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Several Badly Hurt and Two Cars Demolished In Head-On Collision On Tarboro Highway

Warrants Waiting to be Served on Victims in Tarboro Hospital

Same old compound, that of gas and liquor, causes trouble.

One of the worst wrecks which has happened in some time took place on the Tarboro-Williamston highway Sunday about sunset when a Buick car occupied by Mrs. Thos. H. Barnhill and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Annie Andrews and accompanied by two gentlemen from Rocky Mount, Hugh Caswell and Leon Martin, crashed into a Dodge car driven by a negro man. In the Dodge car were besides the driver, J. Robert Ruffin, Belle Williams, James Bridgers, Lillian Bridgers, Emma Barrett, James Williams and Maxwell Bridgers.

It was first thought that the skull of one of the men had been crushed and that Mrs. Barnhill's back had been broken, reports from the Tarboro hospital state that neither of these statements were true. However, it was stated that they were badly wounded, also the other two parties in the car with them were taken to the hospital in Tarboro where they are reported as doing very well.

One of the colored women suffered a broken leg and those in the car with her were thrown out on the pavement and were badly cut and bruised.

It is reported that the driver of the Buick car was under the influence of liquor, and when he attempted to pass between two cars at a rate of speed estimated at 50 miles per hour struck the Dodge car head on. The negro in the Dodge car tried to avoid the reckless driver by turning from the hard surface to the dirt, but the Buick was too fast and met it with a terrific blow. Both of the cars were badly torn up.

A warrant, charging Caswell, the driver of the Buick car, with driving a car while under the influence of whiskey was not served because of his weakened condition. Another warrant is being held against Caswell.

Mid-Year Service at Episcopal Church

On Sunday next, July 5th, a special service marking the passing of the year will be celebrated. At the mid-year service every communicant of the Episcopal church is supposed to receive the Holy Communion especially in thanksgiving for the blessings and mercies received from God for the months past and looking ahead through the months to come with trust and confidence that God will continue His mercy and grace. This service is at the eleven o'clock hour.

On Sunday night, the service will be entirely in charge of the Young People's Service League. The Rector of the Church of the Advent will be the preacher this coming Sunday night although other services during the months of July and August conducted by the Young People will be featured by other speakers.

FIRST COTTON BLOSSOMS OF SEASON SEEN SATURDAY

Mr. John Jones brought The Enterprise a nice bouquet of cotton blossoms Saturday, June 27. Some of the blossoms were white, others pink and one or two red. Mr. Jones gathered these blossoms on Saturday, but one could tell that several had bloomed as early as Thursday, the 25th.

Mr. Jones is farming on the land of Mr. Mc. G. Taylor in Bear Grass township, and he says his cotton averages waste high all over the field.

Strand Theatre

TONIGHT
Betty Compson in
"THE FEMALE"

THURSDAY
"Wanderer of the Wasteland"

with Jack Holt Noah Beery, Kathryn Williams & Billie Dove. In Natural Colors. A wonderful picture in every respect

QUAKE CAUSES GREAT DAMAGE IN CALIFORNIA

Yesterday morning about 7 o'clock, Santa Barbara, Cal., was visited by a heavy earthquake and \$10,000,000 damage was done and 12 or more lives lost.

Disturbances had been noticed for 48 hours, but when the climax came in the early morning it centered in the business district of Santa Barbara, one of California's playgrounds of the wealthy.

Eye-Witness Account
Los Angeles, Cal., June 29.—An eye-witness account of the Santa Barbara earthquake was brought to Los Angeles today by Dr. Frederick Vining Fisher, lecturer for the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, who was aboard a Southern Pacific train passing through the city when the tremor occurred.

Saw Trees Shaking
"In a moment the shaking became worse and it seemed that the train would go over on its side. The engineer applied the brakes. I looked out of the dining car window and saw trees shaking, houses moving, chimneys falling and people running from their homes."

"As soon as the worst of the shocks had stopped, the train got underway and we had traveled as far as Summerland, about seven miles from Santa Barbara, when another shock toppled a huge oil tank onto the track in front of the train."

"After this was removed and the train continued, we found in every pass and deep cut evidences of the quake. We twice narrowly missed being buried in slides."

The train arrived in Los Angeles four hours behind schedule.

Hold Peanut Growers Meeting Last Night

Mr. Charles E. Peters of Norfolk and Mr. W. J. Story of Courtland, Virginia were in town yesterday and held a meeting last night in the interest of the Peanut Growers association.

They report a feeling among the farmers that will keep the Association going. That while the association has been fought without mercy and the membership has suffered, yet the price of all peanuts in the territory. That the peanuts sold on the outside have brought a much higher price than if there had been no association.

No farmer nor buyer can remember any period in the history of peanuts when the price has run so uniformly as it has since the organization of the Peanut Growers association.

VANCE FARMERS SELL SOMETHING EACH WEEK

In Vance County farmers are finding it possible to so arrange their work that they may have something to sell every week in the year. County Agent J. O. Anthony states that some 90 farm families now sell regularly on the curb market.

STORES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JULY SIXTH

Remember that the local merchants will close their stores on Monday, July sixth and not on Saturday the Fourth.

This is the agreement as reached by most of the East Carolina towns.

ACCEPTS POSITION WITH POPE'S SERVICE SHOP

Mr. H. M. Parker of Tarboro, who has had twenty years experience in the cleaning and pressing business, has accepted a position with Pope's Service Shop. Mr. Parker comes to his new position highly recommended in every respect. We are sure Mr. Pope is fortunate in securing his services.

NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORY NOW READY FOR THE PRESS

The 1925 Williamston Telephone company directory is most ready for the press and will be ready for delivery by the early part of next week. There are some two hundred changes in the directory. It has a "loud" cover and varies in many respects from the one of 1924.

If you fail to receive yours before July 6 please notify the company and one will be sent you at once.

Misses Spruill, Shiten and Smith of Windsor were pleasant shoppers in our town yesterday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION CLOSED FRIDAY

The Martin County Sunday School association closed its second annual convention Friday night after two days interesting session.

The attendance this year was much larger than that of last year; but it was not as large as it might have been. The attendance pennant went to the Robersonville Christian Sunday School. It had a close rival in Kiddicks Grove Baptist Sunday School. This Sunday school won the pennant last year.

The work done by both Mr. Sims and Miss Davis was very instructive. Mr. Sims' talks were very inspiring and in every one of them he brought out a worthy point and did so in a most interesting manner.

The Association will meet at Robersonville next year the exact time and place to be announced later.

The report of nominating committee for officers of the Association was unanimously adopted. It follows:

President, Joshua L. Coltrain, Williamston; R. F. D. 4; vice-president, Miss Emma Robertson, Williamston; secretary, J. L. Roberson, Robersonville.

The division superintendents as nominated are:

Children's, Mrs. C. A. Harrison, Williamston; young people's, Miss Eva Peel, Williamston; Adult, J. S. Seymour, Williamston; administrative, C. L. Daniel, Williamston; R. F. D. 4.

The township presidents are: Jamesville, M. C. Jackson, Jamesville; Williams, J. N. Hopkins, Williamston; Bear Grass, John L. Holaday, Williamston; Williamston, J. C. Anderson, Williamston; Cross Roads, C. B. Roebuck, Everett; Robersonville, W. H. Atkins, Robersonville; Poplar Point and Hamilton, Paul Selbury, Hamilton; Goose Nest, H. M. Ainsley, Oak City; Griffins, John D. Lilley, Williamston, route 4.

Many Signs of Boll Weevil in County

Many farmers in the county are reporting boll weevils in large numbers. From various sections of the county comes the report that squares are falling off of the cotton and all show the puncture of the weevil.

If every square could be picked up and burned, so the first generation could be reduced to a minimum, it would help very much in keeping the weevil down.

From reports of the other parts of the State, there is a heavy infestation and preparations are being made to combat the insect in every way possible.

Post-Revolutionary Days in Williamston and Martin County, North Carolina

Reminiscences of James Ross, as Recorded in a Biography of His Father

Through the courtesy of Mrs. Genie Yarrell, we are able to reprint from "The Life and Times of Elder Reuben Ross" certain happenings of historical interest to our readers. As we are now going over the bits of history as we find in this highly prized, we have not been able to obtain a record quite full enough; so while we are trying to gather as full a history as possible we will run a few of the reminiscences of early days. If anyone of our readers has in their possession a history of Martin county or Williamston or both, we would like very much to compare the data we have with theirs.

We would like very much to reprint the entire book, but such is impossible. However, we want to print those things that are of particular interest to our readers.

To appreciate these reminiscences of early times we will try to furnish a setting, in a brief way, that will place the reader back to those early days.

Elder Reuben Ross was born on May 9, 1776 near here. He had several brothers in the Revolutionary war. His father gave up his vast estate for the cause of Liberty, leaving Reuben with the remainder of the family in awful financial straits. Here we find him facing the world with months schooling out of 14 years. Facing the hardships of life and fighting his every inch of ground we find him soon to be studying for the ministry. It is such a setting that furnishes us with various happenings that will be of real interest to us Martin county people. Mr. James Ross, son of Elder Reuben and author of the book relates these happenings in a very interesting way in his book.

The book is written to Mrs. Marion R. Dudley, of Logan county, Ken-

Best Speller in U. S.



Frank Neuhouser, 11 years old, of Louisville, Ky., won a gold medal and \$500 for being the best speller in the U. S. Two million school children competed. The finals, with nine entries, were held in Washington.

Several Cases Before Mayor R. L. Coburn

After a period of many weeks in which time the Mayor's court has been all but active, several cases came before Mayor R. L. Coburn in the last few days.

Mack Price was found guilty of allowing stock to run at large and was charged with the cost of the action.

Richmond Johnson was fined and ordered to pay the cost for assault he made on his wife. A second case against Johnson was heard when he was tried for being drunk and disorderly. He was found guilty, fined and required to pay the costs amounting to \$9.95.

Emma Hassell was found guilty of assault and was fined with \$10.75.

A. F. White was required to pay a fine and cost of \$10.00 for driving an automobile without a license.

Reubin Brown received a small fine for driving an automobile in a careless manner. His fine and costs amounted to \$10.00.

J. S. Peel plead guilty to a charge of speeding. He was required to pay \$2.95 to the court.

Charlie Freeman, for allowing stock to run at large, was found guilty and fined \$6.95.

Mr. A. D. Griffin was in town this morning attending to business.

Mr. Sylvester Peel of Griffins was a visitor in the city this morning.

Farmers Should Check Up On The Boll Weevil; Those Best Informed and Most Interested Urge Farmers To Be on Lookout

Those who are most interested in the cotton crops and best informed as to boll-weevil damage urge farmers to check up carefully on their fields and be sure that they have no infestation. The greatest trouble, said one expert recently, is that most farmers will casually walk around their fields and if they do not happen to see any fallen squares come to the conclusion that there is no infestation. A careful search would disclose otherwise, no doubt.

It is absolutely known that weevils are prevalent around this

community. For they have been found, and every farmer of the community is urged to be on the alert and check up.

Demonstrations of farms last year demonstrated beyond peradventure that the intelligent use of calcium arsenate will pay handsomely from a money standpoint, and that it would control the pest. Farmers are urged to make the necessary preparations to meet an emergency which might arise with respect to weevil infestation. The time is here and no time can be lost. Scotland Neck Commonwealth.

AUTO THIEVES STEAL TWO CARS IN PAST TWO DAYS

Automobile thieves struck Williamston Sunday night and stole from the home of Titus Crutcher in New Town a Ford touring car, belonging to the Crutcher lumber company. The car was registered in the name of R. A. Crutcher and its motor number is 10226639. The car had been run eight months and had a new top, two new Firestone cord tires on front and two new Kelly-Spragfield tires on rear wheels.

Monday night, the thief or thieves stole from the home of Miss Mittie Harrell, on Smithwick street, a Ford coupe, belonging to the Swan Motor company of Washington, but being in the charge of Jimmie Hedges in his garage work here.

This car had semi-balloon tires, the radiator cap had a brass knob and wings broken. There was no license on the car when stolen.

No clue as to how the cars were stolen, and authorities do not know whether it is a band of local thieves or whether it is an organized gang from other places.

Federations to Meet Friday Night

The Christian federations will hold their regular meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Methodist church. Every member is urged to attend.

REV. MR. CAMPBELL AT BAPTIST CHURCH WEDNESDAY

Rev. Mr. Campbell, pastor of the Scotland Neck Baptist church, will conduct the prayer meeting services at the Memorial Baptist church tomorrow evening. You are cordially invited to attend.

Champ Log-roller



Joe Mad-Wa-Osh, 42, of Cloquet, Minn., will defend his title as champion log-roller in the World Tournament at Washburn, Wis., August 9 to 16. He is of Indian extraction. He won the title at Eau Claire, Wis., last year.

Five Men Charged With Burning Boats

Mr. B. D. Willis lost by fire two of his ferry boats, one running from Edenton to Avoca and another running from Edenton to Plymouth. The one running from Edenton to Avoca was burned Friday night and the one running from Edenton to Plymouth was burned Sunday.

Five men, who are strangers in Edenton, are in jail charged with the firing of the boat running from Edenton to Plymouth. The warehouse belonging to Mr. Willis was also burned. The line between Plymouth and Edenton had been established about a month and was doing a very good business. It is understood that other boats will be put to use in a day or two to make the schedules of these two lines.

RECENT RAINS CAUSE SLIGHT DAMAGE TO CROPS

From reports from various parts of the county, the recent rains have caused damage to most crops. While the damage is not considered serious, it is of such nature that it will have a slight effect on crops.

LARGE NUMBER LEAVE FOR EPWORTH CONVENTION

A large number of Williamston's young people left yesterday for Louisburg where they will attend an Epworth League meeting. The meeting will end Saturday.

PHIATHEA MEETING

The Philathea class of the Memorial Baptist church will meet with Mrs. Joe Pender, Friday night July 3, at eight o'clock. You are cordially invited to attend. Margaret Everett, corresponding secretary.

and against Mrs. Lena Caswell, charging them with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Mrs. J. D. Woodard left this morning for Norfolk where she will visit her sister, Mrs. McNamara for a week.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

Rev. Clarence O. Pardo, Rector, Fourth Sunday after Trinity—July 5, 1925.

9:45, Church School, H. M. Stubbs superintendent.

10:00, Advent Bible Class, Hon. Clayton Moore, teacher.

11:00, Mid-Year Service; Holy Communion and Sermon. Every communicant is urged to make this service

one of special obligation.

3:30, Holy Trinity Mission.

8:00, Evening Prayer and Sermon. The entire service in charge of the Young People's Service League.

INCREASE IN COST DOES NOT AFFECT WORK OF CUPID

Hard times, unfavorable conditions, woman's rights, increase in price of licenses have had little or no effect on Cupid's work when the number of marriage license for June are compared with the number of June a year ago. While there was a 40 per cent decrease among the colored the whites held their own. The number issued to white couples in June, 1924 was eight, and the same for this month. While there were five licenses issued to colored couples June 1925, there were only three this June.

The price of marriage licenses has not been raised, according to data, so as to affect the whites, but, in our own estimation, the raise has something to do with the decrease in the number among the colored. While this increase may have interfered, it was not quite enough to prove prohibitive to elope couples this month. Where the State once made one dollar, in the form of a marriage tax, on each marriage, it now makes three, sending the price from three dollars to five. This change became effective the first of June 1925.

The number of licenses issued by Register Deeds, J. Sam Getsinger, during June is as follows:

White
Sam Perry, 36-Pennie Williams, 15, Martin county; Joshua D. Griffin, 26-Elsie C. Green, 18, Martin county; Theodore R. Dixon, 25-Leona Elks, 18, Grimesland, Pitt county; Dewey Roscoe Edmondson, 26-Maggie Beatrice James, 21, Hassells, Martin county; Kan Manning, 50-Mamie Woolard, 30, Robersonville, Martin county; Harvey H. Dixon, 22-Laura Plummer Stancliff, 16, Washington, Beaufort county; A. D. Cherry, 48-Fannie Forbes, 31, Martin county; Arthur R. Johnson, 23, Little B. Price, 23, Robersonville, Martin county.

Colored
Richard Bowen, 22-Mary Frances Williams, 18, Martin county; John Shaver, 21-Lucile G. Holley, 18, Merry Hill, Bertie county; Lloyd Williams, 21-Minnie Williams, 18, Oak City, Martin county.

Four Cases Before Judge Smith Today

Recorder's court today only had two drunks and two fights to come up for trial. The two drunks were in cases where automobiles were driven during the period of intoxication and in one case a smash up was caused by it. One of the fights occurred when a colored woman whipped a neighbor's child and the father of the child in turn beat the woman with a whip. John Edwards, charged with driving automobile while drunk, pleaded not guilty to the charge. Upon request the case was continued, until next Tuesday, with Edwards under a \$200 bond.

State vs. Lula Stowe, assault. Defendant found guilty of simple assault. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost by defendant.

Tom Moore plead guilty to the charge of assault with deadly weapon and was fined \$20, and costs.

Abb Roberson, charged with driving an automobile while drunk, plead not guilty to the charge. He was adjudged guilty by the Court and was sentenced to the Edgecombe roads for one month, his term beginning the first Tuesday in November.

LAST DAY FOR CARS WITHOUT LICENSE TAGS

Today is the last day for those cars that have no license attached to them. We just imagine that a goodly number will go under shelter for a few days.

Messrs. Ben and N. R. Manning were visitors here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fagan and little daughter of Raleigh visited Mrs. Fagan's uncle, Mr. M. D. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson during the week end.

Mr. W. M. Thurman of Rossville, Georgia arrived yesterday to accept a position with Nassef Manufacturing company.

Misses Biddle Hassell, Myrt Wynn and Bryant Carstarphen and Frederick Hoyt will attend the show in Windsor tonight.

Misses Elizabeth Perry and Anne Nowell of Windsor, and Cedric Leary of Ashokle were here yesterday.

Messrs. Julian Harrell and James E. Harrell and John Arford Phillips visited the scene of the wreck near Tarboro Sunday evening.

Messrs. Boyd Hight and Lyman Britt motored to Greenville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dunlap of Windsor were here this morning.