

Negro Is Found Dead; Had Been Missing 6 Days

67-Year-Old Man of Free Union Section Dies of Exposure

John Henry Boston, 67-year-old colored man of the Free Union section, was found dead yesterday afternoon in the woods about a mile from his home, after an absence of 6 days.

Last Tuesday morning Boston left the home of his half-sister before breakfast. He was last seen at Luther Cordon's store about 9 o'clock of the same day. Nobody paid any attention to his course from there, for he was known as a great wanderer. The day passed and the heaviest snow in years began to fall, but Boston's failure to return caused little uneasiness in his community. Wednesday afternoon inquiries were made after the old man, but no one had seen or heard of him since he left Cordon's store Tuesday morning. A search in the deep snow was impossible, and it was not until yesterday morning that the search in earnest was started. His body, in fair condition, was found at 5 o'clock by Sam Moore a half mile from the road leading into the Free Union section.

The body was allowed to remain there until Deputy Coroner Henry Taylor was notified and he had held an inquest. It was a dark and solemn ride through mud, water, and woods on a rail-bodied cart for Mr. Taylor and his jurors. It was past 10 o'clock when the spot where the dead man's body rested was reached. An investigation was held there, and the jury practically decided that the old man had not encountered foul play, but that he, in some way and for a cause known only to him, had wandered into the woods and died from exposure.

Relative Refuse to Receive Body
The climax of the tragedy came when the several friends of the dead man carried his body to the home of his half sister. There it was refused admittance, and for a while it looked as if the body would have to remain in the open until burial arrangements could be made. A vacant house, with the exception of a few corn shucks, a few hundred yards away was finally agreed upon as a place for the body to await burial. The jury substantiated its opinion after examining the body as it lay on the dirty floor of the two-room hut and rendered a verdict holding that John Henry Boston died from exposure and that there was no evidence of foul play.

Boston for a number of years worked at the fisheries at Jamesville. His life has been marked mostly by downs, and his death came about according to his own wishes. He had expressed many times during the past few years that he did not want to be buried, that he wanted to die in the woods where the birds of the air could come down and carry away his body.

East Carolina Firemen Meeting in New Bern

A meeting of the Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association will be held in New Bern tonight. All the towns in the organization will be well represented, according to reports from fire chiefs in several of the towns carrying membership. The prevention of fires will be one of the main topics for discussion at the meeting. The use of metal roofing and fireproof shingles will be stressed along with other methods of prevention. An oyster roast is being planned by New Bern's fire department for the guests tonight. Messrs. Theodore Roberson, Marshall Rogerson, J. W. Manning, and Chief Henry Harrison will attend the meeting from here.

At The **STRAND THEATRE**
WEDNESDAY
'The Midnight Flyer' with Dorothy Devore.
Herbert Rawlinson in **"Trooper 77"** also Comedy **"Baby Blues"**
Remember you get a free ticket to Friday's show by attending Wednesday's.
Always a Good Show

Woman's Club to Meet Wednesday

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Club will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3.30. The meeting had to be postponed last week on account of the inclement weather, and as the club year will soon end, the president is very anxious for all the members to be present.

Home & Farm Agent Reports for February

More Work Done in February Than in Any Previous Month

With good weather prevailing during the greater part of February, the reports of the county and home agents show an increase in activities in their line of work. January was also a busy month, but the large number of demonstrations, both result and method, held by the home agent, and the vaccination of hogs by the county agent caused the February activities to lead by a small margin. The car of poultry advertised by the county agent was hampered by the snow, but yesterday and today chickens were being loaded by the hundreds. The car of pyratol ordered last month is now being delivered. As a whole the work of the county's two agents for the month is the greatest yet seen. The reports in detail follow.

Home Agent's Report

Report of Miss Anna Trentham, home demonstration agent:
No. meetings held, 30; attendance, 558. Number other meetings attended, 2; attendance, 65.
Number home visits made, 41; number office calls, 40; number telephone calls, 20.
Number letters written, 111; number bulletins sent, 84; number articles published, 3.
Number office days, 4; number field days, 19; number holidays, 1; number miles traveled, 823.
Number method demonstrations: in food preparation, 5; in clothing, 18; in household furnishing, 2; in beautifying home grounds, 1; in poultry, 2; in home gardening, 3.
Number lecture demonstrations in nutrition, 3.
Number lectures on mothercraft, 5.
Number kitchens scored for improvements, 12.
Number result demonstrations: in food preparation by women, 18; in clothing by girls, 145; in beautifying home grounds, 1; in home poultry, 3.
During the month two new clubs were organized for women; one at Angetown and the other at Holly Springs. Both communities have good leaders who ask for clubs for the women in their communities.

County Agent's Report

Following is County Agent T. B. Brandon's report for February:
23 days spent in field work; 1 day spent in office work.
108 office conferences; 131 telephone calls.
168 letters written; 5 articles written.
95 farms visited.
925 miles traveled on official duties.
6 poultry flocks culled.
Orders for two cars of farm drain tie gotten up.
Orders for car of Pyratol completed and ordered.
Car poultry advertised.
49 pecan trees ordered for farmers.
2 self feeders built for farmers.
937 hogs treated for 40 farmers.
This has been a very busy month with the county agent due to the fact that there has been a very serious outbreak of hog cholera in the county.

Hamilton Loses to Oak City, 17 to 12

Oak City, March 7.—Oak City defeated Hamilton Friday night on the Everett's court by a score of 17 to 12. The game was warmly contested throughout and was remarkably clean. Both teams played to the finish without substitutions.

Scoring honors for both teams were quite evenly distributed; both outfits depending upon team play rather than individual stars. Hamilton was never in the lead, but was continually threatening.

Bullock, of Everetts, refereed.

Regular Meeting Masons Tonight

There will be a regular communication of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., tonight (Tuesday) at 7.30 p. m. Business of importance will come before this meeting and a full attendance is urged. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

Noted Divine to Hold Series Sermons Here

Rev. J. E. W. Cook to Preach at Episcopal Church for Week

During the week of March 27th through April 3rd the community will have the opportunity of hearing one of North Carolina's famous preachers in a series of evangelistic services to be conducted in the Episcopal Church, Williamston. The preacher is to be the Rev. James E. W. Cook, who before accepting the charge of St. Paul's Church, Greenville, N. C., was archdeacon in the Diocese of East Carolina. Mr. Cook is a preacher of unusual force and appeal. He is well known as a public speaker of merit and is in great demand both as a preacher and speaker.

Mr. Cook is a Mason of high degrees, having been selected to receive the thirty-third degree in Freemasonry. He is also grand lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Masons in the State of North Carolina. During the recent Bishops' Crusade, Mr. Cook was selected by the National Commission on Evangelism to be one of the Crusaders in the State of New Hampshire where he preached for a period of three weeks to many congregations. Williamston is fortunate in having the opportunity to have Mr. Cook here for an evangelistic meeting. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to hear Mr. Cook, and it is hoped that the churches and church people of the town and community will all heartily cooperate during the meeting. Later and more detailed announcements will be made through the columns of this paper.

Board Health Met Yesterday

Plan to Ask State Board for Dental Clinic for Martin County

The Martin County Board of Health met here yesterday with the following members present, J. G. Barnhill, R. A. Pope and Mayor R. L. Coburn, Drs. J. E. Smithwick, of Jamesville and Vernon Ward, of Robersonville, not being able to attend. The Board is planning a more active work in its field and several undertakings in the way of bettering health conditions throughout the county will be put under way. An application is to be made to the State asking that it send one of its dentists to the county to examine and treat all the school children. Should the State agree to meet the request, and it is likely that it will, all the children will be examined and in those cases where the children are willing and need treatment it will be given. The clerk to the Board is to write all the mayors of all the towns of the county asking them to see the commissioners of their towns and request that they prohibit the dumping of tin cans, old automobiles and other trash within the incorporated limits of the towns. The letter is also carrying a request that will result in better enforcement of the sanitary laws of the State. Medicine for the inmates at the County Home is to be supplied through the county health officer instead of going there direct. A more complete report on the several diseases will be required by the Board in the future. Dr. W. E. Warren, County Health officer, met with the Board and reviewed the work of the past several months and outlined a possible program of the work to be carried on in the future.

Perquimans Wants to Board Its Poor Here

According to information coming from the Martin County Board of Health, Perquimans County is working on a plan to get this county to care for the inmates of that county. A statement made by the health officer of Perquimans says that his county would pay liberally for the care of the inmates of that section. It is understood that the commissioners of Perquimans County investigated the matter at its meeting yesterday. The question has not come before our board, but should the problem be solved favorably by the Perquimans board it will be submitted to Martin's commissioners at the earliest date possible. Perquimans County has only 10 inmates, and the combining of the two counties' poor would affect a saving to both, according to the investigations of the health officers of the two governments.

Everetts Wins From Parkton Team 26-12

Everetts won its first game in the State basketball tournament at Raleigh this morning when it defeated Parkton 26 to 12.

Tonight the team meets Pineville in a second game of the tournament.

Tourney Starts Tomorrow for Benefit of Boys

Baptists and Methodists Play Then; Episcopal-Christy Tilt Friday

Quite a bit of interest is being manifested in a basketball tournament to be held here to raise money to provide a baseball diamond for the boys of the town. Each of the four churches in town is to provide a team and play at least one game in the tournament. A number of basketball stars of other years will be seen in action and an evening's amusement is promised at every game.

The plans as outlined call for three games, two preliminaries and one final. No one who has played any basketball in the past few years is eligible for any of the teams, and if a prospective player is caught practicing before the night of the game he is disqualified.

The Baptists, under the leadership of Harcom Grimes, meet the Methodists, R. L. Coburn, captain, in the first round of the series Wednesday night at 8:15 p. m. In the second round the Episcopalians, captained by Cortez Green, engage the Christians, under Norman Harrison, Friday night at 8:15. Then, in the finals, if enough players recover from the first games, the winners of the preliminaries will meet in the main or title bout. This game will be played some time next week—maybe. An admission of 25 cents will be charged for the game and there will positively be no passes issued. Even the players, referees, door keepers, and members of the hospital corps will have to fork over a quarter to get in. If any one fails to get his money's worth, he is invited to try and get it back.

A partial list of the eligible and prospective players is presented below and that is the best advertisement that can be written for the tournament by any one. Read this list: Methodists: R. L. Coburn, captain; W. H. Carstarphen, C. D. Carstarphen, Jr., R. A. Pope, Jesse Nelson, Maurice Watts, Wig Watts, Jr., C. E. Jenkins, E. P. Cunningham, Tom Brandon, Claude Leggett.

Baptists: Harcom Grimes, captain; Gus Harrison, George Harris, Dr. Cone, Julian Harrell, J. C. Anderson, Harry Meador, Joe Pender, Garland Anderson, Jim Ed Harrell, Wheeler Martin, Pete Hall.

Episcopal: Cortez Green, captain; Francis Barnes, Pete Fowden, Murt Stubbs, Dick Smith, C. B. Clark, Sr., Maurice Moore, Fred Hoyt, Joe Goddard, Charlie James, Bob Everett, and Kader Crawford.

Christians: Norman Harrison, captain; Harper Holliday, W. C. Manning, Jr., Francis Manning, Elber, r. ee, J. Hardy Rose, Robert Manning, Leaman Barnhill, Garland Barnhill, Henry Harrison, John A. Manning, Milton Moye, and Stanley Sossoms.

Compulsory Attendance Martin County Schools

Statistics in the office of the county superintendent of schools show poor attendance for some of our schools and good attendance for others. The compulsory attendance law is misunderstood by teachers and parents alike in certain districts. It is to disabuse this misunderstanding that these lines are written. Children seven years old, having reached their seventh birthday by September 30, 1926, and at any time prior to attaining their fourteenth birthday are required to attend the school of the district in which they reside for all of the term in which the school continues. Any failure of such children to so do is obligated to be reported by the teacher in charge of said school each Friday afternoon of the school term under penalty of the law. Upon receipt of such report and investigation by the superintendent of public welfare, same being verified, it becomes the duty of such officer to prosecute the parent.

The following are suggested as unlawful absences:
1. Truancy.
2. Indifference or opposition on part of the parent.
3. Indifference of the child.
4. Illegal employment of child.
5. Suspension from school.

Meadames G. W. Hardison, Ned Laughinghouse, John D. Biggs, and B. S. Courtney spent yesterday in Greenville.

Town Mourns Death of Mrs. R. S. Critcher

Died Early Yesterday Morning; Funeral This Afternoon

Mildred E., wife of Roger S. Critcher, died yesterday morning at three o'clock at her home on Watts street after an illness lasting several months. Since the 18th of December she has been confined to her bed with acute brights disease and in that time she had suffered continuously great pain and discomfort.

Daughter of John and Susan Peed, she was born in Knapp Reed, Greenville county, on June 23, 1856. She married Mr. Critcher February 12, 1878 and in one more year would have celebrated her fiftieth anniversary of wedded happiness. In 1898, they moved to Martin county and all but two years since that time they have lived in Williamston.

Besides her husband she is survived by the following children, Mrs. Warren H. Biggs, Messrs. Burras, Roger and Titus Critcher of Williamston, Percy V., of Lexington and Rev. B. D. Critcher of Whitakers and two brothers, Messrs. Ben Peed, of Durham and Joe Peed of Creedmore.

Mrs. Critcher joined the Baptist church in her fourteenth year and there has not been a more faithful and devout member. A woman of fine character and pleasant disposition, she was loved by every one who came in contact with her.

The final funeral rites were held this afternoon at the home by her pastor, Rev. Charles H. Dickey assisted by Rev. T. W. Lee of the Methodist church. Her favorite hymns were sung by Rev. C. J. Coston. Interment followed in the Baptist cemetery.

Commissioners Met Yesterday

Defer Action on Returns of Biggs School District Election

The county commissioners had their smallest meeting of the year here yesterday when the business coming before them proved to be of minor importance. Outside the investigation of bills, the work of the day was negligible.

The matter of accepting or rejecting the election returns of the special school tax election in Biggs School district on account of alleged irregularities, was deferred until a later date. The result of the school election was submitted to the board at its last meeting, but the board failed to accept the returns when it was rumored that voters improperly registered took part in the election. An investigation was made, and it was learned that several of the votes cast in the election were illegal. Just what steps the board will now take in the matter are unknown.

Celia Slade had a two dollar allowance increased to \$4.

S. P. Moore was refunded \$2 poll tax improperly listed in Poplar Point Township.

The official bond of S. R. Biggs, coroner, was approved and accepted by the board. The bond is in the sum of \$2,000. A loan of \$2,500 is to be made Mrs. L. M. Brown, of Jamesville. The loan is to come from the interest and sinking fund and has a duration of five years. A house and lot in the town of Jamesville and the Modlin farm will serve as security after the titles to the property and real estate have been passed upon by the county attorney. The insurance on the buildings is to be made payable to the county.

All the members of the board were present.

Episcopal Women's Auxiliary Meeting

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church met at the home of Mrs. F. U. Barnes on Monday afternoon, March 7, at 3.30, with 18 present. The meeting was opened with prayer, after which the secretary, Mrs. Barnes, called the roll, read the minutes and a letter from Mrs. McMillan, Diocesan President. After a short business session the following program was rendered: Poem by Margaret Widdemer and an article by Bishop John G. Murray, read by Mrs. Pardo. "The Rural Field," read by Mrs. W. E. Watts. "Carolina Parish Nearly Two Centuries Old," read by Mrs. J. S. Rhodes.

After some discussion of old parish the meeting was brought to a close, the ladies standing and repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Parents-Teachers To Meet Thursday

The Parents-Teachers association will hold its regular meeting next Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the graded school auditorium.

Parents and citizens interested in the welfare of the school and town are urged to attend. On account of the illness of the association's president, Mrs. W. C. Liverman, the vice president, Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, will preside.

Town Fathers Hold Regular Meet Monday

Defer Action in Matter of Special Tax Against Itinerant Merchants

The board of town commissioners held their regular monthly meeting at the mayor's office in the city hall last night. A number of minor matters were taken up and discussed, but there was no business of major importance before the board. Members present were Mayor Coburn, W. T. Meadows, G. H. Harrison, and C. O. Moore.

Sam Faulk came before the board with a tax tangle to be unraveled. He was referred to the county commissioners and the town board will take the same action taken by the county.

Mr. McCabe, of the Murray & McCabe Lumber Co., appeared before the commissioners and asked that a water line be run to his mill and a fire hydrant be located near the mill premises. The matter was referred to the water committee, composed of Messrs. Moore, Harrison, and Hassell, and they were asked to get an estimate of the cost and report back to the commissioners either at a call meeting or at the next regular meeting.

Mr. K. P. Cross, of Wilson, a representative of the Fairbanks-More Co., who sold the town the crude-oil engine at the light plant, was present at the meeting as a visitor and renewed his acquaintance with the commissioners.

The next matter before the board was one which has been hanging fire for some time, and one that is causing the board members considerable perplexity. That is the placing of a tax on itinerant merchants who come here during the busiest season of the year and put on sale and then leave town before time for listing taxes comes around. Besides failing to contribute any revenue to the town, this type of competition is hardly fair to the local merchants who do pay their taxes and who have to "carry on" during the dull season.

A meeting of the merchants of the town was held with the mayor yesterday afternoon to see if there was not some possible way to make these outside merchants pay at least a part of the taxes justly due the town. The mayor submitted a plan whereby a privilege tax should be placed on all special sales here, and then refund this tax to merchants when they pay their general town taxes. Thus merchants who put on sales and remain in business long enough to pay their regular taxes would be refunded this privilege tax, while outsiders who come here, put on a few days' or weeks' sales and then leave would not receive this refund. Some of the local merchants objected to this plan because they did not feel that they could advance the amount of the tax every time they had a sale and then wait until they paid their general taxes before getting it back. The board did not take any action on the matter last night, and things will more than likely remain as they are until the merchants here get together and agree on some feasible plan.

As a result of the county board of health's action yesterday in condemning the dumping of trash in the city limits, an ordinance was passed making it a misdemeanor for any person to dump trash within the city limits. A penalty of \$10 or 10 days in jail is provided for violators. This action was taken principally on account of the unsightly condition along some of the main roads leading into town where old automobiles, tin cans, and other refuse and junk have been dumped. Besides the ugliness, these locations are the principal breeding places of mosquitoes.

Mr. Meadows brought up the subject of the condition of the tax books, likening them unto a "Chinese puzzle"—whatever that is. The possibility of the county securing a permanent auditor was discussed in this connection; and if it does, the town commissioners will offer to pay for his services for several days each month in keeping their tax and treasurer's books audited.

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Boy Dies Result Accidental Gun Shot Wounds

Luke Mizelle Succumbs to Injuries Received Last Saturday

Luke, the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Mizelle, of the Brown Spring section, near here, died yesterday morning at 3.30 from a gunshot wound.

Last Saturday afternoon the boy took his gun and went for a hunt. He was on his way home when the township road tractors came along and Robert Bailey stopped the machine for Luke to get on. The boy took a seat on the fender of the tractor and placed his gun in his lap. Within 300 yards of the Mizelle home, the tractor snatched and caused the gun to fall. "Little Luke," as he was generally known, attempted to catch the gun, and as he slipped from the big fender the gun hit a step on the tractor and fired, the lead cutting its way through the boy's left arm and into his left side.

The pain from the unsightly wound caused the boy to complain but little. His conversation after the accident dealt mainly with the cause of his condition. He stated to Robert Bailey and Robert Price, "Be careful with guns; I have shot myself to death with one."

Robert Price carried him to the hospital in Washington, where he died yesterday morning at 3.30. Interment will take place this afternoon in the Mobley cemetery, near his father's home.

Oak City Won Four of Five Games This Season

Oak City, March 7.—(Special to The Enterprise.)—Oak City people generally are quite disappointed on account of the failure of the county basketball series to materialize. The formation of an independent schedule was held up pending the announcement of the official county series, and when the matter was allowed to die a slow death it was too late to arrange anything like a satisfactory slate. Only five high-school games went on the card, and of these the Oak City quint won four. Although it was quite well understood that the real contest lay between Jamesville and Everetts, the other schools were not content to let them win by default. It was largely owing to the independent schedules of the two leading teams that the county series was frozen out, after it had been decided upon. Most interested observers feel that a mistake was made in not playing through the series and establishing a system by which the county champions of future seasons could prove their mettle. This would not have detracted in the least from the honors that Jamesville and Everetts have brought to Martin county and Eastern Carolina.

Conoho Chapter to Meet Thursday

There will be a regular convocation of Conoho Chapter, No. 12, R. A. M., Thursday night, March 10, at 7.45 o'clock. All Companions in good standing are urged to be present, as it is the proper time to elect officers, and this business must be attended to, with other important business. By order of N. C. Green, H. P. N. K. HARRISON, Secretary.

Play Norfolk College Team Here Thursday

The local town team is slated to play Norfolk college here next Thursday night on the Brick warehouse court. The last game scheduled for the season will be played next Tuesday night when the Smithfield guards return to do battle for a third time with the locals.

Lenten Services at Episcopal Church

During the season of Lent the Lenten services in the Episcopal church here will be held each Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 4.30. The public is cordially invited to attend whenever possible.

Will Open Shows in Richmond Next Month

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stone left last week for Richmond, where Mr. Stone will open the shows bearing his name the early part of next month. The shows will play three weeks in that city before they are carried to West Virginia. Twelve fairs in that and other States have booked the shows for the coming season.