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ESTABLISHED 1898

Several Prisoners Escape From Jail Sunday Night; All Return Except One

One Remains to Tell the Story to Sheriff Roebuck

Sheriff Roebuck lost his first prisoners early Sunday night when a hole was knocked in the wall and four crawled out.

As has been the custom for years the prisoners who are held for minor offenses are given day time privileges on the outside of the cells. The white man of Hertford county who was held for possessing liquor, Prim Sherrod, colored of Oak City, a Federal prisoner held for operating a still, Joe Savage, a colored man held for chicken stealing and Henry Raynor, colored of Poplar Point charged with hog stealing all to walk around the corridors of the jail. Lucas, the white man, was not so well pleased with the dark walls of the old jail, so he proceeded to knock a hole through the brick wall. As he was making his departure he told the negroes that he would return, but up until now the Sheriff has not heard from him. Prim Sherrod concluded he would go through the same hole and stretch his legs a little, so he crawled out and walked to Oak City where he visited friends. He was honest enough to return last night and the gentlemanly act caused W. C. Manning, U. S. commissioner to reduce his bond from \$500 to \$250, enabling him to go free until Federal court is called.

Joe Savage also took a leave of absence but he also returned this morning at the crowing of the cock so he would be in good time to get his breakfast and face Judge Bailey.

Henry Raynor concluded the best thing to do was to be perfectly quiet and remain in jail, play the game of innocence and he did not leave.

When Sheriff Roebuck went down to put the prisoners in their lockers for the night Henry was the only gentleman there to tell the tale.

Slade, Rhodes Company Oldest Firm in County

The advertisement of Slade, Rhodes and company in this issue brings to mind the oldest mercantile establishment in this county to continue in an unbroken way for such a long time. Certainly there have been partnership changes, some deaths, some withdrawals and some new partners have entered the business, yet the same set of books, the same back bone and the same business has gone on without a break. Of course there is a reason, good judgment and hard work have kept the business going through all kinds of times, the bad as well as the good ones.

This firm keeps at its most head the ideal of keeping in touch and on friendly terms with the folks. They are inviting the people to examine their merchandise. They are not going out of business; they are simply offering bargains to their friends.

Furniture Firm Moves To Its New Home

The B. S. Courtney Furniture firm is now housed in its new home on east Main street, just below the City Hall. The big task of moving the stock was started yesterday and was completed today.

The building occupied by the store was purchased a few weeks ago from Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Sr., and it has been completely remodeled. With its large glass front and a stucco wall, the store is one of the most attractive in town.

STRAND THEATRE

Tomorrow WEDNESDAY

Double Program

"The Still Alarm"

Also another Big Special Picture

Remember a free ticket is given you for the Friday show if you attend Wednesday.

Always a Good Show

35 Permits to Marry Issued

Based on Population the Number of Licenses are Almost Equal

Granting 35 permits, Register J. Sam Getsinger wound up 1926 in a busy way in the marriage license issuing business. And the strange thing about it all is the even distribution of licenses to the two races. When based on population, the number 100 compares very closely with the number 86, these many licenses having been issued to the whites and coloreds respectively from January 1, 1926 to January 1, 1927. However, there is a slight increase in those issued the coloreds. December 1925 leads as for the number of licenses issued in any one month, 38 having gone from the register's office in that month. December of last year trails a close second with 35, while December 1924 fell one below this number.

During the year two couples returned their licenses when they decided the step to be too dangerous. Several were marked void.

Permits were granted the following last month:

- White**
- Almer Hardison, 21-Mary Dare
 - Styron, 16; Irvin G. Keel, 21-Janie
 - Peel Roberson, 18; Alfred Lafayette
 - Purvis, 70-Anne Eliza Wynne 47;
 - Henry Nicholson, 28-Virginia Mims,
 - 22; William Rufus Hardison, 18-Katie
 - Corey, 18; Reuben Gray, 19-Emma
 - Rodgerson, 18; Lamuel Stanley Barn-
 - hill, 60-Lucy Roberson Page, 47;
 - Wade Eli Everett, 25-Carolyn Blanche
 - Poe, 25; Thos. S. Griffin, 23-Charlie
 - McKee, 18; Willie Butler, 24-Ethel
 - Lee, 17; Arthur Brown, 23-Myrtle
 - Bland, 19; A. Wilford Hardison, 34-
 - Eva Pate, 20; Johnnie Roberson, 21-
 - Bettie B. Wynn, 16; Jesse Williams,
 - 19-Carrie Delle Bowen, 16; Perlie T.
 - Roberson, 21-Malissa F. Peel, 18;
 - Simon Lilley, 39-Ethel Lilley, 30;
 - Ernest Leggett, 22-Thelma Edwards,
 - 18.

- Colored**
- Hardy Rascoe, 22-Ruth Autug, 18;
 - Timothy Black, 21-Wilora Butler, 18;
 - Ransome Green, 19-Vernice Hodges,
 - 16; Sam Jenkins, 21-Maggie Andrews,
 - 21; Timothy Reaves, 22-Julia Bell,
 - 21; Curtis Rhodes, 21-Roberta An-
 - drews, 19; Boker T. Baker, 21-Annie
 - Braynt, 19; Benjamin F. Knight, 43-
 - Louvinia Newsome, 27; Joe May, 22-
 - Maggie Lynch, 18; Chester Roberson,
 - 21-Lizzie Coffield, 19; Hardison Pow-
 - ell, 22-Missie Powell, 22; James E.
 - Brown, 20-Lester Hassell, 18; Whe-
 - eler Station, 22-Hattie Williams, 19;
 - Augustus Forrest, 42-Alice Best, 35;
 - Lee Purrington, 22-Cora Mabry, 18;
 - Lee Fawcett, 22-Jeanette Thompson,
 - 26; William Forrest, 21-Cecilia Lit-
 - tle, 19; Walter Wiggins, 56-Lela An-
 - drews, 42.

While the majority of these licenses were issued to Martin county couples, a large number went to applicants from Bertie.

Robersonville Church Has New Preacher

Rev. Robert L. Harrell, of Birmingham, Ala. arrived last Saturday in Robersonville where he has accepted a call to the Robersonville Christian Church. Rev. James G. Ulmer, of New Bern, has been filling the pulpit of the church in Robersonville, but he is leaving the State within the next few weeks and Mr. Harrell will take up his work. Mr. Harrell will deliver his last sermon in Robersonville next Sunday.

City of Durham Has Big Banking Operations

The City of Durham feels good over its big banking operations and its big pay rolls for 1926. They say an increase of almost \$50,000,000, more than 14 per cent over 1925, was shown in the debits of Durham banks during 1926, figures compiled by the Chamber of Commerce showing debits of \$355,516,897.82 for 1926 and \$306,387,778.80 for 1925. Bank clearings increased from \$100,251,262.52 in 1925 to \$106,378,688.94 in 1926. Payrolls amounted to \$9,295,488.87 in 1926, as compared with \$9,068,271.17 in 1925.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PAROLE JOSEPH L. HARDISON

This is to notify the public that application for parole for Joseph Leander Hardison will be made before the Pardon Commission in Raleigh, Thursday January 6, 1927.

Stubbs and Stubbs, Attys.

City Fathers in Regular Meet Monday Night

Renting of Meat Market Was the Main Issue Before Board

The renting of the meat market was the main issue to come before the Board of Town Commissioners here last night. A few other matters were discussed and several of them passed upon but the task of renting the stalls at the city market was the puzzling question for the Board.

The stalls were rented to Pender and Ward for the sum of \$40.50 per month. Ward and Pender had submitted their written bids at the aggregate sum of \$37.00 per month.

D. M. and Theodore Roberson filed a verbal bid at the sum of \$40.00 per month with the guarantee of installing a modern market.

It seemed however, that when the Board went into executive session some person on the Board took the liberty to raise the Pender-Ward bid to \$40.50 per month and the market went to the two. No new opportunities were given except to one side.

Williamston has had a hard time getting a market in the past several years.

Messrs. D. M. and Theo. Roberson also asked the privilege of building at some other location. Should this privilege be granted they will establish a modern market, and a wholesale fresh meat business in connection.

The Board has not passed on this matter at this time.

The street sweeping and sprinkling machine brought here on trial was not purchased.

W. R. Cherry was paid the sum of \$50. for service rendered in the apprehension of Percy Woodward and others.

Martin Man Escapes From Caledonia Farm

Information reaching here holds that Julian Bullock, of this county, made his escape from Caledonia Prison farm late last Sunday night. He made his escape with a prisoner sent to the farm from Pitt county.

Bullock was sentenced to serve six to ten years for taking part in a mob attack upon Needham here in March 1925.

Notice of reward for the recapture of the two men was sent out by the State's Prison officials soon after the prisoners escaped. Details of the two escapes of the prisoners had not reached Superintendent Pou yesterday, but full information was expected to reach him shortly.

Opens Branch Office in Old Bank Building

Mr. R. W. Salsbury, of Hamilton, has rented the lower floor of the old Farmers and Merchants bank building and will open a branch office there. The new firm will act as agents for the old reliable brands of fertilizers, and fertilizer materials.

Mr. W. F. Haislip who, for the past several years, has been connected with Mr. Salsbury in this line of business in Hamilton will be in charge of the office here.

SCHOOL REOPENED HERE YESTERDAY AFTER HOLIDAY

The local schools reopened yesterday with a full day's work on the schedule. All the teachers with the exception of one were back at their posts. Mrs. W. H. Harrell was unable to be there as she accompanied her daughter, Miss Sarah, to Richmond to see a specialist.

WILL NOT HOLD MEETING AT THE REGULAR TIME

The parents-teachers association will not hold its regular meeting Thursday, but will hold it the following Thursday, January 13th.

The date of the meeting is changed because school has just started and it is thought wise to wait until next week.

FIRE INSURANCE MEETING

The annual meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Martin county will be held at the court house, Wednesday, January 12, 1927. All members are requested to attend.

Miss Elizabeth Jones and Mr. W. P. Jones, of Moyoek, visited Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Gurganus during the holidays.

Misses Lucille Hassell and Yelma Harrison will leave tomorrow for Winston-Salem to resume their studies at Salem college.

Mr. Dave Roberson spent a few hours in Rocky Mount Sunday.

Recorder Has Number Cases

Fines of the Day Will Care for Expenses For a Month

The recorder's court moved along nicely this morning, in fact it had ground out enough fines before dinner to pay the expense of the court for a whole month.

The cases disposed of were: Norman Jones, violating liquor laws, guilty, fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to the roads for six months.

Wiley Brown, charged with having too much liquor, was released when his case was not pressed.

Charles Purvis plead guilty to the charge of assault. He received a fine of \$25.00 and costs and required to pay doctor's bill if any.

Ben Purvis, violating liquor laws, was fined \$50 and costs.

John Daniel Yarrell who was charged with assaulting a small boy, was found guilty. He received a fine of \$50 and was required to pay the cost and sentenced to 30 days in jail. The defendant appealed to the superior court.

W. Ed. Bond was found guilty of driving an automobile while drunk and fined \$50 and costs and not to be allowed to drive on the public highways for 60 days.

J. W. Griffin, charged with passing a bad check - escaped judgment when payment of cost was made.

Henry Raynor who was honest enough to remain in jail while other prisoners escaped was not quite so honest a few days ago when he stole a hog. Judge Bailey placed him on the Edgecombe roads for a period of five months.

Surry Jones, larceny, bound over to superior court under \$100 bond.

Courtney Spruill, charged with receiving stolen goods, was released by the court.

John Sheppard, charged with having liquor for the purpose of sale, was found not guilty.

The cases against Sylvester Coffield and Arniec Slade, charging them with violating the liquor laws, were not pressed with leave.

Woman's Club to Meet Tomorrow Afternoon

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's club will be held tomorrow at 3:30 in the club rooms. All the members are asked by the president to be sure to attend and all the women of the town who are not members are given a special invitation to join.

The Club has done much in the past year. It, having been organized shortly before 1926 began, has really been functioning only during the past year. It hopes to do more in 1927. With all the women of the town members, it will be able to do a great deal in advancing the progress and welfare of our town.

The program committee works hard to give interesting programs and a good one has been prepared for tomorrow. If there are any who are not members who would like to visit the Club, a cordial invitation is extended them.

Lack of Water Delays Moving of County Poor

Christmas, the time set for the keeper of the county home and its inmates to move to the new home, has passed, and Martin's new home is still unoccupied. An inadequate water supply is holding up the change, and it now looks as if January will be well nigh gone before Mr. Bland and his charges move to the new home.

Work was resumed on the well yesterday, and as soon as an adequate water supply is assured the old home will be vacated.

National Government to Survey Devils Gut

Washington, D. C.—Dec. 28.—The long fight on the Rivers and Harbors bill was ended recently when it was passed by the Senate. The bill was passed by the House last May. The following survey items sponsored by Representative Lindsay—Warren of the First North Carolina district are included in the bill:

Douglas Bay, Hyde county; Far Creek, Hyde county; Runyon creek, Beaufort county; Deep creek, Washington county; Devils Gut and Gardner's creek, Martin county; Inland Waterway to Currituck Court House; Inland Waterway to Maple, Currituck county; Inland Waterway to Point Harbor, Currituck county.

The engineers will probably inspect these projects next spring, and all interested citizens should appear before them at the meeting.

Baptists Plan Church School Missions Here

Starts January 18th; Is for The Various Denominations

The local Baptist congregation is organizing and perfecting its plans for a Church School of Missions to be held in the Memorial Baptist Church.

This school is scheduled to begin Tuesday night, January 18th, and run for one night each week for six full weeks. Everything is cleared for this school, it taking the place of the regular Wednesday night services. It will be the only regular service held in the church on week nights.

There will be five classes, including the beginners and the adults. The best possible group of teachers have been secured, a wealth of literature is on hand and it is looked forward to as being full of promise for a great blessing to those who attend.

And in this connection, the Baptist people wish to say that this is not to be a Baptist School, but a Mission School. Not all the books studied were written by Baptists, and not all of the missionaries were Baptists. It is a genuine, honest effort to teach the subject of Missions, and to do it with the best possible literature on the subject. Consequently, the congregation of the Baptist church invites the general adult public to attend this school. It will be impossible to throw open all the classes to the public, because there will not be room. But since the church auditorium will be used for the adult class, they feel justified in saying to the public, in and out of Williamston, that they can easily be cared for. They are very earnestly solicited to attend.

In connection with these Tuesday evening studies, it is planned by the local church to have, in the intervening Sundays, from time to time, capable and noted speakers who will treat of the deeper aspects of the mission problem. Proper announcements as to these speakers will be made from time to time.

This is the first School of Missions held in this section of the State—indeed, very few have been held at all.

It is planned to have three high features in these studies: 1. The actual getting of a few choice and important passages of Scripture. 2. The learning and singing of only missionary songs. And, 3. the study of the subjects.

There will be no examinations held, and the people are at liberty to use the literature, or just drop in for the lectures.

Old Christmas Will be Observed by Many

While December 25 is generally observed, it is done so by many just to be in keeping. Tomorrow, Old Christmas, will be celebrated by heart and soul by many of the people in various parts of the county.

Old Christmas is little thought of by practically all the younger people and it is among the real old people that tomorrow will be observed as the correct birthday of the Christ.

Of course trade is not rushed like it is at Christmas time, but merchants in general remember of the event and prepare for it.

The public schools in several parts of the county will close for the day tomorrow so that the children may remain at home with those who hold sacred the Day. These children might be said to be "lucky" in that they are so situated as to enjoy two Christmas days each year.

Christmas Meeting of the Embroidery Club

The Embroidery Club held its Christmas meeting with Mrs. A. T. Crawford at her home in New Town. The home was very prettily decorated with Christmas greens and berries.

The following invited guests were present: Mesdames J. W. Watts, Jr., J. S. Getinger, O. S. Anderson, Wheeler Martin, H. M. Stubbs, M. D. Watts, L. C. Bennett, Mary E. Peel, and F. Lee Minga of Petersburg; Roy Gurganus, and Misses Anna Crawford and Essie Peel.

The hostess, assisted by her niece, Miss Frances Williams, served a salad course, consisting of chicken salad, celery, pickles, wafers, tea and delicious ice cream whipped cream and fruit cake.

NEW FIRM WANTS TO LOCATE HERE

A representative of a store in another town was here yesterday looking for a building in which to open a general mercantile business. No place was available, the last possible one being taken when A. K. Hatem, of Greenville, rented the building to W. J. Hodges' grocery store.

Agent's Report Commissioners Hold Monthly Meet Monday

Large Amount Saved on Dynamite

The remarkable feature of the county agent's report for December was the fact that \$5,040.00 were saved farmers of the county. This saving while well distributed over the county will be appreciated by those working in close connection with the agent. The saving came when a car of pyratol, an explosive, was purchased.

Martin county has been a large purchaser of this explosive and it indicates that our farmers are busy clearing their lands of stumps and brush.

The report as handed the Board of County commissioners follows:

Eighteen days spent in field work. One day devoted to office work. Thirty-three conferences were held in office.

Forty-five telephone calls were recorded on official duties. Forty-three letters were written. During the month 23 visits to farms were made.

Two hundred and ninety-eight miles were traveled on official duties. Nine days annual leave.

During the month 28,450 pounds of dynamite (pyratol) was delivered of this amount Martin County farmers received 16,000 pounds at a saving of \$5,040.00. The other part of the month was spent to live stock work, pean and cotton acreage reduction.

Feature Game Here Thursday

Largest Crowd of Many Seasons Expected to See Game

With the two basketball teams, Everetts and Jamesville, in tip top form, and with the members of the two teams and their supporters on the best of terms with each other, the game here between them next Thursday night promises to be the feature of the season in the particular line of sports.

Jamesville will send its long string of worthy supporters while Everetts will send just as many to see the two teams do battle. Fans of the game here will be about evenly divided, while no one will remain neutral other than timers, score keepers and reporters. One of the largest crowds in several seasons to witness a basketball game is expected here that night.

Both Jamesville and Everetts played in the tournament in Windsor last week, and while Jamesville won it was generally conceded that Everetts stood a good chance for the finals had it not lost out when two of its best players were removed from the game. But instead of offering a solution to the question, which is the better of the two teams? in Windsor, it will be offered here next Thursday night when the two meet in the Brick warehouse at 8 o'clock.

Members of the Jamesville team and the coach have expressed their appreciation to many of those who offered their support while the tournament was in progress in Windsor.

Bigamy Practiced in the County

That bigamy is practiced, unconsciously perhaps, in this county was learned yesterday when the number of divorces for the year 1926 could not be had. The courts had not been paid in several cases and in each no judgment had been entered, nor will one be given until the costs are paid and a record made.

Just how many such cases there are could not be learned, but we are assured that there are several. The best data that could be obtained indicate that there were a large number of divorce cases in 1926, a number surpassing by several those of the previous year.

Dance Last Night Quietest of Season

The dance here last night was one of the quietest held in this section in some time. While there was no exceptionally large crowd attending the dance, order was very good except in two instances where two high school boys from near Scotland Neck brought the jail very close when they failed to place their drinks far enough apart. Their names could not be learned, and it was after pleading a spell that the officers released them with the understanding that they return home.

This is said to be the last of the season's dances.

Commissioners Hold Monthly Meet Monday

Bonds and Taxes Come Before Members Of Board

The Board of County Commissioners met yesterday in regular session with all members present, J. G. Barnhill, chairman, T. B. Slade, Jr., T. C. Griffin, J. E. Pope and L. P. Holliday.

The working of the Board at its session yesterday was of a general nature with no important issues coming before it. Bonds and taxes held the attention for a while.

Upon motion of T. B. Slade, Jr., it was ordered that the County issue bonds in the sum of \$125,000, fifty thousand of which are to be designated as County Home Bonds and seventy-five thousand to be designated as County Jail Bonds. The offer by Julius S. Peel to furnish blank bonds on legal opinion approving the validity of same at the sum of \$650.00 was accepted.

A. T. McDonald was released from the taxes on \$300 worth of land listed by error in Griffins town hip.

E. E. Ange of Jamesville was released from paying taxes on real estate value at \$300 and listed by error. W. Ed. Cherry was relieved from paying \$2,000 tax in Poplar Point.

J. E. Williams of Williams township appeared before the meeting and asked to have his tax assessment reduced as he is charged with too much acreage. The Board agreed to make the necessary correction upon his filing a survey of his lands.

H. A. Cullipher was paid the sum of \$25. reward for service in the apprehension of George Frank Bazemore.

A 60-day note in the sum of \$25,000 was executed for the purpose of procuring current funds.

Ross Mizelle was paid the sum of \$20 for the purchase of coffins for Tobe Williams and Fannie Williams.

Hugh Roberson of Robersonville was released from paying an overcharge on land in the sum of \$1,500.

S. R. Biggs was appointed County Coroner.

Bynum Andrews, colored of Robersonville, was allowed the sum of \$3.00 per month. This allowance will be charged to County Poor account.

Anniversary Service At Baptist Church

The Memorial Baptist Church Sunday evening service was in the nature of an anniversary, marking the end of the pastor's first year with this congregation.

Mrs. A. T. Crawford, whose grandmother, Mrs. Jattie Simmons, was the real founder of the local Baptist Church, gave in a most interesting manner a sketch of the church when it was a mission organization and being helped by the State Board of Missions. She recounted many of the hardships of the five women who were the charter members of the church when it was organized about 1870.

She was followed by Mr. J. W. Anderson, one of the most devoted members of this church, and he took up the history of the church from '95 and a few years prior in a brief way and brought it up to the present.

The pastor, Rev. C. H. Dickey, then reviewed the activities of the church during his pastorate, mentioning the most important things accomplished during the year. Mr. Dickey, in conjunction with the other pastors of the town, promoted a daily vacation bible school, which it is hoped will be an annual event. He has held a Bible study class every Wednesday evening during the year and has written the Sunday school lessons each week for the Enterprise and these have been enjoyed by people all over the county. He expects to conduct a Mission Study class during this month not for his church alone but for the town as a whole.

The pastor told his people that special work in the Sunday school could not be attempted until a more adequate plant could be built. To get the church lined up to begin this plant is part of this year's program.

Dr. John D. Biggs expressed the confidence of the congregation in its pastor and the church extended a vote of confidence and an invitation to remain with them indefinitely.

T. JONES TAYLOR ENTERPRISE VISITOR

Mr. T. Jones Taylor, of Edgecombe County, paid us a visit yesterday. Mr. Taylor is a Martin County man at heart. He is in love with the county and its people, where he was raised and had lived until a few years ago. Mr. Taylor promises The Enterprise to furnish some historical articles in the near future. He is rich in his memories of Martin County's history, knowing more about her people perhaps than any person in the county.