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THIEVES MAKE CLEAN SWEEP IN VIRGININA

Negro Assaults Oxford White Woman on Road



START WITH PAUSE—Team captains join two Oxford beauties in a pause for refreshment before commencing the king-size Coca-Cola sale Oxford Junior Chamber of Commerce is launching today.

D. J. (Bose) Gooch Dies In Hospital

Funeral for Retired Business Man Conducted Monday Afternoon

D. J. (Bose) Gooch, widely known Oxford man, died at Duke Hospital at 4 p. m. Sunday at the age of 72. He had entered the hospital a few days earlier for a physical check-up and his death was not expected.

The funeral was conducted from the home on Cherry Street at 2:30 p. m. Monday by the Rev. H. W. Baucom, Jr., pastor of Oxford Baptist Church. Burial followed in Elmwood Cemetery.

Before retirement two years ago, Mr. Gooch had been in the employ of Ray Lumber Company for 40 years. He also had constructed a large number of residences in the city which had gone into the real estate market.

Methodists To Serve Stew Supper on Wed. At Creedmoor Lake

Creedmoor Methodist Church will sponsor a Brunswick stew supper at Creedmoor Lake Wednesday, Aug. 29, from 5 until 8 p. m.

Mrs. Etha Rogers and Miss Pearl Moss are in charge and proceeds will be applied to the church's building fund.

Service will include stew, slaw, bread, tea and pie. Price is \$1 for adults and 60 cents for children.

Judge Devin Back In Court Harness

Judge W. A. Devin, who retired three years ago from the North Carolina Supreme Court, has been recalled for emergency duty.

Judge Devin went to Raleigh yesterday to serve in the absence of Judge Jeff D. Johnson, a patient at Duke Hospital. The former chief justice said he was not sure how long he would be in Raleigh.

Short-Day Schedule Planned in Schools

Oxford school for the three days during opening week will operate on a half-day schedule to facilitate crop harvests, Supt. C. W. Duggins said yesterday.

Lunch rooms will not be open in any of the schools on Sept. 5, 6 or 7, but will operate regularly thereafter.

Julian Hester Of Creedmoor Buried

Aged Farmer Found Unconscious in Curing Barn Thursday Afternoon

A widely-known Creedmoor man, Julian Hester, 79, was found early Thursday afternoon badly burned and near death in a tobacco curing barn which he was attending on his farm near Creedmoor. He was pronounced dead a short time later after he was removed in unconscious state from the 130-degree temperature.

Funeral rites were conducted at Creedmoor Baptist Church at 2 p. m. Saturday by the Rev. J. C. Jones, pastor. Burial was in the Creedmoor Cemetery. See HESTER, Page 8



MYSTERY FARM NO. 104 is a picture of neatness with its close-cropped lawn, gleaming white house and ample shade trees. Although it is reminiscent of many homes throughout the county, there is but one correct identification and that must be turned in prior to 5 p. m., Monday, September 3, to qualify for gift Ledger subscriptions. The owner is asked to come by the Public Ledger this week to get a mounted photo of his property.

Drink Sales Opens In Oxford Tonight

Chairman R. Kennon Taylor, Jr., Announces Team Captains for Event

Jaycees will tonight open their Coca-Cola sales as a project to raise funds for the purchase of an electric scoreboard at the high school football field.

From door to door, and also at the gate on the night for the first football game Sept. 7, Jaycees will offer a coupon good for a 24-bottle crate of king-size Cokes and also a ticket for the football game, all for \$2. The tickets are redeemable until Dec. 31 at local Coca-Cola dealers.

R. Kennon Taylor, Jr., project chairman, said the four team captains to assist with the project are Bill Holt, Tingley Moore, Ed McFarland, Jr., and Jimmy Breedlove.

Purchasers of the coupons will also share in the awarding of 81 prizes in late September. The grand prize will be a high-priced ornamental electric clock and 80 others will get metal serving trays.

Police Balked In Two Local Probes

Houseburning and Death of Infant Are Still Under Inquiry Locally

Efforts to determine who may have set fire to the incompletely destroyed Gregory residence on Henderson Street three weeks ago, resulting in destruction of the building, are being continued by local enforcement officers.

Officers also are continuing their efforts to get a new break on the alleged maltreatment that resulted in death of Janie Hunt, Negro infant.

In jail here on a charge of murder in death of the child is the father, Arthur Hunt, and under bond as a material witness is the mother, Hattie Mae Hunt.

No developments in either of the investigations were disclosed yesterday by city police.

Absentee Ballots May Be Obtained

Absentee ballots for the September 8 special election in North Carolina are available now from Chairman John N. Watkins of the Granville Board of elections.

Margaret Cameron Beaten In Her Car

Widespread Search Made for Man Traveling in Pick-up Truck—Assault Occurs on Stem Highway

A young white woman was assaulted with a motor vehicle and then slapped and beaten in an unprovoked attack on the Providence-Stem road early Sunday night around 9 o'clock.

Sheriff's officers and highway patrolmen were searching yesterday for a Negro who rammed the automobile of Miss Margaret Cameron from the rear, after bumping her car several times, forcing her to stop.

The assailant came forward from his own car, opened the door to the Cameron car and told the Oxford woman, "I want to see you." Miss Cameron told Sheriff Roy D. Jones that he hit her about the face and head several times with his hand before she was able to flee to a nearby house.

When her horn-blowing and screams failed to get attention of a family residing near the road on the L. A. Bullock farm, Miss Cameron raced to the house for help. Meanwhile, the assailant drove off in his own vehicle.

Miss Cameron, employed by the State Hospital Board at Bunter, was en route to Bunter after a visit to her mother, Mrs. Tom Cameron. A short distance behind was another Butner car and when the operator came upon Miss Cameron's vehicle at the roadside with the door open and found her coming down the hill from the nearby home, the car stopped and carried her to Butner, where the alarm was sounded. Officers there returned and retrieved the Cameron car.

Officers said yesterday that the assailant was driving a pick-up truck with slatted sides and canvas top with definite markings which were related to officers.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ray Elliott of Alexander Ave., a son, Terry Warren, Aug. 23, at Granville Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leaman Joseph Jackson of Route 1, Stem, a daughter, Betsy Jane, Aug. 21 at Granville Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Curran of Route 5, Oxford, a son, Ronald William, Aug. 25, at Granville Hospital. The Currans have four other children.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Brodgen of Route 1, Creedmoor, a son, Aug. 27, at Granville Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Jackson of Route 1, Stem, announce the birth of a daughter, Betsy Jane, Aug. 23, at Granville Hospital. Mrs. Jackson is the former Mozelle Moss.

Child Struck By Auto on 96 South

Larry Wilkerson Patient at Shaw Memorial Hospital After Saturday Mishap

A five-year-old Negro child, Larry Wilkerson, was brought to Shaw Memorial Hospital here Saturday with a head injury after he was struck by an automobile as he dashed across highway 96 six miles south of Oxford near Greenway's Service Station.

Highway Patrolman W. T. Felton, who investigated, said L. S. Jenkins, 69, Route 1, Franklinton, was driving the car involved, a 1948 model Chevrolet, traveling in the direction of Oxford.

Willie Wortham, traveling in a car behind Mr. Jenkins, witnessed the accident. He told the investigating officer that the child dashed across a drive from a residence and directly into the path of the car as he apparently was crossing the road to the home of a relative on the opposite side of 96.

Mr. Jenkins drove his car off the paved area and into a road-side ditch as he sought to avoid the child, hit by the left front of his auto.

Wilkerson was one of five children of his mother, Nettie Wilkerson, being cared for in the Person County Home, who were residing in the home of an aunt, Lina Wilkerson, because of illness of their mother.

CD Siren To Be Tested Tomorrow

Commissioner Ed Coble To Set Off Alarm for CD Director T. C. Jordan, Jr.

At 12 noon tomorrow (Wednesday), most people within a radius of from three to seven and a half miles, depending on which way the wind is blowing, will hear the initial testing of the new civil defense siren mounted on the Morgan-Crews building.

T. C. Jordan, Jr., Civil Defense chairman for Oxford and Granville County, said yesterday that City Commissioner Ed Coble will throw the switch which will set off the eerie wailing of the siren.

Four signals will be sounded, two using the power from public service lines, and two from the recently installed generator serving City Hall.

Jordan said particular attention should be paid to the type blasts that will be used in the tests for they are standard Civil Defense warning signals and are used only for air warnings by CD. At 12 noon, the yellow or alert signal, a steady blast of from three to five minutes, will be sounded. Following that, the red or take cover signal, will be heard. This will be three minutes of wailing from the siren.

Recalling the smothering of over See SIREN, Page 8

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Watkins said application may be made at his home on Bell Street or at his office in the Tobacco Board of Trade over Union National Bank.



LEARNS BY DOING—Miss Shu-Tong Chiang, a young Chinese student from Formosa, is "learning by doing" at the Test Farm and also at the plant of the W. A. Adams Company here, where she is studying the tobacco industry. She is handing a stick of green tobacco to Ben Averett, Jr., for transport to a curing barn. A short while earlier, Miss Chiang had been engaged in looping leaf and also in cross-breeding work.

CHINESE STUDENT FINDS LIFE INTERESTING HERE

New Gulf Station To Open Thursday

Wilson Tire Company to Suspend Business as L. L. Wilson Takes New Post

Wilson Tire Company, a Main Street enterprise for 28 years, will close Wednesday night and will open Thursday morning on Williamsboro Street as Wilson Gulf Service.

The proprietor, L. L. Wilson, noted that the formal opening of Wilson Gulf Service is being delayed until September 7 and 8 when there will be open house and opportunity for friends and patrons to visit the new establishment and view its equipment for servicing motor vehicles.

Wilson Gulf Service is to feature products of the Gulf Oil Company, including gas, oil, grease, tires and other items. Hot Point home appliances, drinks, ice cream, sandwiches and also some sporting goods will be carried by Wilson in his newly completed establishment.

The personnel will include Hamilton Newton, Robert Lloyd and Gedde Henrieks in the service department and Mrs. L. L. Pettus as cashier.

Wilson recalled that he came to Oxford as a boy of 17, straight from the farm. His first job was with the late J. D. Brooks in what was called The Elephant Store and he later worked for Moses Wolf at the Hub. He had been employed by T. G. Overton for three and a half years when Overton decided to dispose of his business. Wilson became the purchaser and operator.

"We've seen the Model T go and the new stream-lined models with high powered engines and air conditioners come. We go to school each year to learn to provide the proper service for all these machines. A man with an automobile today has a large investment, and it is our purpose to help him safeguard it," Wilson said.

Inquest Tonight

A coroner's inquest will be conducted Tuesday night at the court house as officers continue their inquiry into the death of Nannie Mae Hunt.

Coroner Grover Saunders said that the child's father, Arthur Hunt, has been in jail here since Aug. 3, charged with murder of the child, whose death was ascribed by a Duke Hospital physician to a head injury.

Small Loot Taken, Property Damaged By Trio of Robbers

Thieves Believed Frightened From Town by Pistol Fire Of Chief's Brother—Losses Not Fully Determined

Operating boldly with crowbar and other wrecking equipment, thieves early Monday morning made a clean-up in eight of the 14 business establishments in nearby Virgilina, Va.

The thieves escaped after Graham Ellixson, a brother of the chief of police in the town, sleeping in a down-town building, heard the commotion about 2:20 a. m. and attracted attention by firing three shots into the air. Ellixson said he saw at least three men, but could not determine their race.

Yesterday, Halifax County sheriff's men and other officers were bending every effort to locate the thieves. W. B. Hardie, Halifax County deputy sheriff, was of the opinion that the robbers were not professionals.

Entered were Slagle's Grocery, the business of J. W. Pleasants, Jr., the office of Dr. A. P. Bohannon, Peyton Puryear's Grocery, Wilkins and Goode Hardware Company, the office of Gregory-Poole Construction Company, the office of T. W. Chandler and Penny's Grocery.

Virgilina in recent years has suffered robberies and fires, taking heavy toll in property, but the town was stunned yesterday to learn that eight establishments had been broken into.

Money appeared to have been the object sought by the thieves. Safes were hammered open and cash drawers and registers rifled while most of the town slept.

Bloodhounds were brought to the scene from Person County prison camp and used in an attempt to trail the thieves. Some of their wrecking equipment was found at the scene of one of their jobs.

Jack Slagle reported that soon after the commotion started, he arrived on the scene and then ran for the deputy. Meanwhile Gerald Ellixson, Virgilina chief of police, was coming toward him a block away. Bloodhounds later traced the thieves' trail to a spot in the center of that block where the tools were found. Slagle figured the escaping men had been frightened. See VIRGININA, Page 4

William T. Minor Dies At Age 72

Funeral Conducted in Charlolts, Where He Had Lived For Many Years

William Thomas Minor, Oxford native, died Thursday in a hospital in Charlotte where he had lived for a number of years. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Myers Park Presbyterian Church, and burial at Forest Lawn Cemetery in that city.

Minor, age 72, was born here in Oxford, the son of the late Richard V. and Julia Brent Allen Minor. He attended Horner Military School. See MINOR, Page 8

Mrs. Ernest Newton Buried in Elmwood

Funeral rites were conducted at 2 p. m. Friday at G. T. Eakes Funeral Parlor for Mrs. Ernest Newton, 55, whose death occurred last Thursday morning.

The Rev. Norman Hicks officiated at the service and burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Newton died at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. G. Dement. Active pallbearers were James T. Morton, Roy C. Morton, Gerald Morton, Howard Woodleaf, Bruce Dement and Thomas Smith.

Enrollment Underway In Oxford Schools

Students who were not enrolled for the 1955-56 term, or who have not been registered in pre-school clinics, may apply for registration at the office of the Oxford school this week or until the session opens Sept. 3, Supt. C. W. Duggins said yesterday.

Principals are on duty at their respective offices from 9 to 12 and from 1 to 4 daily, Duggins said, and applications for registration may be made by students within those hours.