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THOMAS ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY IN TRAIN WRECK

Aberdeen Mail Clerk in Car
Torn in Two near Biscoe on
Norfolk Southern

TANKER BLOCKS ON RAIL

Charles B. Thomas of Aberdeen had a narrow escape from serious injury Wednesday morning when the combination mail and baggage car on which he was serving as mail clerk was torn in two on the Norfolk Southern about a mile and one half north of Biscoe. He suffered only minor injuries but his escape was almost miraculous. Duncan Patterson of Jackson Springs, baggage man, was also hurt but not seriously.

The morning Norfolk Southern train from Aberdeen to Asheboro, in charge of E. L. Pleasants, Aberdeen, conductor, was hauling an oil tank car full of crude oil from Raeford bound for Charlotte. This car suddenly blocked on the rail in some manner, pulling the mail and baggage car, next to it, almost to pieces. The tanker and mail car were derailed, the other five freight cars and the passenger coach remaining on the tracks. Mr. Pleasants was knocked down by the sudden stop of the train, but was not injured. The front end of the mail and baggage car was completely torn away from the rest of the car. The tank car just dug into the ground.

The accident occurred at 11 o'clock, blocking the track for the remainder of the day. No passengers were injured, and none of the crew prevented by his injuries from continuing his duties, it was stated.

J. R. Page to Talk To County Tobacco Men

Meeting of Growers Called for
Saturday Afternoon at Court
House in Carthage

A meeting of the tobacco growers of Moore county will be held in the Court room at Carthage Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The purpose of this meeting will be to better acquaint the farmers of the county with what the Cooperative Association is doing and what it is planning to do this year. This meeting will be called by J. R. Page, chairman, who will be assisted in the discussion by Dr. Carl Taylor of State College, Raleigh.

According to reports from Mr. Page, the counties around are signing up very well, some of them having enough already signed up to assure them that it will be handled by the association this year. All the workings of the association will be explained in detail to the growers. If growers care to sign up after hearing this discussion, they may do so but they are not going to be urged, and it is understood that no canvass of the county will be made as was done before. If the farmers of this county expect to do anything this year, a sign-up will have to be made or started right away.

Tips Car Over To Avoid Hitting Child

Emily Green, small daughter of Ray Green of Aberdeen, had a narrow escape from death or serious injury Wednesday afternoon when stuck by a car while crossing Poplar street near the residence of J. Talbot Johnson. Two busses were passing, with a car driven by Mrs. D. E. Smith of West End following one of the trucks. The child darted into the street after one of the busses had passed, running directly into the path of Mrs. Smith's car.

Mrs. Smith swung her wheel to avoid hitting the child, and in so doing threw the car against a pole, turning it over. A mudguard grazed the youngster, but without injury to her, and Mrs. Smith escaped with a few bruises. Her quick action prevented what might easily have proven a fatal accident.

Doctors, Fearing Results To Their Business, Threaten Injunction Against Apple Sale

Big Auction To Be Held Tomorrow Morning in Southern Pines
Despite Wrath of Physicians.—There's a Gold Piece in One
of the Many Apples To Be Offered on Block by Auctioneer

Dr. Mudgett and Dr. Milliken and Dr. Blair and Dr. McLeod and all the other practicing doctors of Southern Pines are up in arms and threatening injunction proceedings against Frank Buchan and M. G. Nichols and Claude Hayes and all the rest who are planning a giant apple auction in front of Doc Hart's famous pharmacy tomorrow, Saturday, morning at 11 o'clock.

It seems the big auction is part of the Unemployment Committee's campaign for funds, but the committee forgot all about the old slogan, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away," and incurred the wrath of the pill prescribers who claim they haven't had half enough business this winter anyway.

Come what may, the auction is coming off. A whole barrel of apples will be sold one at a time to the highest bidders, and someone will make money on the transaction, for Claude Hayes has donated a \$2.50 gold piece and inserted it in one of the apples. The White Mountain Fruit Company donated the barrel of apples, and Doc McBrayer and Nichols and Buchan and a lot of other unemployed are putting on the show.

Come One, Come All—the money goes to aid unemployment conditions (other than those named above) and the committee says there aren't enough doctors in town to stop the fun.

Golf Balls Start New Municipal Recorder's Court on its Career

Typically Sandhillian was the opening of the new Municipal Recorder's Court in Southern Pines on Tuesday. Fifteen golf balls provided the first evidence in this newly established assize. Our new judge, Dr. E. M. Poate, had as his first judicial problem the weighty question of whether two colored boys "tole dem pills."

It was a little after 10 o'clock Tuesday morning when Mayor Dorsey G. Stutz of Southern Pines appeared in the new court room on the second floor of the Municipal Building and read the oath of office to Dr. Poate, whose appointment as presiding justice of the court was announced in last week's Pilot. Besides administering the oath of office to the doctor-lawyer-author, he swore in Howard Burns, the town's clerk, as clerk of court, and Chief of Police B. H. Beasley as court officer.

The new court personnel was welcomed to the bench and bar by Attorneys P. P. Pelton and Duncan Matthews of Southern Pines, and then came the golf balls.

It seems that J. O. Proctor, Jr., reception to the Mid-South Resort was most inhospitable. Between the time he had stepped from the train the other morning and his arrival at the Mid-Pines Club someone had rifled his golf bag, removing fifteen shiny new baby dimples or kro-flites or whatever they were from his bag. Mr. Beasley had cause to suspect two colored youths by the names of Walter Rembert and Massey Smith and had preferred charges of larceny against

them. They had been apprehended in their endeavors to sell the balls. After hearing the case, Judge Poate passed his first sentence under the recently enacted House Bill No. 378, entitled "An Act to Authorize the Establishment of Municipal Recorder's Courts in Moore County," found the youths guilty and sentenced them to three months on the roads and costs of \$7.85. But he suspended the road sentence and ordered the culprits to report to the clerk of court each Monday morning for the next three months.

Judge Poate outlined the jurisdiction of his new court at this opening session. It is a Municipal Recorder's Court exclusively for Southern Pines, but has concurrent jurisdiction with the County Recorder's Court within five miles radius of the town boundaries, and final jurisdiction in all misdemeanor cases.

Senator M. M. Johnson of Aberdeen this week introduced a bill to amend the measure ratified March 3d, the bill creating the court, through which amendment a prosecuting attorney may be provided for the court later on. The amendment also provides that "In all convictions in the said Recorder's Court, in addition to taxing all other costs allowed by law, there shall be a fee of Six Dollars taxed, to be known as a Recorder's Fee, which sum shall be set apart to pay the salary of the Recorder."

The new court will convene at 10 o'clock each Monday morning and adjourn pending further business.

Glenn McKinney Buys 1,400 Sandhills Acres

New Yorker Purchases Land in
Hoffman Section for Hunt-
ing Preserve

A sale of 1,400 acres of land just across Drowning Creek in Richmond county to Glenn McKinney of New York, by S. B. Richardson and Edwin McKeithen, marks the interest that is steadily growing in Sandhills lands. This tract is out about three miles from Hoffman on the road toward Jackson Springs and the Derby farm, across the creek from the Eldridge Johnson development, not far up the creek from the Dupont holdings, and in a field that has room for other newcomers on a big scale. Mr. McKinney's father is a Weymouth Heights winter resident.

Mr. McKinney expects to improve the place, which he has secured for a hunting reservation and a country place in the pine forests. About 300 acres of farming land characterize the purchase, although farming will not be a factor in the work of the new owner, who is apparently in search of the advantages that country life in the pine groves offers. Plans have not been talked much in this affair yet, as the sale has just been closed, but it is believed development will commence before long.

Other interest is shown in that section this winter and the hope is that the Drowning Creek country is to show considerable activity in the immediate future.

Less Schooling, More Education, the Need

So C. T. Waldie Tells Fellow
Members of Kiwanis Club
at Weekly Meeting

Conrad Waldie acquainted members of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen with the difference between schooling and education at the club's weekly meeting held Wednesday in Mrs. J. R. Page's new log cabin, near the Bobby Burns filling station on Route 50. Mr. Waldie, a member of the club, is strong for education, but doesn't think much of modern methods of schooling. He maintains that a high school graduate has learned nothing in his four years which fits him for those things which he must face in life. We need more education with a thought for the future, and less schooling along present day lines, he believes.

His talk was both instructive and entertaining, Mr. Waldie mixing many amusing stories with his serious discussion. M. C. McDonald of West End read an appreciative letter from the Rev. R. G. Mathewson of Jackson Springs expressing thanks for furniture and funds furnished by the club's committee on Underprivileged and Needy to a family of six in dire distress in that section. Andrew I. Creamer of the Highland Pines Inn also spoke briefly, complimenting the club on its accomplishments. It was announced that Ladies Night and the annual Kiwanis dance would probably be held on April 10th.

ROBT G. FARRELL, FARRELL GROCERY CO. FOUNDER, DIES

Had Been a Prominent Resi-
dent of Aberdeen For the
Past 35 Years

FUNERAL HELD THURSDAY

Robert G. Farrell, 58 years old, passed away at his home on Poplar street, Aberdeen, at 4:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon after an illness of several days.

Until his health failed about two years ago Mr. Farrell was very active in business here. He came to Aberdeen about 35 years ago from near Merry Oaks in Chatham county and founded the Farrell Grocery Company. He also had other interests in and about Aberdeen. He was a man of the strictest integrity and no citizen in this community had more friends or was more highly esteemed by people in all walks of life.

He is survived by his widow who was Miss Minnie Lloyd of near Pittsboro and two sons, Cecil Farrell of Pinebluff and Robert Farrell, Jr., of Aberdeen. Interment was made in old Bethesda cemetery following services at the Aberdeen Baptist church, conducted by the Rev. C. L. Jackson, pastor, assisted by the Rev. E. L. Barber, pastor of the Presbyterian church and the Rev. W. C. Ball, pastor of the Methodist church.

Honorary bearers at the funeral yesterday afternoon were G. C. Seymour, C. E. Pleasants, Sr., J. T. Harrington, J. Talbot Johnson, B. D. Wilson, Arthur Siachos, T. M. Sharpe, J. A. Bryant and Henry McC. Blue. The active bearers were J. A. Linberry, J. K. Melvin, C. J. Johnson, Arthur Carpenter, M. H. Folley, C. E. Pleasants, Jr., and C. V. Miller, all of Aberdeen. J. Talbot Johnson made a short talk at the services, paying high tribute to the deceased. A quartet composed of C. L. Williams, J. F. Deaton, W. W. Norris and J. W. Wimberley sang at the funeral.

Dynamite Figures in Poate Court Case

Neighborhood Feud in Manley
Winds Up in New Municipal
Recorder's Court

Judge E. M. Poate of the Municipal Recorder's Court, Southern Pines, had what is believed to have been a neighborhood feud to adjudicate when court opened for its second session on Wednesday of this week. Frank Schirmer of Manley was charged with placing a pasteboard carton supposed to contain dynamite, fuse, waste, etc., against the porch of his neighbor Fred Bergendahl, and firing same at about 5:30 o'clock last Sunday morning.

No direct evidence was presented to show that the defendant perpetrated the crime charged against him, and he was paroled in the custody of his attorney, P. P. Pelton. Bergendahl and Schirmer live opposite one another on the old Manley-Southern Pines road. The fire at the Bergendahl place was discovered by Officer Gargas of Southern Pines when he was returning home from his night duty early Sunday morning.

George Ross, colored, was fined \$5.00 for a traffic violation in Southern Pines.

MRS. DOWNING PRESIDENT OF CARTHAGE WOMEN'S CLUB

The Carthage Women's Club met in the club room on Tuesday afternoon, March 5. The new officers were installed, they are Mrs. J. G. Downing, president; Mrs. H. G. Poole, vice-president; Mrs. H. Lee Thomas, secretary; Mrs. W. G. Kirkman, treasurer. The committees and other minor officers were appointed.

This being the first meeting of the new club year the president, Mrs. Downing, made an interesting talk. The librarian's report was interesting and encouraging. The number of new books donated and the number of new books taken out made a splendid showing for Carthage.

Mrs. H. F. Seawell gave an interesting talk on what the Legislature is doing for women, and spoke highly of Mrs. McKee and Mrs. Mebane.

Bill to Enlarge County Commission Will Pass, Says Senator Johnson

Alone in the Skies

Miss Frances Johnson of Pine-
hurst, Yost Pupil, Enjoys
Her Solo Flight

Miss Frances Johnson, youthful daughter of Norwood Johnson of Pittsburgh and Pinehurst, looked down upon us from the skies the other day—and she was up there all alone for the first time. Pilot-Instructor Lloyd Yost of the Knollwood Airport had turned her loose for her solo flight, and she handled the ship fearlessly and well. Yost has another girl pupil, Miss Peggy Haines of Philadelphia, who will solo soon.

COMMUNITY HOUSE TO BE OFFICIALLY OPENED MARCH 20

All Residents of Aberdeen In-
vited to House Warming in
Remodeled Homestead

GALA NIGHT IS PLANNED

The long felt need of a Community House in Aberdeen is about to be realized. The Community House Association announced this week that the House Warming will be held in the remodeled McKeithen house on South street next Friday night, March 20th, and gala plans are being made for the occasion.

Every person, young and old, in the community is extended a cordial invitation to the party that night, the committee in charge announces. One of the oldest houses in Aberdeen has been made new for the home of civic meetings and enterprises of the future. Centrally located, it is expected to become the meeting place for all local organizations, the scene of future luncheon meetings of the Kiwanis Club when that club's schedule calls for meeting in Aberdeen, the sanctum sanctorum of fraternal organizations, the headquarters of the local Chamber of Commerce, Good Fellows Club, etc., etc.

The old homestead has been all fixed up inside, with many modern improvements, and fresh paint, and will be furnished and in readiness when the clans gather to launch the newly formed Community House Association on its career of civic usefulness next Friday night. The House Warming will be entirely free to the Aberdeen public. There will be a program, with speeches by prominent residents of the Sandhills, some music and amusing stunts.

G. C. Seymour is president of the Community House Association, and Mrs. Dan I. McKeithen chairman of the Ways & Means committee. These two, and others, are active in the arrangements for the grand opening.

ABERDEEN HOME CLUB PLANS GARDEN CONTEST

A Garden Contest will be held by the Home and Garden Club of Aberdeen beginning March 15th. The contest will end in the early fall. Those wishing to enter this contest may see Mrs. W. A. Blue, Mrs. J. D. McLean or Mrs. Roy Harrington. A prize is to be given for the one having the prettiest garden. This Club will also sponsor a Flower Show at the end of the contest. Detailed information will be given at a later date.

WIDE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

John Sale, the author of "The Free Named John," a recent book of negro folk lore, will give the program next Sunday night, March 15th at the Platform Hour. Mr. Sale is a native of Mississippi who knows the stories of the Old South. He is a reader of Negro dialect, who, during the last two years, has pleased audiences both North and South.

Has Met with General Approval
Throughout County, He
Tells Pilot

SALES TAX PROBABLE

Increase in the County Board of Commissioners as proposed in the bill introduced in the General Assembly last week by Senator Murdoch M. Johnson of Aberdeen appears to have met with general favor throughout the county, especially the districting feature by which each section of the county will have direct representation on the board. Under Senator Johnson's bill there will be five commissioners instead of three, the two added for the present being G. C. Seymour of Aberdeen and Frank Cameron, of near Cameron, as exclusively announced in The Pilot last week.

Interviewed at Raleigh yesterday, Senator Johnson said the bill was now in the House. "It will certainly be passed," he told The Pilot, "as it seems to have met with the approval all over the county."

Asked about the situation with regard to financing the State operation of schools, he said:

"If I should hazard a guess now, I would say that the Legislature would wind up with some additional tax on power companies, a tax on foreign stocks, etc., and a general sales tax. I am now somewhat doubtful that the Legislature will provide sufficient funds to take over the whole six months school term, though I am, of course, continuing hopeful that it will."

Must Relieve Land

"If we do not take at least the larger part of taxes off land," he said, "I shall not want to go back home, and a great many members of the General Assembly feel the same way about it. Under the present system there are a large number of counties, towns and school districts that will, during the spring, default in the payment of bonded indebtedness. The land owners simply cannot pay the taxes on the land, and thousands of homes will probably have to be sold under the hammer. We have got to relieve the situation somehow."

"When will you wind up your session?" Mr. Johnson was asked.

"The members of both houses are becoming more restive. The pay stopped last week and we are all here on our own resources. It would appear that this would have a tendency to hurry us along, but it seems that we are getting nowhere much as yet."

The Moore county senator still has hopes that some teeth may be put in the automobile operators' license law, passed without providing any fee system and therefore practically worthless. He said:

"You have noticed that the Senate has passed the bill increasing the Highway Patrol. We passed also the bill providing for the licensing of automobile drivers, but the opponents of this measure were able to get in an amendment which cut out all of the fees and by that method practically destroyed the bill. However, it is back for consideration and I think we are going to be able to pass the bill with the fees in it."

The operators' license measure is one for which the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen and The Pilot have been waging war for the past year or more, in the hope of cutting down the terrific death rate from automobile accidents in North Carolina.

To Protect Shrubbery

Senator Johnson on Wednesday aided his woman colleague in the Senate, Senator McKee, in getting through her bill to require persons gathering shrubs, trees, etc. to procure a license to do so. The object of the bill is to protect the natural beauty of the State's highways.

"Quite a few of the Senators were able to get their counties exempted from the provisions of the bill but it applies to most of the state, including Moore county. I am hopeful that it will have the effect of helping