A. M., to act as a board of equalization and review, for the purpose of reviewing the values of real estate as appearing on the tax books at the present time.

Any citizen having any complaint to make must be present at this time and present his case, as the law does not allow any changes to be made after that date.

BOY SCOUTS TO HAVE PARTY AT FRIDAY NIGHT MEETING

The Edenton Boy Scouts will have their regular meeting Friday night in the Scout Cabin. Scoutmaster John Graham has announced that a party will be held in connection with the meeting and all the boys are expected to attend.

FIREMEN'S PLAY WELL RENDERED

"Black-Eyed Susan" Presented Two Nights; Fire Department's Share Of Proceeds \$62.30

The Edenton Fire Department entertainment, "Black-Eyed Susan," which was presented Thursday and Friday nights in the school auditorium, was a distinct credit to those taking part in the show as well as those in charge of the affair. The play, a three-act musical comedy, was well rendered, providing enough comedy to keep the audience laughing, while the choruses provided snappy songs to help make the play a very enjoyable affair. The costumes likewise were very attractive.

The theme centered around an old maids' club, who through Black-Eyed Susan, played by Mrs. John F. White, received letters from men who appeared at the garden club in answer to an advertisement. The various situations were exceedingly funny, both the "old maids" and would-be husbands taking their parts well.

Especially interesting was a specialty act by Mary Simpson, of Elizabeth City, who rendered a number of songs and gave a splendid exhibition of tap dancing. A few songs by a quartet composed of Claude Evans and Jim Lassiter, of Bertie County, and W. J. Daniels and George Lassiter also added to the pleasure of the evening.

Members of the Fire Department are very well pleased with the success of the play, which netted the firemen \$62.30. They desire to thank each of the seventy-odd who took part in the show, as well as all who in any way contributed to its success.

Office Set Up For Housing Campaign

An office for the Chowan County Better Housing Campaign has been set up in the old post office building, next to the Bank of Edenton, with Edgar Rea in charge. Three canvassers, equipped with information blanks are now canvassing city property, which later on will be extended to the county. The canvassers are Miss Lena Jones, N. J. Castelov and J. I. Miller.

The canvassers will gather the information which will be returned to the office and classified. It is expected that through the campaign much property will be repaired, painted and generally improved.

Any information regarding the campaign may be had by communicating with Mr. Rea or O. H. Brown, who is county chairman.

Progress Made On Mill Village Sewer

The mill village sewerage project has made rapid progress, sewer pipes now being laid on Railroad Street. The project started at Brown Bros. feed store going to King Street, thence down King Street, to Railroad Street. At this point the main line will branch off, one line going down King Street to the cotton mill, while the other lead goes up Railroad Street to the Edenton Peanut Company plant. The branch lines will be laid along the rear of the mill village property.

Progress, however, is somewhat impeded on Railroad Street due to the necessity of laying the pipe over eight feet below the surface.

Chowan County To Have Mother's Aid

Chowan County will again apply for mothers' aid during 1935-36 as per action of the County Commissioners Monday, when they voted to accept the State's proposition to allocate a certain amount to counties applying on a 50-50 basis. This fund is used to aid mothers whose children are under 14 years of age, \$22 having been used for this purpose last year.

Red Men Nominate New Officers Monday

At next Monday night's meeting of Chowan Tribe of Red men officers will be nominated to serve for the next six months starting with the first meeting in July. The nomination will remain open for two meetings, after which the election will be held.

All members are urged to attend to participate in this important matter.

Meeting Of Firemen On Thursday Night

Fire Chief R. K. Hall has called a meeting of the Fire Department for tonight (Thursday) at 8:00 o'clock in the fire station. Important matters will be discussed and Mr. Hall urges every member to be on hand.

Number Prizes Given Friday At Card Party

Many Expected To Attend Benefit Affair at Cupola House

TEA SERVED

Mrs. W. H. Coffield In Charge of Reservations For Tables

Quite a number of prizes will be offered at the card party which will be held at the Cupola House on Friday afternoon and evening, play beginning at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon and at 8:00 o'clock in the evening. Tea will be served at the afternoon session at 5:30, and refreshments will be served about 11:00 o'clock in the evening.

The proceeds of this card party will go to the Cupola House and citizens are urged to form parties for this occasion, at which any card game will be in order. Mrs. W. H. Coffield has charge of the tables and should be communicated with for reservations.

Prizes as offered by local merchants are as follows:

- Edenton Peanut Company, 5 lb. bag peanuts.
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- Edenton Laundry, \$1.00 worth of laundry.
- A. & P., 1 lb. tea.
- Bank of Edenton, \$5.00.
- Ziegler & Son, 9x12 Crex rug.
- W. D. Holmes, bag of Fluffy Rufles flour.
- Leggett & Davis, compact.
- Badham Bros., silk hose.
- Goodwin's Quality Store, jar of pickles.
- Preston's, silk hose.
- Jno. C. Bond Co., scissors.
- C. E. Byrum Meat Market, 4 lb. roast.
- Byrum Bros. Hardware Co., wooden ice bowl.
- Taylor Theatre, 4 theatre tickets.
- Mae Jackson, beautician, shampoo and finger wave.
- Burton's Super Service, 1-2 gallon ice cream.
- Hobowsky, silk hose.
- Pender's, 2 lbs. coffee.
- Broad Street Fish Market, 1 lb. crab meat.
- Bakery, cake.
- Floars Electric Company, 1-2 dozen light bulbs.
- Ganderson's, \$1.00 in goods.
- Rose's 5 and 10, 1-2 doz. ice tea glasses.
- Cotton Mills, 2 rolls of cotton string.
- Mitchener's, violet toilet water.
- Quinn Furniture Company, beach chair.
- Graham Byrum's Market, 4 lbs. roast.
- Anne's Beauty Salon, shampoo and finger wave.
- Triangle and Bridge-Turn Filling Stations, 1 gal. ice cream.
- Ice & Cold Storage Co., book ice tickets.
- E. C. White Wholesale Company, pickles.

Singing Class Presents Very Pleasing Program

A good crowd was present Thursday night in the high school auditorium when the singing class of the Oxford Orphanage presented their annual program. The class, consisting of 14 boys and girls, rendered a very pleasing program of music and drills. The party, traveling in a truck, remained in Edenton overnight, the children being entertained in various homes. The class left Friday morning for Elizabeth City.

O. E. Duncan Spending Summer On High Seas

O. E. Duncan, a member of the Edenton High School faculty, left Edenton Saturday for New York City, from where he will leave for a trip to South America. Mr. Duncan has accepted a position for the summer on a boat which makes the trip to South America about every 18 days.

Taylor Reappointed As Welfare Officer

W. J. Taylor, superintendent of the Chowan administrative unit of the public schools, was reappointed as welfare officer for Chowan County for a period of two years by the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday morning. The salary for the welfare position is \$25 per month.