

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH YESTERDAY

Occurred Six and Half Miles From City in Brunswick. Died This Morning.

The five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Nelson, of Brunswick county, died this morning at 5 o'clock as the result of burns received late yesterday afternoon when his clothes became ignited from an open fire. The tragedy occurred at the Nelson home, six and a half miles west of the city, when the mother of the boy left him alone in the room where a fire was burning and went to the home of a neighbor, only a few yards from her door. Dr. W. Houston Moore, of this city, was called to the Nelson home and did everything possible to alleviate the pain and suffering of the boy, but little or no hope was entertained for his recovery.

Mrs. Nelson had hardly reached the home of the neighbor on whom she was calling when her boy rushed screaming from the house, a mass of flames. Acting on the spur of the moment and doing what she thought was proper, the mother seized a bucket of water and drenched her son, according to advices reaching the city. She was successful in extinguishing the fire but the youngster had swallowed the flame prior to his mother's act and little hope was entertained for his recovery.

According to the best information obtainable the deceased was the oldest of three children and the presumption is that the mother left her entire brood in the house when she went to the home of her neighbor. The theory was advanced that the boy, childlike, began playing in the fire the moment his mother passed from view and his clothes became ignited. In leaving the house, although his clothes were a solid sheet of flame, the boy passed without igniting the household furnishings and neither of the other children suffered harm.

The neighbors, prior to the arrival of Dr. Moore, did everything possible to alleviate the suffering of the boy who was almost baked to a crisp. Mr. M. L. Nelson, father of the deceased, is employed at one of the various guano plants near the city.



MISS FRANCES D. PARTRIDGE. Miss Partridge, who is Supreme Record Keeper of the Lady Macca-bees, will participate in the festivities to be held in the Boys' Brigade hall tonight, when Miss Angelina Maude Booker becomes the bride of Mr. Rufus Rastus Johnson Brown.

CHECK-FLASHER TAKEN

White Man Posing as Claim Agent Arrested Here.

G. J. Hart, a white man, who for some time past has made a business of handling claims of farmers of this section against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff C. H. Keen, on a warrant charging him with false pretense, it being alleged that Hart passed a bogus check on the Swinson Furniture Company of Wason some time ago.

The warrant, together with a description of Hart, was received at the Sheriff's office here some time ago from Chief of Police O. P. Hedgepeth, of Wilson, and it was stated that Hart was then employed in the freight traffic department of the Coast Line here. However, it was not until yesterday that the man was located.

The warrant alleges that Hart, by false pretense, secured \$5 when he gave a bad check to the Wilson Furniture Company when he had no funds in the American National Bank here, where the check was supposed to be payable. Not being able to give bond yesterday, Hart was placed in jail and will be taken to Wilson for trial as soon as an officer arrives from that place.

NAME WAS WRONG

Three Ladies Guess Same Number In Guessing Contest—All Winners. In announcing the prize winners at the Corn Show, Myrtle Grove Sound was mentioned as winner of first prize in the Farm Women's Contest and it should have read the United Farm Women of Myrtle Grove Sound. The prizes in the guessing contest were won by Mrs. T. C. Ferguson, Miss Hazel Crumpler and Mrs. G. R. Pisher, each of these persons guessing 600.

AGED FARMER HIT BY AUTOMOBILE

Extent of Injuries Not Known. Driver of Car Refused to Stop.

Friends of Mr. Robert Williams, an aged citizen of Leland, will regret to learn that he was knocked down and painfully injured yesterday afternoon by a reckless automobilist. The latter's name could not be ascertained. Reports today state that Mr. Williams is getting along nicely. He is 69 years old and his advanced age renders the accident more serious than if it otherwise would have been. The accident happened on the "Causeway," between the ferry depot across the river and Brunswick river bridge. Mr. Williams had been to the city with his horse and cart and was returning home. He was leading his horse by the bridle when two automobiles came from the rear. Mr. Williams led his animal as far to the side of the road as possible and the first machine passed. The driver of the second car swerved before he had gotten beyond Mr. Williams. The latter was knocked violently to the ground by the force of the collision. The auto owner "put on speed" and did not stop to ascertain the extent of Mr. Williams' injuries.

Telephonic advices received from Leland today state that Mr. Williams is doing well. It is probable that no serious results will follow the accident.

CARRIED WAKE FOREST TO VICTORY

Wilmington Collegian's Brilliant Work Responsible for Great Triumph.

Local athletic circles will be interested, as well as pleased, to hear that a Wilmington collegian, Howard Hanby, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hanby is given credit for triumph of the Freshmen basketball team of Wake Forest college over the Sophomore quintet of that school. "Hanby's brilliant work," is the way the writers of Wake Forest describe his playing a special from Trinity to the Raleigh News and Observer giving the following account of the game:

"After playing the Sophomore basketball team to a standstill in the first half, the Freshman quint came back in the last half and uncovered an attack that not only scored fourteen points, but prevented their opponents from registering a single field goal, giving the Freshmen the long end of a 27 to 12 score last night in the first of the inter-class games.

"The first half was as pretty an exhibition of the indoor sport as has ever been witnessed on the local floor. Neither side forged more than one goal ahead, and one minute before time was up McGuire broke the deadlock by caging a goal, making the score 13 to 11.

"It was the brilliant work of Hanby that accounts for the Freshman's victory. He played a game at guard that would have done credit to any Varsity veteran. Not only did he hold McKaughan, the Sophomore's clever little forward, to two field goals, but he assumed the offensive nearly the entire game, got in some effective passing and caged five field goals, equalling the record of his team's star forward, McGuire.

"The line-up: Soph. (12) Positions: Fresh. (27) Teague Thompson R. F. McKaughan McGuire L. F. Neal Cox C. Sowers Hanby R. G. Uzzle Kinton L. G. "Field Goals—Hanby, 5; McGuire, 5; Thompson, 2; Cox, 1; McKaughan, 2; Neal, 2; Teague, 1. "Four Goals—Hanby, 1 out of 3; Neal, 2 out of 5. "Referee—Crozier. "Umpire—Holding."

STREET WORK FAVORED

Chamber of Commerce Will Ask Council to Act.

The improvement of Water street from Dock to Grace and of Nut street from Grace to Red Cross, and extension of water mains to the northeastern part of the city were among the many things taken up and endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce at its regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon, and City Council will be asked, at its next meeting, to take action regarding this matter. The improvement of South Front street beyond Castle was also endorsed. The proposed street improvements will cost approximately \$30,000, according to estimates that have been made, and if no other means can be devised Council will be asked to borrow this sum and use it for these improvements. Committees will appear before Council and urge that these improvements be made. The Chamber went on record as very much in favor of this work.

THE WARREN CASE CAUSES COMMENT

Jury Was Apparently "Balled Up" in Answering The Three Issues.

The E. J. Warren damage suit for \$10,000 against the Waccamaw Lumber Company, of Bolton, settled in Federal Court yesterday afternoon for \$2,500 by the attorneys for the plaintiff and defendant company, in a manner of unusual interest because of the issues and it has caused no little talk among members of the local bar, and those who have followed it closely. The jury returned a verdict for \$3,500 in favor of the plaintiff a few minutes after the attorneys had agreed on \$2,500, as a settlement, but there are members of the legal profession who are still wondering why the jury should have returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff after the manner in which they answered the various issues. According to one lawyer, the jury was "balled up" on the question, and answered yes in one instance when it meant to answer no. It is interesting to note the manner in which the issues were answered.

The first issue as to the negligence of the defendant company was answered by the jury in the affirmative. The second issue as to contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff was answered in a similar manner.

The third issue is where the jury apparently became confused. The third issue involves what is known as the doctrine of the last clear chance; that is, could the defendant have prevented the injury regardless of the contributory negligence of the plaintiff, and this issue was answered in the negative. This answer, according to the best of authority, did not entitle the plaintiff Warren to any damage, but on top of this the jury came in with a verdict for \$3,500. Prior to their appearance, however, the attorneys in the case agreed on \$2,500 as a suitable settlement. Rumor has it that the jury expressed itself as meaning to answer the second issue involving contributory negligence in the negative rather than in the affirmative.

PROPOSITION FALLS THROUGH

Wake Forest Will Not Meet Soldiers Here on Thanksgiving Day.

The proposed Thanksgiving football game between Wake Forest and Fort Caswell has apparently fallen through, and in all probability those wishing to see an exhibition of this nature will be obliged to journey outside the city limits. The game was to have been staged at Sunset Park and would, in all probability, have been a royal treat, but the inability of local enthusiasts to insure the participants of enough money to warrant their coming to Wilmington has evidently knocked the props from under the proposition and Wilmington will hardly see football this Thanksgiving.

THE GRAND JURY HANDS IN REPORT

Men Who Are Serving Time Are Satisfied With Treatment Accorded Them.

The report of the grand jury as made to Judge G. W. Connor late yesterday afternoon carries a mild criticism of certain existing conditions at the County Stockade and recommends that the practice of leaving carts, wagons and farm implements exposed to the weather be abandoned, but it sets out very plainly that conditions as a whole are good and carries the very gratifying statement that the prisoners are being well treated and are as well satisfied with their lot as it is possible for men to be whose liberty is temporarily taken from them.

In charging the Grand Jury Monday morning Judge Connor pointed out that it would hardly be necessary for them to spend much time in looking into the conditions at the various county institutions, as the last Grand Jury had reported very favorable as to existing conditions at these institutions; however, members of the Grand Jury reporting yesterday did inspect these institutions and found them in very good condition. The report as made to Judge Connor yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock follows.

"To Honorable G. W. Connor, Judge Presiding. "We, the Grand Jury for this term of Superior Court, beg to submit the following report:

"We have passed on 156 bills, finding 153 true bills and three not true bills, and have made two presentments.

"We have visited and inspected the different county institutions and desire to report as follows:

"County Stockade—We found conditions at the County Stockade to be very satisfactory as to the heating and general management of the building, as well as all provisions necessary for the comfort of the inmates. We asked different questions as to the treatment of prisoners and all claimed to be satisfied with the treatment received. We beg to report, however, that we found all implements, such as carts, wagons and all kinds of machinery as is used in road construction, exposed to all kinds of weather, and that there is no provision made as to the housing of such machinery, and we recommend that suitable provision be made at once for protecting this property, as the depreciation from exposure to the weather would in a short time prove a greater loss to the country than the investment necessary to provide proper protection. The live stock is all in good condition and all outbuildings are apparently in good repair.

"Convict Camp No. 2, Market Street Road—We made a careful inspection of this camp and beg to state that the two cages in use at this camp are in very bad condition; the roofs of both these cages were leaking at the time we made the inspection, and the facilities for heating same were very poor. We have been advised by the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners that these

BANKS SHOW BIG INCREASE

Wilmington is the financial center and clearing house for the Carolinas. The local institutions have direct dealings with almost every bank in the two States. The banking institutions of this city are all strong and able to finance any legitimate business needs of the community. Below is given a comparison of the increase of the banking business in Wilmington for eight years, which shows that the capital and surplus of the Wilmington banks have increased practically one million dollars, while for the same period the deposits have increased approximately four and one-half million dollars.

STATEMENT FOR 1908.			STATEMENT FOR 1916.		
	Capital and Surplus	Deposits		Capital and Surplus	Deposits
Murchison National Bank	\$ 855,424.85	\$3,034,185.25	Murchison National Bank	\$1,718,028.03	\$5,468,712.80
Wilmington Savings and Trust Company	223,439.41	1,316,682.24	American Bank and Trust Company	228,471.50	2,174,709.45
People's Savings Bank	102,345.00	901,058.56	Wilmington Savings and Trust Company	390,973.89	2,515,243.08
Southern National Bank	329,587.68	1,285,261.57	People's Savings Bank	180,394.22	1,287,989.20
American National Bank	92,296.35	143,261.18	Home Savings Bank	55,479.50	263,421.67
Atlantic Trust and Banking Company	86,991.62	626,360.45	Citizens Bank	50,655.64	34,062.71
	\$1,690,054.91	\$7,306,809.35		\$2,624,002.78	\$11,734,138.91
Increase in eight years				\$ 933,967.87	\$4,427,329.56

—From Wilmington Chamber of Commerce "Bulletin."

camps would be abandoned in the near future. We recommend that should this action be delayed for any length of time that all prisoners now stationed at this camp be transferred to the county stockade on Saturday nights and allowed the privileges of the stockade during the Sabbath day, and not be returned to the local camp before Monday morning. Also that they be transferred to the county stockade during any weather which would prevent them from working on the road. We also recommend that the tent used as a dining room at this camp be abandoned, and that if it is necessary to use this camp further that the meals be served to the prisoners in their cells, or that one or two of the buildings used as headquarters for the guards be arranged so that the convicts can take their meals there.



MISS BINA M. WEST. Miss West is Supreme Commander of the Lady Macca-bees and will participate in the festivities to be held tonight at the Boys' Brigade hall in conjunction with "The Darkey Wedding" that will be celebrated.

"County Home—We made a very careful inspection of the buildings as well as the supplies on hand, and also an investigation of the general management. We should like to report for the benefit of the recently appointed manager that we found a very small amount of farm products on hand, indicating that last season's crop was practically a failure. All machinery and live stock we found in good condition and properly housed.

"We found the buildings in very good condition, with the exception of the two kitchens, one dining-room, pantry and entrance hall, adjacent to these. The walls of these rooms we would recommend to be put in good condition by having the walls cleaned and refinished, as at the present time they are not in a sanitary condition. "The supply of drinking water, judging from complaints received, should be analyzed, as our inspection reveals the fact that it is really unfit for use. We questioned a number of the inmates and they all expressed themselves as being well satisfied and receiving the best attention.

"Court House and Jail—We have inspected the jail and found same to be in good condition, both as to cleanliness and treatment of prisoners, and that proper provisions have been made for the necessary comforts of the prisoners.

"The Court House building is also in very good condition, with the exception of the toilet in the jury room on the second floor, which we recom-

FEARS FOR MAJORITY

Dr. Hurt Delivers Strong Sermon to Large Congregation.

Declaring that the "evidence is that a majority of people will be lost" Rev. Dr. John Jeter Hurt, pastor of the First Baptist church, delivered a strong sermon to a large congregation at that church last night on "How Many Will Be Saved at Last." "I know this is shocking to our desires," he said, "but we must stick to evidence as against our desires." Last night's service was marked by considerably increased attendance and more spirited interest and the congregation joined in the song service in an admirable manner. The song service is led by a special choir directed by Mr. Walter E. Rodgers, of Atlanta, and the singing is proving a real feature. Mr. Rodgers experiences little or no difficulty in inducing all to join him in singing the hymns. His rendition of the "Ninety and Nine" last night was greatly enjoyed by all. Tonight he will sing "His Eye Is On the Sparrow," and Dr. Hurt's subject for this evening will be, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder."

"SHELL FISH DAY"

Fisheries Commission Wants Every City to Observe Occasion.

The following letter has been received by Mr. H. L. Gibbs, of Morehead City, Fisheries Commissioner of North Carolina, from Mr. F. L. Perry, secretary of the National Association of Fisheries Commissioners, in regard to the observance of "Shell Fish Day," on Friday, November 24: "Friday, the 24th, has been named as 'Shell Fish Day' throughout the United States, by the president of the National Association of Fisheries Commissioners. It is recommended that on that day the people be recommended to eat oysters and other shell fish; that the value of this food be brought to the attention of the people through the newspapers and the public schools and in any other proper way. Also that it is the cheapest article of food on the market when its nutritive value is considered, and always has been.

"Yours very truly, "F. L. PERRY, Secretary"

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Friday and Saturday Specials in the Toilet Goods Section

15c Violet Talcum Powder, Colgate's make, priced at, can 9c
 15c Pears' Unscented Soap, Special at 12 1-2c
 25c Sanitol Tooth Powder, Special at 19c
 25c Colgate Tooth Paste, Special at 19c
 25c Luxor Cold Cream, Special at 19c
 Velour Powder Puff, large and fluffy, Special at . . . 9c

Specials in Neckwear

Ladies Collars and Collar and Cuff Sets, of Organ-dy and other dainty materials; 25c value, Special at 19c
 Ladies' Collars and Collar and Cuff Sets, 50c values, priced, Special at 43c

Handkerchief Values

25c line of Linen Handkerchiefs, colored border and Armenian edge, priced Special at 19c
 20c line of Men's Handkerchiefs, fast colors, check design, Special at 14c
 Ladies' Colored Border Handkerchiefs, priced Special at 5c

Week-end days are Bargain Days at the Bon Marche. Special values are offered that cannot fail to bring about the desired results. You have only to investigate once to be a constant attendant at the Friday and Saturday sales.

Two More Days of the Dress Sale

Saturday ends our greatest selling event. A new line will be added for Friday and Saturday Specials.
 Assortment No. 4, priced at \$ 7.75
 Assortment No. 1, priced at \$12.75
 Assortment No. 2, priced at \$15.75
 Assortment No. 3, priced at \$18.75

Hosiery Priced Less

Ladies' Black Wood Hose, with gray toe and heel, good weight, Special at pair 40c
 Gordon Silk Hose, in black and white, all sizes, \$1.00 value, Special for 69c
 Good Winter Weight Cotton Hose, black only, Special at pair 50c
 An attractive assortment of Fancy Silk Hose, beautiful contrasting colors, \$1.25 values, Special at, pair 98c

Extra Special Ribbon Values

One lot of fine Johnson-Cowdin Fifth Avenue Ribbons, 6 to 8 inches wide, floral and conventional designs, priced Special for two days at yard 59c

At the Lace Counter

Filet Lace, 1 1-2 and 2 inches wide, nice for underwear and suitable for many other uses, Extra Special value, at yard 5c
 20 pieces of Fine Venise Lace, Edges and Insertions, all widths, values to 35c, Special for yd 19c

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