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### GASOLINE TANK ON BOAT AFLAME

Twenty-two Persons, Half Being Young Ladies, Have Narrow Escape.

### CRAFT BEACHED AND SUNK

Big Lumber Plant at New Bern Running on Full Time; Postmaster Daniels Will Run the Office; No Action on Stock Law.

(Special to The News and Observer)  
New Bern, May 4.—While enroute via the water route from Vanceboro to a point several miles distant where a fish fry was to be held, twenty-two persons, including seven young ladies, had a narrow escape last night from a gasoline tank on board of their boat which became ignited and they were forced to beach the craft and sink it. The vessel, "The Spray," was owned by Grover Lancaster and Jess McLawhorn and was valued at several hundred dollars. When the fire broke out several of the male members of the party jumped overboard, the ladies however remained on board until shore was reached. There was no way of getting home that night so the party remained in the swamp until this morning when they were picked up by another boat sent out to search for them. Business is not dull out at the local plant of the John L. Roper Lumber Company, in fact it has picked up to such a degree during the past two weeks that the mill is now working full blast both day and night and

thousands of feet of dressed lumber are being turned out every twenty-four hours. The mill was closed down for five or six weeks a few months ago due to the fact that a number of repairs had to be made but as soon as these were completed, operations were resumed and the plant has been operated on full time since then. In connection with the lumbering industry in this section, it might be of interest to the public to know that a large force of men yesterday began clearing away the old Elm City Mill on South Front street yesterday morning and on this site Charles H. Hall, a well known lumberman, will erect an up-to-date planing and saw mill. Will Run the Office.

So far no appointment has been made to fill the vacancy in the local postoffice caused a few days ago by the booming of Substitute Clerk James C. Smith who was charged with misrepresenting Postmaster L. G. Daniels to the Postoffice Department and also with insubordination. Postmaster Daniels is determined that while he had charge of the office he is going to run it to suit himself and he will not tolerate any "monkey business" on the part of subordinates. He has told the employees that he will treat them with the greatest consideration and will do anything within his power for them but that they must perform their work in a thorough manner and that they must comply with all rules of the department. Smith is the first white man fired since Mr. Daniels took charge of the office in 1914.

Contrary to expectations the Craven county Board of Commissioners, in session here yesterday, did not take up the matter of hearing petitions asking that an election be called whereby the citizens living on the south side of Neuse river could vote on the stock law question. This matter, in which there is great interest, had been set for yesterday and a large delegation of local citizens, who are in favor of the law were on hand as were delegations from all parts of the affected district and who were opposed to it. J. E. Bladen, representing the local delegation, stated to Chairman C. B. Bradham that they had practically enough names to their petition to ask for the election but that he desired to give each and ev-

ery one a square deal and that in order that the affected districts might be fully represented at the meeting, he would suggest that the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the board and this was done. A delegation of citizens from Vanceboro was on hand to ask that they be included in the election if it is called. The people over in that section are in favor of the law and are anxious to see it carried. There's no doubt about the fact that there's going to be a hot time when the matter comes up before the board. The anti law on hand in full force yesterday and they were primed to the muzzle with all sorts of arguments. It is the general impression, however, that the board will call the election at their next meeting and that if such is done and the matter voted upon it will doubtless be carried.

### STRANGE NEGRO TRICKS MERCHANT

Places Big Order For Food Supplies And Then Disappears at Pollocksville.

(Special to The News and Observer)  
New Bern, May 4.—One of the strangest stories heard here in some time, came yesterday from Pollocksville, Jones county, and the citizens there who took part in the affair are still wondering if they did not dream the entire occurrence. According to the story brought here, a colored man arrived in the town early on last Saturday morning and stated to the steward on board of a government survey boat which had come up from Florida and was anchored in a stream a few miles away. The man went to one of the leading merchants in the town and placed an order for food supplies amounting to fifty or sixty dollars and in which was included fifty pounds of beef. The merchant did not have any beef but told the negro that he would get it for him and this he did. In the meantime the negro walked about town, went to the postoffice, called for mail for a number of people who were supposed to be on the boat and was informed that there was nothing there for them. He then asked for any old newspapers that might happen to be lying around and was given a supply of these. All during this time the colored man continued to tell of the trip of the survey boat as it came up from the various islands shores of Florida to the North Carolina coast and even went so far as to invite a number of the citizens of the town to pay the ship a visit on Sunday, declaring that he would be glad to call for them on Sunday in a launch. In some way the fellow obliterated himself from the town a short time later without anyone seeing him and while the merchant who had arranged to furnish the supplies for the boat was awaiting the return of the black man he was probably putting space between him and that town. Now the strange part of the affair lies in the fact that no such boat had ever been in that part of the country. Just where the negro came from or where he went is another mystery but the worst part about it—to the merchant at least, is the fact that he has fifty pounds of beef steak on hand which he cannot dispose of.

### LEARNS UP DOCKET QUICKLY

Preparing for North Carolina Bankers' Association.  
Wilmington, May 4.—Judge H. W. Whedbee, of Greenville, who presided over the term of Superior Court, which began yesterday morning and adjourned today, having finished all the work on the docket, made a record for brevity in this county in charging the grand jury. He spoke only a few minutes and mentioned only two matters specifically. Having had the matter called to his attention, probably as the result of street rumors that there had been violations of the law in the recent campaign, Judge Whedbee instructed the grand jury as to the law relative to vote buying and influencing of voters. The only other matter mentioned in his charge was that it was the duty of the grand jury to investigate every officer in the county, from the highest to the lowest, and if any one is found guilty of malfeasance to present him. There was no case on the docket of special importance at this term. Capt. Edgar L. Hinton was foreman of the grand jury. The board of commissioners of navigation and pilotage, which met in regular monthly session yesterday morning, considered the complaints relative to the location of the interned German steamer KIM, at Southport, which is said to be in the way of passing ships, but no action was taken. The matter will come up again at a later meeting. The Wilmington clearing house association, Mr. H. C. McQueen acting

### LETUCE OUTLOOK BETTER

Strawberries From Chadborn District on Wilmington Market.

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Wilmington, May 4.—The prospects for the lettuce season, which has not been so promising lately, are now much improved since the refreshing rains yesterday, and cutting is now going on at a lively pace all over this section, with the result that several refrigerator cars and several hundred baskets went forward today. Prices are considerably higher on the Northern markets, ranging from \$1.35 to \$3 a basket, according to quality, which is generally good now. Strawberries made their appearance on the local market yesterday from the Chadborn belt and were sold by the crate at 25 cents a quart. They are selling on the Northern markets at from 15 to 35 cents a quart. In a few days local growers will begin to ship garden peas, which are bringing good prices now. Three white boys, all under twelve years of age, were arrested yesterday on charges of breaking into the store of Thomas F. Wood, Inc., and carrying off a lot of groceries. In spite of their youth, the boys have been in trouble on several previous occasions.

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### AND WHAT TO DO WITH THEM FURNISHES A PERPLEXING PROBLEM TO THE COURTS, AS THERE IS NO REFORMATORY TO WHICH TO SEND THEM.

The contract for the erection of a new vaudeville house which will be built by Howard & Wells, owners of a moving picture house, has been awarded to Rhodes & Underwood, well-known local contractors, and work will begin on the building this week. The cost exclusive of all furnishings will be \$18,000. The building will be located on one of the most prominent sites in the city, recently purchased for \$42,500, and the total cost will be in the neighborhood of \$75,000.

### TO INSTRUCT ON DRAINAGE

Engineer F. R. Baker Will Give Demonstrations in Caldwell.

(Special to The News and Observer)  
Lenoir, May 4.—Drainage Engineer F. R. Baker, of the North Carolina Drainage Commission is scheduled to visit this section and spend the latter part of the week showing the farmers and others interested in drainage how to do this sort of work properly. He will also give a drainage tile demonstration, which when properly done means much to the

### FARMERS WHEN THEY HAVE A PIECE OF GOOD LAND THAT IS TOO WET FOR CULTIVATION.

On Thursday he will be at Mr. W. C. Barlow's place, 3 miles out from town on the Taylorville road. Friday he will be at Mr. C. A. Anderson's farm a few miles west of town on the Morganton road. Saturday he will be at Mr. Edmund Jones, Jr., farm a mile south of Lenoir on the Hickory road. County Demonstrator Goforth will accompany Mr. Baker to each of these places and assist him with his work.

### SALEM SCHOOL CLOSING.

(Special to The News and Observer)  
Whitakers, May 4.—The closing exercises of Salem school will be held May 18-19. Children's exercises will be given on Tuesday night, followed by a picnic Wednesday. On Wednesday night "Dot, the Miner's Daughter" will be presented by the boys and girls of the community for the benefit of the school.

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