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Two Negroes Shot at Wine Party Sunday

Officers Unable to Find Out Reason for the Shooting

A colored man named Mack Cherry shot Dawson Council and George Staton, other colored brethren, at what was understood to be a wine party at a place called Stingy Point, located between Hassells and Bethel, Sunday.

Council was shot in the hand and arm, several small shot penetrating him; George Staton was struck in the side of the face, and while the wounds are not dangerous they are very painful.

No one seemed to be able to clearly explain how and why the shooting happened. Cherry, who had hidden himself when the sheriff arrived on the scene, has not yet been found, and it may be necessary to interview him to find out just what caused him to shoot.

It may be that the wine had been mixed or it may be that he had not used so weak a drink as wine; or it may finally come out that somebody lost in a crap game. Nobody knows now. Cherry may clear up the mystery when he comes home.

Parents-Teachers Hold Regular Meet Friday

The Parent-Teacher Association, which had its regular meeting last Friday, was one of the best attended of the year. There was no new business to be taken up, but a committee was appointed to see about getting Mr. Davis a typewriter, which he needs in his office work.

Prof. Davis made a short address on the "Need of Cooperation of Child, Parent, and Teacher," which made a lasting impression on the mothers and teachers present. He complimented the conduct of the pupils of our school and this made not only the parents of the school children but the townspeople as a whole feel proud.

Little Miss Moore Celebrates Birthday

Little Miss Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Moore, celebrated her fifth birthday last Friday when 40 of her little friends gathered at the home at 4 o'clock. The little folks enjoyed themselves very much when they played many outdoor games.

October Was Banner Month for Railroads

October was the greatest shipping month for the railroads in the world's history. More cars were loaded than ever before—the enormous sum of a million and a quarter cars being filled in the United States. These cars carried an average of 800 pounds of freight to every person in the United States, consisting of clothing, food, or material for the benefit or pleasure of the people.

Tobacco Crop Estimates Show Slight Reduction in Pounds; Prices Are Better

Local Market Continues to Stay Among Highest in Averages

Reports of production and sale of tobacco indicate a small reduction in the crop in pounds as compared with last year. The estimate for the 1926 crop is 371,680,000 pounds against 374,000,000 pounds last year.

The Williamston market continues to make good averages. The market report for the past week, ending November 12, showed the price on the Wilson market to be \$30.26; Greenville averaged for the same week \$31; Williamston lead them both for the same week with an average of \$31.02; 2 cents per hundred pounds higher than Greenville and 76 cents per hundred higher than Wilson. This is an excellent showing for the local market, when it is taken into account the fact that large quantities of the finest types of tobacco are carried to the larger centers for resale.

For September sales the figures show the price to be about 50 per cent higher than last year over the whole belt. This, however, did not hold through October, for the October prices this year are but one-third of a cent higher than for October, 1925. The entire belt averaged \$26.40 last year, in October, and \$26.75 this year.

Williamston stands above the average of the belt by 33 points for the month of October. The higher markets generally were those located along the banks or near the Tar River, which happened to have seasonable weather just at the time the tip and middle stalk tobacco was developing.

Start Work Monday on Moving Rectory

Work was commenced Monday morning on the removal of the Episcopal rectory from its present location on the corner of Main and Houghton Streets to the north end of the same lot, about 150 feet from the present location. The new site will front on Houghton Street.

Mr. Wells, a local citizen, is in charge of the work, and says the building will be moved and ready for repairs in a very few days.

Caught Making Liquor Almost in Sight of Town

Prim Sherrod, a 20-year-old negro, was caught manufacturing liquor at a still almost in sight of Oak City Saturday afternoon by Federal Agent T. W. Snell and Sheriff H. T. Robertson. Another negro was at the still with Sherrod but succeeded in making his escape.

They had about 3 gallons of liquor on hand a considerable quantity of material, besides an old copper still, well worn, and of a poor type. Sherrod was taken before a United States Commissioner, and is now in jail in default of bond, and will be held for the April term of district Federal court.

Baptist Philatheas Elect New Officers

The Baptist Philatheas Class met with Mrs. Harry Meador on Friday evening. The routine business was disposed of and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Harry Meador, president; Mrs. Holloman, vice president; Miss Margaret Everett, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Claude Keith, assistant secretary and treasurer.

After the election of officers the social hour began with a turkey contest, at the conclusion of which the hostess served delightful refreshments, consisting of jello and cream and cake.—Mrs. Joe Pender, reporter.

Homer Bowen Hurt When Car Turns Over

Mr. Homer Bowen had the misfortune to turn his Ford car over Saturday afternoon and crippled himself in one arm, breast, and had several teeth knocked out. The radius rod broke, which seemed to be responsible for the accident. Several others riding with him escaped injury. Mr. Bowen also had the misfortune to turn another car over just a week earlier near the Mobley Hill. Though the car was damaged badly, no one was hurt.

Recorder Has Three Cases to Dispose of

Fines and Suspended Sentences Are Order of the Day

Judge Smith was full of mercy and sympathy today, though he left the hand of the law hanging heavy over three offenders.

The case against Joe Hyman, charging him with driving an automobile while drunk and carrying a concealed weapon was the most sickening to society, showing a man who had thrown away the opportunities to build a real character. Judge Smith imposed a fine of \$50 in each case, charged him with the costs of the action, and required him to pay the damage to Herbert Moore's car, which he ran into Saturday night. He also put a suspended sentence of 18 months on the Edgemore County roads upon him. This sentence to become operative if he is caught drunk or if he permits a woman named Thomas, who has a bad reputation, to enter his home.

The case against Will Mordacal, a negro, for having wine and liquor in his possession and for the mistreatment of a mule was dismissed upon payment of the costs; also with a judgment of four months on the Edgemore roads if caught drunk.

J. H. Knox was required to pay the costs in an action charging him with possession of liquor. He was also put under a suspended sentence of four months on the Edgemore roads, to begin at any time he is found with liquor.

Mrs. Eliza Ann Biggs Died Friday Morning

Friday morning, about 6 o'clock, death came to Mrs. Eliza Ann Biggs, who had suffered acutely with Brights Disease for four or five weeks. She was in her seventy-ninth year and was probably one of the oldest citizens of Williamston Township.

The deceased was the daughter of John and Clarke Bateman, of Washington County, and was born in that county. She was married to Eason Biggs fifty-eight years ago, and he died only six years ago. She is survived by six daughters, Mrs. Fannie Leggett, Mrs. Ida Gurganus, Mrs. Bettie Roebuck, Mrs. Mamie Rogerson, Mrs. Alice Rogerson, and Mrs. Bettie Swain. Two others, who had reached maturity and had families preceded their good mother to her grave. There are about 50 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren to mourn the loss of a grandmother.

She was never united with any church, but attended the Primitive Baptist Church at Bear Grass. Elder B. S. Cowing preached the funeral services at 2 o'clock Saturday in the midst of a host of friends and relatives. Interment took place in the Mobley cemetery.

Oak City Citizen in Auto Wreck

Old liquor swung the jail doors on another good man Saturday night, when Mr. Joe Hyman was pushed in the cell and locked up. Mr. Hyman says he just foolishly drank too much liquor, a thing he seldom does, and as he was leaving Williamston late Saturday evening, he ran his car into another, demolishing it. He was too drunk to understand things in their true light, and at once accused the other man with carelessness, even going far enough to threaten to shoot.

Officers were summoned and upon their arrival took a big pistol off of him. He then drew his knife and attempted to cut Officer Cook, who came near having to shoot him to save himself.

Hyman was finally taken to jail, where he has sobered up and is now a different man.

Discuss Plans for Bishops' Crusade

The commission on evangelism of the Diocese of East Carolina met in St. Pauls Church, Greenville, Friday afternoon to discuss plans to inaugurate the bishops' crusade in this diocese. Rev. C. O. Pardo, of Williamston, chairman of the diocesan commission, presided over the meeting and led the discussion. It was decided to begin preparation on St. Andrew's Day, November 30, by having early corporate communion, intercessions, and meditations. Actual plans and details of the preparation were left in the hands of a committee composed of Rev. C. O. Pardo, of Williamston, Rev. W. R. Noe, and Rev. W. H. Milton, D. D., of Wilmington.

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Methodist Meet Closed Monday

Rev. T. W. Lee Returned to Local Church for Next Year

The North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, closed yesterday morning in Durham, when Bishop Mouzon, presiding, read the appointments for the ministers and presiding elders for the coming conference year.

Friends of Rev. T. W. Lee, who has been pastor of the local church for the past year, were delighted to know that he was returned for another year. Besides being pastor of the local church, this charge includes the Methodist church at Hamilton and also at Vernon.

Other appointments of interest locally follow: Rev. N. W. Wright, who served this church for some years, and who has been located for several years at Windsor, was returned to the church at that place.

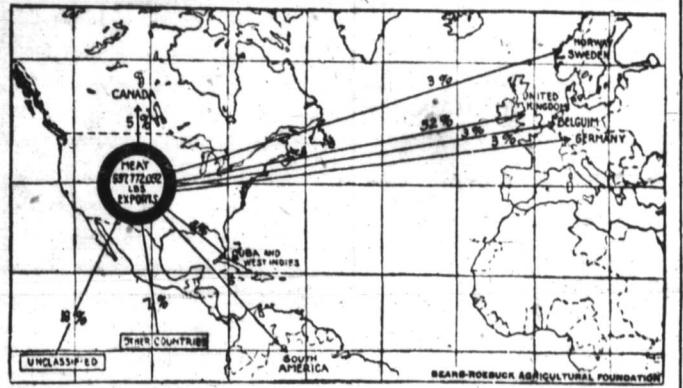
Rev. B. Duke Critcher, who was at Garysburg last year, goes to the Battleboro-Whitakers Circuit this year. Rev. C. L. Reid, who was for four years in charge of the Williamston Church, was appointed presiding elder in the Rockingham District.

Rev. E. D. Dodd, who was in charge of the local circuit immediately preceding Rev. Lee, was returned to the Four Oaks Circuit. Rev. L. C. Larkin, another former pastor of the church here, was transferred from Murfreesboro to the Tarboro circuit.

To Remodel Stables for Furniture Store

The Martin Livestock Co.'s stables have been purchased by B. S. Courtney. Mr. Courtney will begin remodeling this building at once for a furniture store.

U. S. Exports 537,772,092 Pounds of Meat, Worth \$109,872,185



Exports of meat from the United States in the twelve months ending June 30, 1926, amounted to 537,772,092 pounds, valued at \$109,872,185, according to the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation in a survey of the 1926 meat situation. Great Britain was the biggest customer, taking 52 per cent of all the meat exports in the last fiscal year and more than six times as much as Cuba and the West Indies, the next largest buyers. Canada ranked third but took only 5 per cent, and Germany was fourth, taking slightly less than 3 per cent. Belgium and the Scandinavian countries are other nations to which the United States delivers yearly substantial quantities of meat. Germany, on the other hand, was a large customer, taking about 13 pounds of lard for each pound of our meats she purchased. Beef and veal exports make up only about 4 per cent of the total amount of United States meat exports.

Tariff Body Is Investigating Peanut Costs

Growers Want More Protection Against Orientals

The United States Tariff Commission is now engaged in an inquiry into the cost of producing peanuts in the United States.

The Oriental countries are able to produce about two and a half times as many peanuts to the acre as we can produce with a labor cost of less than half what we have to pay, which enables them to bring their peanuts to our country at a profit to them by selling them at half what the actual cost is to us to produce.

We now have a tariff of 3 and 4 cents on cleaned and shelled peanuts, respectively, which means about 2.2 cents per pound on the product sold by the farmers. The Chinaman can pay the present tariff and sell peanuts in this country at a better profit than the American farmer can with the protection of the present tariff.

Boy Has Small Sliver Glass Taken From Eye

John A. Ward, jr., the 6-year-old son of Mr. J. A. Ward, one of the rural mail carriers here, was taken to Norfolk for an operation on his eye last week, and a small piece of glass was taken out of it.

The glass had been in his eye since April, when he was shooting a glass marble against a brick wall. A sliver, about the size of a large pinhead, flew into his eye, and he was totally blind in that eye for a while, but recovered.

The glass, being movable, soon began cutting its way about the eye again, but could not be seen, as it was exactly the same color of the eye. It took the X-ray to prove the glass was still there. It was removed and the boy is now getting along very well and is expected home the last of this week.

Attending Provincial Meeting of Auxiliary

Mrs. J. G. Staton left yesterday for Jacksonville, Fla., where she will attend the provincial auxiliary meeting which will be held in that city, beginning with a quiet hour, at which Bishop Darst will preside this afternoon, and will continue through Thursday.

Mrs. Staton will be one of the four women delegates from the East Carolina Diocese, the others being Mrs. Bynum, of Belhaven, and Mrs. Adams and Mrs. MacMillan, of Wilmington. Mrs. Staton joined Mrs. Frank Spruill in Rocky Mount, who is a representative of the North Carolina Diocese, and they will make the trip together.

Thirty Reading Courses Offered by University

Appointment of Prof. Russell M. Grumman as special collaborator to conduct the reading courses of the Bureau of Education in the Extension Division of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was announced at the Interior Department today. There are now thirty reading courses from which prospective readers may choose the course they wish to pursue. Many readers have already enrolled for some of the courses which include history, biography, fiction, American literature, world's great literature, etc. Readers enrolled represent a wide variety of occupations and interests.

Prospective readers should apply to Professor Russell M. Grumman, Extension Division, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. There is no fee in connection with this service.

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