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Small Fire Damage In Creedmoor High School Auditorium

Repairs to Stage, Curtain and Floor to Be Completed Today

Fire on the stage of the Creedmoor High School auditorium, revealed by smoke observed by a youth at play on the campus, entailed damage Monday of \$1,200 to \$1,500 to the ceiling, floor, stage curtains, and the wiring installation before it was brought under control, Sup't D. N. Hix said yesterday.

Hix said the janitor had secured the building for the day and had left for home when smoke from the fire was observed by a child, who gave the alarm at approximately 5:15 p. m.

Creedmoor firemen were on the scene within a short time and had the blaze under control. The superintendent said a close examination of the origin of the fire indicated that it perhaps originated from a short-circuit on an overheated junction box in the wiring in the building.

Repairs to the stage were commenced Tuesday morning and will be completed by the end of this week, permitting use of the auditorium for the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning.



AWARDS FOR ASC PERSONNEL

Horace D. Godfrey, administrative officer of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation organization in North Carolina, left, affixes a pin to the collar of Mrs. Bradford Watson, chief clerk and a senior member of the personnel of the Granville County ASJ office. Awards were presented at a banquet here Wednesday night at the Woman's Club. Interested on-lookers, l.-r., are Garland Catlette, office manager, Calvin Eake, Hesley Clark and Clarence L. Jones, veteran, ASC committeemen.

Four Girls To Be Crowned at Church

Recognition Service at 7:30 Sunday Evening at Oxford Baptist Church

Four Girls' Auxiliary members who have completed requirements will, on Sunday evening in a recognition service at Oxford Baptist Church, be crowned queen. The service is at 7:30 o'clock.

The four, who have completed a vast amount of memory work, are Peggy Woodliff, Betty Wilson, Beverly Wilkerson and Betty DeMent. In addition, 16 girls who have completed the first step are to be recognized as Maidens; 10 others will be recognized as ladies in waiting and four will become princesses.

Candle lighters for the service will be Amelia Wheeler and Frances Larkins.

The girls have all appeared before the reviewing council, Mrs. J. P. White, Mrs. Catherine Latta, Mrs. J. M. Bialock and Mrs. M. S. Curran.

Counselors of the GA are Mrs. C. V. Morgan, Mrs. Ebbie DeMent and Mrs. James Dean.

Injured Woman Is Still in Hospital

All Anderson Being Held in Granville Jail Without Privilege of Bond

The condition of Lucy Moss, 32, Negro, wife of Roy Moss, who was taken to Duke Hospital, Durham, Monday shortly after she was shot on a county road seven miles south of Oxford, continues critical, according to information from the hospital.

Meanwhile, Alf Anderson, 38, is being held in the Granville jail without privilege of bond pending the outcome of the woman's condition. Anderson, after his apprehension Monday, admitted that he shot the woman with a small .22 calibre pistol, but claimed the shooting was accidental.

The gun went off, he told Sheriff Roy D. Jones, when he rushed to aid the woman, who was walking nearby, when she screamed "snake." The bullet took effect in the left breast and chest.

The injured woman at the hospital has received several blood transfusions and continues in a state of shock.

Medics Have Fun

Some 25 members and guests attended a meeting of the Granville County Medical Society held Monday evening at the Noblin Cabin south of town.

Dr. J. C. Elliott, president, presided. In addition to the usual business meeting, members went in strong for off-duty fun.

Three presentations were made: to Dr. Howard Cox went an inner tube to assure his safe return from the Atlantic should his ship sink during his transoceanic vacation; and to Dr. R. W. Taylor and Dr. David Noel, mounted plaques in appreciation of their "memorable" services.

Godfrey Addresses ASC Gathering



Awards to Veteran Workers Presented at Reception and Dinner at Woman's Club Wednesday Evening

Farm programs mean more to North Carolina than to any other state in the nation, Horace Godfrey told an assembly of Granville County farmers, business men and agricultural workers at the Woman's Club here Wednesday night.

Godfrey, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation administrative officer at the state level, spoke at a dinner meeting arranged by Granville ASC to bring together ASC personnel ranging from community committeemen through the state level and including extension service workers, Farmers' Home Administration, Federal Crop Insurance, vocational agriculture teachers, civic leaders, Farm Bureau members and leaders, Grange members and leaders and farm suppliers.

Office Chief Garland L. Catlette presided at the dinner which was served after the guests had been passed down a receiving line. The invocation was by ASC Committee Chairman Clarence L. Jones, the welcome by Catlette, and responses by Hesley Clark, community committeeman, P. J. Beach, of the ASC state office, and C. R. Watkins, representing local vendors. Each expressed appreciation for the fellowship occasion.

Early J. Yancey led group singing with Miss Bettie Daniel at the piano. Miss Bonnie Lou Currin, soloist, accompanied by Miss Daniel, Miss Martha Parham and William Watkins, with a dance routine, entertained following their presentation by Mrs. Ballard Norwood.

Mrs. Kathryn Watson was assisted in awarding a number of door prizes. The winners were Mrs. Sam Watkins, Tom Allen, Jr., C. V. Morgan, John S. Watkins, Jr., G. L. Jones, Miss Jacquetta Baker, Hubert Cox, Hillman Alexander, Leonard Barker, Pogo Gill, Archie Lee King, Miss Valeria Knott, Willie Wrenn and Dennis Hall. The prizes were provided by local business establishments.

Dates Back to 1933
The farm program dates back to 1933, Mr. Godfrey said following his presentation by Catlette. "It came in answer to the demand by farmers that they be given some of the protective rights afforded other industry," he stated.

Farming, he declared, "is the only industry that is a necessity." He said non-farmers need to be reminded "that they are dependent upon farming."

Although there is on the farm only 12-14 per cent of the nation's population, "and some claim that we don't need a prosperous agriculture," one-third of the population makes a living from farming or from the processing and handling of farm commodities, Godfrey claimed.

He pointed to the tremendous market which agriculture provides for industry: more raw rubber last year than used on six million passenger cars; more kiltawatt hours than the six largest American...

Still Blasted, Whiskey Seized

Destruction of a 600-gallon distillery in a 2 a. m. raid in Fishing Creek Township was disclosed yesterday by Sheriff Roy D. Jones.

The outfit had been recently installed and one "run" of five cases of whiskey had been made, the sheriff's report stated.

Jones, Deputies J. C. Cash and H. L. Connel arrived late Wednesday and completed the destruction with a dynamite blast about 2 a. m. Thursday of the past week.

Seized at the scene were the five cases of whiskey, totaling 30 gallons, the copper worm, four tubs and tools used in the operation.

Negro Implicated In Station Entry

General Lee Jordan Charged With Break-in at A. P. Baker Place

General Lee Jordan, 32, Negro farm hand, was in custody here yesterday charged with breaking and entering, larceny and receiving from A. P. Baker's Service Station the night of May 3.

Jordan, who had been employed on the Baker farm, failed to show up for work after the break-in and when apprehended this week, he was nursing a hand injury which linked him to the crime.

The accused man said yesterday that he was drunk the night of the crime and that if he entered the station, he was unaware of his behavior.

Top Bus Drivers Entering Contest

Ten students from schools in Granville have been picked to participate in the school bus driving contest to be held at the Middleburg School May 24.

The winning boy and girl from the district will receive a \$100 college scholarship.

Representing the participating school will be Judy Dean and Tommy Adcock, Oxford High; Becky Brooks and Ralph Newton, Sere; Mary Ann Allgood and James Curran, Stovall; William "Red" Shaw; Yvonne Hester and Dock Royster, Mary Potter; and Douglas Cooper, Toler.

Ministers Leaving For Baptist Meeting

The Rev. Floyd Hellams of Bullock, the Rev. Dennis Larkins and the Rev. A. S. Lamm of this city will leave Monday by auto for Houston, Tex., where they will attend the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention which opens there Tuesday. They plan to return to Oxford May 26.

Inquest Monday Night

Coroner Grover Saunders said yesterday that an inquest would be held at 8 p. m. Monday at the Granville County Court House, inquiring into the death of Clarence Downey, 37, Negro, who was fatally injured in an auto collision here Sunday night.



DEATH-CAR

Shown is the front of the 1950 model automobile which Clarence Downey was driving at the time he was fatally injured in a collision at the intersection of New College and McClannahan Streets at 10:15 p. m. Sunday. Downey was proceeding west on McClannahan when his car and another driven by Fielding Walker collided, Walker, as did Downey's wife and sister-in-law, escaped injury.

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\$58-\$60 Average For 1958 Tobacco Crop Forecast by Royster

Another year of rigid controls on tobacco production would have the effect of bringing stocks and demand in reasonable balance, Fred Royster of Henderson, told an audience of business men and farmers here Tuesday night. He "guessed" that the 1958 crop, if fair, will bring in average of \$58-\$60.

The executive director of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association addressed the annual farmers' night meeting of the Kiwanis Club held at the Woman's Club with resident Bob Clark presiding. Royster was presented by Chairman Joe A. Watkins of the Kiwanis Committee on Agriculture. Some 100 or more farmers coming from all sections of the county were guests of individual members of the club for the dinner meeting.

Entertainment was supplied by the Hester Church Quartet, Rev. Paul C. Mattox, Grady Wheeler, Austin Watson and Coleman Watson with Miss Mary Ann Jernigan as accompanist. Their numbers included "The Jerico Road," "Upon the Rock of Ages," and "Can God Depend Upon You?"

This was the fifth annual Farmers' Night of the club. The program was originated in 1953 by J. Frank Bragg.

As to the outlook for this year, Royster said the planting schedule in Eastern North Carolina is two to three weeks behind the normal date and that a similar delay may be anticipated in the Middle Belt territory. A late crop, he stated, generally is not a heavy yielding crop. He said a crop of 900 to 925 million pounds could be anticipated this year. He observed that the soil bank has 25,000 more acres on deposit this year than last.

Royster reviewed accomplishments of the "tobacco program" of the past 25 years before discussing the present situation. He said less tobacco is being used in the filter-type cigarette because of its smaller size and also the length of the filter. Added to this, homogenized, synthetic, or reconstituted tobacco is being used.

Last year, he reminded, cigarette production reached a new high of 442 billion, but even so, he said the downward trend in leaf exports and the increase in consumption of cigarettes is not expected to do more than offset the reduced need for tobacco brought about by new manufacturing procedures.

Surplus tobacco stocks, he said, are being held by Stabilization. "If we continue in the direction we are not moving toward the elimination of these surpluses, they will move into trade channels and will not be dumped on the market," Royster said. "We must do everything possible to protect the Stabilization."

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Stone Located

The buried rock with a history linked to Granville County has been found.

Business Manager M. E. Parham of Oxford Orphanage revealed at noon yesterday that the well-weathered stone had been found buried beneath the old steps entering the front of the St. John's building, which has been razed.

Parham said at the suggestion of Mrs. Elizabeth Hicks Hummel of Durham, a daughter of the late Historian A. A. Hicks, the stone is being offered to the Board of County Commissioners for such use as the board might desire.

Attempted Rape Charge Brought Against Boy 16

Edward Rowland Mangum, Jr., 16, to Get Hearing in Mayor's Court Today

A 16-year-old Oxford white boy, Edward Rowland Mangum, Jr., resident of No. 2 Church Street, yesterday was at liberty under bond of \$2,500 for appearance in Mayor's Court here this morning to answer a charge of assault with intent to commit rape.

The offense is alleged to have occurred about 6:30 Tuesday night at the youth's home while he was alone at the house and involved a 11-year-old resident of the same section of town.

Assistant Chief N. E. White was assisted in his investigation by Patrolman Herbert Grissom and Detective J. L. Cash. In the presence of Cash, the youth admitted the crime shortly after the affair was reported Tuesday night.

According to the report of the assault given the officer by the prosecuting witness, young Mangum called her to his home on the pretense of returning a borrowed item for his sister. She related that when she entered via the back porch, she was seized just inside a bedroom by the boy who propositioned, threw her to the bed, that she screamed, that he pulled a knife and threatened her life, that Mangum pulled down her outer shorts and an undergarment, that she wrestled away, injuring her hip in a fall to the floor from the bed.

She further said that she started to run, he grabbed her again and told her "if my mother learns of this I'll get a whipping."

An elderly woman appeared in the yard, the girl declared, and that Edward ran into the kitchen as she fled through the back door.

The child told her story when brought to the police station by a relative.

Faced later with the facts, Mangum readily admitted his guilt, White said, and was ordered held for hearing in Mayor's Court.

Cohn Brothers Of Baltimore Dispose Of City Property

S. H. Fox Buys Building Occupied by Newberry—N. C. Morton Buys Structure

Sale of two additional tracts of down-town property in recent days was disclosed here yesterday.

Involved were the two-story brick building fronting on Main Street and occupied by the J. J. Newberry Company and the single story brick building on Hillsboro Street occupied by Western Auto Associate Store.

In the transactions between S. H. Fox, well-known merchant and business leader, acquired from Nathan and I. C. Cohn of Baltimore, the Newberry store building and the Cohns acquired from Mr. Fox the title to the Hillsboro Street property which the Cohns in turn passed to N. C. Morton, who for many years has operated the Western Auto Store.

The Main Street property has a frontage of 67½ feet and a depth of 95 feet, extending to Bank Street. The Hillsboro Street building has a frontage of about 23 feet and a lot depth of 120 feet.

It is understood that no immediate changes are contemplated in occupancy of either of the buildings.

Choral Group To Present Program

Spring Concert to Be Rendered in York Rite Auditorium Tonight

John Nichols High School Choral Society will present their annual spring concert tonight (Friday) at 8 o'clock in York Rite Auditorium. The program consists of three sections: Sacred songs, folkore melodies and selections from Gilbert and Sullivan. H. M. S. Pinafore.

The chorus includes thirty-five students. Soloists for Friday evening will be Virginia Morrisette, Newassa Taylor, Jerry Strum, Troy Regan, and Bobby McLondon.

The chorus is directed by Miss Marie Roberts, choral director of the school, and accompanied by Roy T. Scogins, choir and organ master of the Oxford Baptist Church.

The public is cordially invited.



TALK ABOUT TOACCO

That's what happened when Fred Royster, left, managing director of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association, appeared at the fifth annual Farmers' Night program of the Kiwanis Club here Tuesday night. Discussing with him his favorite topic, l.-r., are R. W. Crews, Salem; Kiwanis President Bob Clark, Agricultural Chairman Joe A. Watkins, Joe Noblin, Gassy Creek and Fred Stem, Route 2, Oxford.