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Double Tragedy At Little River

A Young Woman and A Ten Year Old Boy Drown**GIRL SAVED AFTER SINKING TWICE**

A double tragedy occurred Saturday morning near Kenly when Mrs. Nathaniel Flowers and a little ten year old boy were drowned in Little River. According to our information a lady from Kenly with two Watson children a little boy, age ten years, the son of James Hardy Watson, and a little five year old girl, also from Kenly, went by the home of Mrs. Flowers about a mile south of Kenly, and asked her to go to the river with them to go in swimming. It was about eleven-thirty in the morning and the Flowers' had just finished burning tobacco. Mrs. Flowers decided to go and for a time all enjoyed being in the river. Mrs. Flowers was said to have been an expert swimmer. She had come out of the river when she heard the little girl crying, and the children were discovered to be in water beyond their depth. Mrs. Flowers went back in to rescue the little girl who had gone under twice. She succeeded in bringing her to safety and then made an effort to save the boy. The boy is said to have secured a grip about the woman's neck, and being unable to free herself, both went under and were drowned.

Mrs. Flowers was a young woman only twenty-two years old. She was married about two years ago to Mr. Nathaniel Flowers and she is survived by him and a year-old child. Before her marriage she was Miss Ida Mitchell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Mitchell.

The funerals of the deceased were held Sunday, that of the little boy taking place Sunday morning in Kenly, and that of Mrs. Flowers in the afternoon at the Flowers graveyard. An unusually large crowd was present at the burial of Mrs. Flowers some estimating the number of cars at one thousand. Rev. Mr. Wiggs, of the Free Will Baptist church conducted the funeral. Lovely floral offerings attested the esteem in which the deceased was held.

FIND MISSING GIRL WITH SHOW MAN**Benson Girl Who Disappeared Ten Days Ago Is Located at Dillon, S. C., in Company With Walter Byrd**

Dunn, Aug. 12.—Alice Coats, 14-year-old Benson girl, who disappeared mysteriously ten days ago, has been found and is now back at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Coats. She was found Sunday by her father in Dillon, S. C., in company with Walter Byrd, showman, and Byrd is now in the Harnett county jail in Lillington charged with bigamy.

The father learned that his daughter had been married in Dillon to Byrd who is a native of Harnett county and also who has a child living in Greensboro. Byrd has been connected with various tent shows for the past several years. He is about 35-years-old.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

By Me—
 Doctah sade take one half de mederson afo' meals, tother half deater meals, and not to eat nothin'.

There'll Be a Hot Time



New York is marshalling its forces for one gala reception when Gertrude "Trudy" Edle comes home from her record breaking swim of the English channel. She sails for home Aug. 21—leaving a record, (the first woman) of 14 1/2 hours across the channel—a mark which bids to stand for many years.

Judge Cranmer Opens Court Here**Heavy Docket Necessitates Night Sessions; Several Notable Cases To Be Tried This Week**

The August criminal term of the Superior Court opened here at ten o'clock yesterday with Hon. E. H. Cranmer of Southport presiding, and Hon. Clawson L. Williams as the solicitor.

A grand jury was called and sworn. E. N. Clifton, of Banner township was appointed foreman and Will Vann, of Micro, was appointed officer to the grand jury. To this grand jury his honor delivered a charge that was very wisely said and broad in its scope. In the outset of his charge he pointed to the streamer over his head bearing the words, "Keep Faith," which had been placed there by the members of the American Legion, and stated that there was embodied the spirit in which he hoped this grand jury and the entire court would act.

In enumerating the many duties that would devolve upon the hands of this grand jury his honor charged that their duty would take them to the county home. He charged that all of their investigations may be made by committees except their investigation to the county home. He wanted the grand jury to make that investigation as a body, and he wanted each one to radiate friendship and brotherly kindness toward every inmate of the institution while out there. In their report they are to report conditions exactly as they find them.

His address to the grand jury was solidly based upon the Bible and the constitution and was received with a great deal of interest by every one present at the opening of court.

Judge Cranmer means business when he begins a term of court. He acts it as well as speaks it, with a force that is contagious. In his preview of the docket he found many cases docketed for trial. Realizing that he had only one week here he stated that beginning with Monday, three would be night sessions until further notice.

He would authorize the payment of half-time to the jurors in addition to their regular pay. When the first set of petty jurors had been called, it was seen that there was only enough for one working jury, and he ordered the sheriff to place eighteen more men at his disposal for jury duty by 2 p. m.

In his preview of Monday's calendar every case had some kind of a definite disposition. If the defendant was present and ready to abandon his appeal he was placed under the custody of the sheriff until every penny was paid. "We don't run a credit business here," said his Honor. If a defendant was called and failed a

One Dead Result Of Auto Tragedy

Mr. Bernice Johnson Dies From Injuries and Two Daughters In Hospital; Issue Warrant For Driver of Car

Mr. Bernice Johnson of Willow Springs, is dead and two of his daughters are in Rex hospital, Raleigh, as the result of an automobile accident which occurred on the Old Stage Road, ten miles south of Raleigh between eleven and twelve o'clock Thursday night. W. M. Lawson, who was also in the car, sustained injuries but Jeff Hunt and William Mlaylock, who was driving the ill-fated car, escaped without hurt.

According to the report in the News and Observer "the Hudson car, which contained the party of six, was headed toward Raleigh and was traveling around 45 miles an hour, when it sideswiped a Ford containing Jackson Willis, Jack Cotton and Delia Whaley, all negroes, at a curve near Myatt Smith's store. It was reported that Blaylock veered his car to the wrong side of the road, causing it to hit the negro's car.

"Blaylock is reported to have lost control of the car and it struck a telephone post, breaking the post into three pieces. Johnson was hurled out of the car. When picked up his chest was crushed, his left shoulder broken, and several ribs were broken. He died as preparations were being made to rush him to a hospital.

"According to reports, the Ford was also traveling at a high rate of speed, but Coroner Waring absolved the negro of any blame in connection with the accident.

"The Hudson car, which belongs to Snow Blaylock, a brother of William Blaylock, carried a Michigan license tag, said Coroner Waring. Both Blaylocks, he added, however, live in Panther Branch township, not a great distance from the scene of the wreck.

"Coroner Waring was called to the scene of the wreck shortly after it occurred. He stated that he made a preliminary investigation. He had a warrant issued on Friday morning for Blaylock, charging him with murder."

Funeral services were held for Mr. Johnson Saturday afternoon at four o'clock from Mount Zion church, and interment was made in the adjacent cemetery.

Watermelon Party

All Baracas of the Smithfield Baptist church whether attending classes recently or not, all Philatheas, and the members of the Dorcas and Fidelis classes of the same church, including the teachers of the above named classes, are invited to be the guests of the Baracas at a watermelon party on the lawn of the Baptist church on Thursday night, August 19 at 8:30 o'clock. In case of inclement weather we will go to some building but the melons will be ice cold and will have to be eaten that night, so come without fail.

Macadam roads are named after John MacAdam, a British engineer.

capias instantar was ordered to be placed in the sheriff's hands for immediate execution.

A large crowd is in attendance and several very weighty cases will be before this term for disposal. The trial of Bud Parrish and others, charged with flogging J. T. Lee of Meadow township, has been set for today. The trial of W. T. Adams, former register of deeds of Johnston county, has been set for Thursday.

Visiting attorneys were Mayo Bailey of Raleigh, and Hannibal Godwin of Dunn.

Husband Beats Wife Brutally

Cider Bar-room Responsible for Woman Being in Hospital and Gaston Roberts Under Arrest

A wife bruised and beaten is in the Johnston County Hospital and the husband, Gaston Roberts, is under arrest charged with unmercifully beating his wife as the result of cider drinking on Sunday afternoon. Late Sunday evening after beating his wife black and blue, Roberts got her, with their three little children, into his automobile and went back to the place where he had secured the cider to get more of the vile stuff. He had made threats against her life, according to reports, and when he got to the cider barroom and got out, Mrs. Roberts slipped from the auto and made her way to the home of Mr. Barney Hamilton on the Goldsboro road not far from where the affair took place, for help. Mr. Hamilton at once communicated with officers in Smithfield and C. Q. Stephenson and J. O. Hinton hastened to the scene. They went to the home of Roberts where they found him and the three little children. One is only five months old and was taken to the mother. The other two about two and five years old were brought to Smithfield and placed in the care of Mrs. Thurston, the county welfare superintendent.

Mrs. Roberts spent the night at the home of Mr. Barney Hamilton and yesterday a physician was called. She was then removed to the Johnston County Hospital.

After placing the family of Roberts in a place of safety the officers went back to the scene of the brutal affair and Roberts was placed under arrest. The Grand Jury in Superior Court yesterday found a true bill against him and the solicitor put him under a \$1,000 bond. Will be tried Thursday.

The officers while attending to Roberts did not neglect to pay their respects to the place where Roberts secured his cider. They found at the home of Sam Penny, colored, a veritable frog shop. In his barn which was fitted up with every convenience for selling including all sorts of measures and in his dwelling, two hundred gallons of hard cider was found and poured out. They broke all the vessels that had been used as containers and made short work of the whole outfit. Two hundred gallons was what was left after what appeared to have been a busy day of retailing all day Sunday. According to the officers it looked like an association from the signs of vehicles that had been there during the day Sunday. This raid took place around two o'clock yesterday morning, and by that time things were quiet. Penny was arrested, however, and is now under a \$250 bond for his appearance in Recorder's Court.

PRINCETON FOLKS IN

AUTOMOBILE WRECK
 Goldsboro, Aug. 13.—A woman was still unconscious here tonight and eight other persons were less severely injured following an accident on a highway seven miles west of here at noon today when two automobiles met in a head-on collision. The woman, Mrs. Emily Rhodes, 64 years old, suffered four broken ribs, a gash on the head and side, a cut on one arm and probably internal injuries.

Others in the accident, Mrs. Pearl Bridges and son, Ralph Bridges, of Princeton, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harrison and four children, of Blades, suffered minor cuts and bruises.

The accident occurred when the car driven by Mr. Harrison and one driven by Mrs. Bridges met in an attempt to pass a truck—Associated Press.

Picnic at Orphanage in Raleigh

The members of the junior department of the Methodist Sunday school are requested to meet at the church Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock for a trip to Raleigh. The young folks will visit various points of interest in the capital city and will go to the Methodist Orphanage. Each one is asked to carry a picnic lunch.

Co-Ops Receive Final Payment

Cotton Association Closes Six Year Contract In Sharp Contrast to Tobacco Association

Raleigh, Aug. 12.—Reporting a consistent annual decrease in the per bale cost of operations since its organization four years ago, the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative association has advised member growers through the current issue of its official bulletin that it has now reached a state of "permanency" to justify repayment to them of the one per cent reserve amounting to \$168,630 held back from the first years cooperative sales.

The 1925-26 season, for which accounts were closed as of the fiscal period ending July 31, 1926, was a record breaker for the number of bales handled, exceeding the year before by adding 50,000 bales, while the per bale cost of operating the association and handling the cotton was cut approximately 21 cents.

The association has furnished the grower members in its official bulletin a detailed statement of expenses for the four year period, listing such items as legal expenses, administration expenses, field service expenses, etc., items that made big reading in the late court career of the ill-fated Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association.

MOVEMENT GETS JOLT.

The cooperative marketing movement got a fearful jolt from the court in the disclosures of furious spending by the Tobacco Co-operative association. But the cotton cooperative, in sharp contrast, shows about as economical a list of expenditures as an organization of its size could be expected to present. There may or many not be a moral in the circumstance that the cotton cooperative is running on hiph, while the tobacco cooperative is for all practical purposes, out of existence.

Total expenditures for operating the association and handling the cotton were shown in the cotton association's finance report to have been \$1,102,523 on a 135,912 bale crop for the season 1922-23, \$1,019,852 on a 130,853 bale crop for the season 1923-24, \$683,605 on a 116,562 bale crop for the season 1924-25, and \$910,654 on a 161,172 bale crop for the season closed with the fiscal year ending July 31 last.

While gross expenses of the past year were substantially in excess of those for the year before, the number of bales handled were substantially greater and it was necessary to carry them over for a longer period. Actual expenses of operating the association showed a marked decrease for the year, \$331,075 for the year just closed as compared with \$357,629 for the year before. The cost of handling the larger volume of cotton, which included storage and compressing charges, insurance, interest, etc., was considerably greater last year than the year before. That was attributed to the necessity of holding the cotton longer, however.

The per bale cost of all operations by the association has shown a consistent annual decrease for the four years. For the first year it was \$8.11 a bale, for the second year \$7.79, for the third year \$5.86 and for the past year \$5.65.

The association promises a further reduction in operating costs for the new year. Experience and organization are being utilized to the promotion of economics in operations, and they have been primarily responsible for the annual decrease in expenses.

The 161,172 bales handled during the past season by the association represented approximately 615 per cent of the cotton crop of the state. — Brock Barkley in The Charlotte Observer.

One man who answered an advertisement offering 100 useful household articles for ten cents got 100 pins for his dime. Pins are useful it's true but its always better to trade at home where one can get and see the purchased materials.

Democratic Nominee Register of Deeds



NEIL BARNES

Democrats Pick Good Candidate

Successful Business Career Fits Barnes For Public Service; Ex-Service Man

Neil Barnes of Clayton is the nominee for register of deeds on the Democratic ticket. From among four candidates for this office, the Democratic voters selected Mr. Barnes giving him a lead of about 800 votes over his strongest opponent. Things like this do not just happen, like an accident. There are reasons for Mr. Barnes' popularity. In the first place he has proven to be a good business man, and that is the first requisite for any public office. As clerk to the Building and Loan association of Clayton from 1914 to 1917, and as secretary-treasurer since 1917 to the present; as assistant cashier of the Farmers Bank of Clayton from 1923 to January 1, 1924; as part owner of the Clayton Buggy and Furniture company and of the Y. M. Holland Grocery company, Mr. Barnes has evidenced his business ability, and the clerical work and other duties of the register of deeds will come to him naturally if he is elected in November.

A young man, age 31, but not too young, he has energy and a pleasing approach that makes folk like to do business with him. His social and altruistic disposition has led him to join the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and D. O. K. K., and the fact that he served in the World War for 18 months makes him eligible as a member of the American Legion which organization he supports.

Mr. Barnes is a true son of Johnston county having been born here, and having lived here all of his life. His parents are W. A. and Cherrie G. Barnes. He received the foundation for his business life in the Clayton high school, but the school of experience since then has fitted him for the office to which he aspires. Upright and honest, the county will be well served by Neil Barnes if the party to which he has always been loyal places the responsibility of register of deeds upon him next November.

AGED WOMAN DEAD

The death of Mrs. Tobitha Kennedy occurred at her home near town Friday afternoon at the advanced age of eighty-three. She had been in ill health for several months and her death was not unexpected. She was buried Saturday afternoon at Little Creek Primitive Baptist church. Elder Elijah Pearce of Princeton, preached the funeral.

An application of lime has apparently controlled corn root rot in a field in Pitt county badly infested with the trouble last year.

Legion Desires Correct Roster

It Is Important To Secure Correct Names of Johnstonsians Who Died In World War

Kindly check over this list of names, if you had a brother, son, or any member of your family that was killed or died of disease during the World War. Kindly forward this information to D. Carl Stephenson, Smithfield. If you know of any one that there is doubt about please help the American Legion get this data straight so the names may be placed on the monument that is to be erected to these men. This applies to both white and colored men of Johnston county. Help the American Legion get this matter straightened out.

- John R. Massey.
- Rexford L. Best.
- Wilbert F. Wellons.
- Joseph Lee Pierce.
- Henry Southard.
- Otho Durham.
- George W. Galloway.
- Herman Higgins.
- William Clarence Barbour.
- Edwin Smith Ponce.
- Buck Hill.
- Millard T. Parrish.
- Jesse Alford.
- Hugh Coates.
- James C. Oliver.
- Maudius Godwin.
- Eugene Gallion.
- David Thomas Strickland.
- Ephriam Pittman, Jr.
- Ira B. Lee.
- Preston Woodard.
- Louis F. Wise.
- Leonard Moore.
- Fabian Lee.
- Charles Johnson.
- William Wallace.
- Joseph Holden.
- Hubert L. Bridgen.
- Joseph Shade Wooten.
- Marvin L. Stuckey.
- Henry Langley.
- Walter E. Watson.
- Pearlie H. Harris.
- John R. Massey.
- Joseph W. Wall.
- Croul Woodard.
- Jackson W. Barham.
- Preston Woodard.

The names that are in doubt are as follows:

- James O. Driver.
- John Perry McCullers.
- Raymond J. Partin.
- William A. Jordan.
- Maine Bailey.
- Joseph W. Wall.
- Barney A. Benson.
- James H. Eason.

Abruzzi rye is superior of Rosen or common rye for North Carolina. The Abruzzi variety matures earlier, provides better grazing and makes more growth than the other varieties.

Revival To Begin At Benson Church

Benson Social Events Include Dinner Parties and Club Meetings

Benson, Aug. 16.—The revival at the Baptist church will begin on the fourth Sunday morning in this month. Rev. Joel Snyder, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fayetteville, will conduct the meeting.

Mrs. Parlia Hudson entertained with a dinner party Thursday evening at her residence on Main street in honor of her niece, Mrs. Margaret Lee, of Clayton. Covers were laid for seven. The guests included: Misses Flora Mae Cavannah of Wallace, Juanita Martin of Dunn, Margaret Lee Jones of Clayton, Annie Belle Noel of Dunn, and Miss Mattison of Raleigh. The centerpiece for the table was a silver basket of snapdragons and fern.

The Junior League of the Methodist church had a picnic this week after which they enjoyed a dip in the pool at Dunn.

The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist church held their class meeting this week with Mrs. S. P. Honeycutt. At the conclusion of an interesting program, the hostess served sliced peaches with whipped cream and cake. There were 23 present.

Misses Margie Caldwell and Elizabeth Townsend, of Dillon, S. C., visited Miss Margaret Lee.

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JAMES H. PRIDGEN DIES SUDDENLY

Selma, Aug. 12.—The death of Mr. James H. Pridgen of this city came as a shock to his family and friends, occurring yesterday morning at three o'clock. He was a representative of the Business Men's Life Insurance company, of Greensboro, and had been in Dunn on Wednesday in that capacity.

At home at the evening meal he complained of feeling jaded but retired at the usual hour and slept until two o'clock when he awakened his wife saying that he felt nauseated and had pains in his arms. She did what she could for him and called in near neighbors, who seeing his serious condition, called in medical aid, but life was extinct before a doctor could reach him. A heart attack was said to be the cause of his death.

He is survived by his widow and three children, three sisters, Mrs. W. T. Wrenn, of Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. C. M. Markham and Mrs. W. E. O'Neal, of Neuse; two aunts and an uncle, Mrs. Zilphia Ellis, of Raleigh; Miss Alice Lindsay and Mr. Charlie Lindsay, of Smithfield.

Mr. Pridgen was 47 years of age. He was born in Jones county, but had spent his young manhood in Wake county where on October 25, 1911, he was married to Miss Fionnie Beavers. To this union were born three children, Mary, James, Jr., and a two year old boy.

The family moved to Selma ten years ago and have many warm friends here who regret the untimely passing of this good man. He was a member of the Edgerton Memorial Methodist church and of the Junior Order of American Mechanics. Quiet and unassuming manner, faithful to every trust, he numbered his friends by the score.

On account of some of the relatives living at a distance, funeral arrangements have not been completed.

A Tantalizer

There is exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipher their name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present them with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. You must bring copy of this paper in order to secure ticket.

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 Brick Grantham failed to recognize his name last issue.