

Motor Official Says Accidents Are Decreasing

Gives Credit to New Laws Which Became Effective July 1st

In expressing the belief that accidents on North Carolina highways have decreased since the new uniform motor vehicle code went into effect July 1, C. W. Roberts, vice president of the Carolina Motor Club, today announced that the organization will make permanent a \$25 reward for information leading to the conviction of motorists who injure persons and fail to stop.

Two months ago the club offered \$50 for the arrest and conviction of "hit and run" drivers, and four rewards, totaling \$200, have been paid. In the four convictions only one defendant was forced to serve a jail sentence.

"We have been convinced," said Mr. Roberts, "that this reward has caused many drivers to stop at the point of accident, as required by law, and we hope and believe it will eliminate many accidents. In furtherance of this belief the Carolina Motor Club will continue to pay a reward of \$25 to any one who ascertains identity of a 'hit-and-run' driver and secures a conviction. We interpret a 'hit-and-run' driver as one who injures a person with a motor vehicle and refuses to stop.

"Since the new law went into effect a record of all highway accidents is required and while this will show a greater number of accidents reported, in my opinion, the actual number has been greatly decreased. Formerly all accidents were not recorded, and I do not believe there are near as many now as in the past.

"There has been a most noticeable improvement in headlights on cars on the highways, and likewise a more widespread use of rear lights. I believe there is an improvement of 50 per cent already, and this percentage will constantly mount. I find that wagons, however, as a general rule, are not yet complying with the law requiring use of reflectors or lights at night, and since the law went into effect there have been several serious accidents due to failure of horse-drawn vehicles to display lights or reflectors."

Negro Caught Trying To Break Into House

Floyd Bonner, colored, was placed under a \$200 bond in a justice of the peace court at Everetts last Saturday when he was carried before Justice Ben Kiddick charged with trying to break into the home of Mr. Roy Clark, of near Everetts.

Mr. Clark saw the colored man at a window of his home Friday night and ran out on the porch and would have shot the man, but his double-barrel gun was not loaded and the negro escaped. Saturday afternoon the negro was caught and carried before Mr. Kiddick at Everetts.

It is thought he had been prowling around Mr. Clark's home for some time. He will answer to the charges in the recorder's court here next Tuesday.

Local Stores Offer Special Bargains

Two of the leading stores of our town are advertising many special values in this issue, covering a large number of articles in every-day use. By taking a careful look over the lists, you will find the very items you need today and will have to have tomorrow. Both Harrison Bros. & Co. and Barnhill Bros. & Co. invited you to examine their special bargains.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY

"TARZAN AND THE GOLDEN LION"

Two - Reel Comedy and

FREE TICKET For Friday Show

Always a Good Show.

Budget for Schools Approved by Board

30-Day Reprieve Is Granted Bazemore

George Frank Bazemore, condemned to die in the electric chair tomorrow, was granted a 30-day reprieve today by Pardon Commissioner Edwin B. Bridgers, according to information received by long-distance telephone from the office of the warden of the penitentiary.

Bazemore has been convicted twice of the murder of Gordon Yelverton, young white boy of this place, last fall.

The reprieve was granted by the pardon commissioner upon his own motion on the grounds that the governor was out of the State and had not had an opportunity to review the case.

Sunday Schools To Meet Here

Williamston Township Division Meeting Here Sunday

The Williamston Township division of the Martin County Sunday school association will meet at the Williamston Memorial Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, August 7th, at 3 p. m.

The devotional, song, and prayer service will be led by C. L. Daniel. Afterwards the following program will be rendered:

- 3:15—"Physical equipment of the Sunday School," by R. A. Pope.
 - 3:30—Song, by congregation.
 - 3:35—"Mental Equipment." To be announced.
 - 3:50—Song, by male quartet.
 - 3:55—"Spiritual Equipment," by W. C. Manning.
 - 4:10—"The Greatest Need in Our Sunday School," or "One Good Feature of Our Sunday School," three-minute talks by E. P. Cunningham, of the Methodist church; J. O. Manning, of the Christian Church; J. C. Anderson, of the Baptist Church; and N. C. Green, of the Episcopal Church.
 - 4:30—Business session.
 - 4:35—Song.
 - 4:40—Adjournment.
- All the Sunday schools of the county are urged to attend.
- W. B. Courtney is chairman of Williamston Township Sunday School Association.

Joseph A. Abeyounis Drowned Yesterday

Joseph A. Abeyounis, of Washington, was drowned in the Pamlico River last night. Elbert H. Weston had taken Abeyounis and another Syrian man and two Syrian women and a small child out for a ride on a boat which he was demonstrating to them. When the party returned to Powles wharf all except Weston went to the side of the boat to get out. This caused the boat to capsize dropping them in 8 feet of water. Mr. Weston showed great presence of mind and worked quickly, getting the two men and two women out. By this time, the child, which was wrapped in a large overcoat was floating off several feet away, and he rescued the child. Upon his return to the wharf Abeyounis was missing, but Mr. Weston thought at the time that he had gone on to his home. It was soon found that Mr. Abeyounis was not at his home and he could not be found. The rescuers then returned to the river and found him about an hour after he had been drowned. All efforts to resuscitate him failed.

It is thought that he, in some way, through excitement, missed his step and fell back into the water.

Seize Couple Still Saturday Evening

Sheriff Roebuck and Deputy Grimes found a couple of stills on Beaver Dam Swamp, in Cross Roads, Saturday evening. They had proper information as to their location and had very little trouble in locating them, one a nice copper still, the other was a steam outfit. Both stills were cold. Only three barrels of beer were found at each still and about one gallon of what appeared to be the last running of liquor was found.

The stills were some distance from any house, and the officers have no clue as to their ownership.

Unusual Case in County Court Here Tuesday

Man, 71, Charged With Whipping Wife, 17; Suspend Judgment

Recorder's court today presented a scene of interest, as well as hopefulness. The few people present indicated the advent of a better day. There were only 25 people present, and but one woman among them. This number included the court, the officers, attorneys; in fact, it embraced the whole show.

The first case called was against Joseph F. Davenport, charged with whipping his wife. He is 71 years old, while his wife is but 17.

The only witness in the case was Mrs. Davenport, who stated that her husband did whip her slightly, amounting to nothing more than a gentle "brushing," and that he did not hurt her in the least. She said the only weapon used was a small birch whip. The best part of her testimony came when she frankly said that her husband did right, that he ought to have whipped her, as she called him a liar and deserved a whipping.

The court caught the fine spirit of family reunion and suspended judgment upon the husband upon the condition of his paying the cost and behaving well in the future.

The couple had a child, from appearance about a year old. Although the transposition of the figures from 71 to 17 makes a difference of 54, the companionship of the pair seems to be almost perfect.

Need Cars to Bring Scouts Back Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Clark and Billy and Mr. Mrs. Chas. H. Fleming and little son spent Sunday at Nags Head, where they visited the Williamston Boy Scouts.

Mr. Clark says the boys are having a great time. They are fishing, hiking, swimming, and studying history around Manteo and Roanoke Island and taking in the life-saving station work along the banks. They are not taking the full Scout program but are following the Scout discipline.

Mr. Clark says he will need a few cars to assist him in bringing the boys from Elizabeth City next Sunday, and any who would like to assist them to this extent are requested to let him know during the week.

Negro Is Badly Cut In Fight Saturday

George Washington, colored man working on the farm of Mr. Jim Bowen, was badly cut about the body and arm last Saturday afternoon after he had raked the fire from a tobacco barn furnace two or three times. Just who cut George no one will tell, and George, being slightly intoxicated, does not know himself.

An argument started when he told several other negroes that he did not want to put fire in the furnace of the barn until Monday morning. The other parties started a fire in the furnace, and Washington pulled it out. Another fire was started and Washington pulled that one out. He had not pulled many more out before several colored boys around the barn rushed him and sliced him with a knife.

He was brought here, where Dr. J. S. Rhodes sowed up the several cuts. Sheriff Roebuck went to the scene, but could do nothing but assist Mr. Bowen in bringing the gashed man to the doctor.

Several Accidents in Community Recently

Several accidents occurred in the community during the past few days. Thelma Burroughs, the 10-year-old daughter of Mr. W. A. Burroughs, fell from a tobacco truck and suffered a slight fracture of the skull. At this time she is improving nicely.

Jack Biggs, colored attempted to drive his car by a truck and met a flying Chrysler car before he could take his side of the road again, with the result that his car was smashed and he, his wife and another colored woman were severely cut and bruised. All because Jack failed to do what he thought he could do, pass by and take his side of the road before meeting the oncoming car.

Messrs. Barmettler and Biggs, of the Carolina Motor Club, were here yesterday.

Soy Bean Growers From All Parts of Country to Tour County Next Week

National Association to Meet in Washington; May Stop Here

Hon. Fred P. Latham has made a hit with the annual meeting of the American Soy Bean Association, to be held in Washington next week, by arranging to show the visitors from the north, south, and west what wonderful resources eastern North Carolina is blessed with.

In arranging the program for the eighth annual meeting of the American Soy Bean Association, practically all of the time has been set aside for automobile tours through interesting parts of eastern North Carolina. The guests will arrive at Washington, where they will be registered and assigned to rooms. A short evening session will be held on the first day.

Beginning on the second day, Wednesday, arrangements have been completed for leaving Washington by auto early in the morning for a trip through historic Beaufort and Hyde Counties. Hyde County is the original home of the soy bean in the United States. On this tour visitors will have a view of one of the most fertile farming sections in southeastern United States. The people of Swan Quarter have arranged a community picnic luncheon for all the members and guests at noon. This will be followed immediately by an address from Hon. John H. Small, former Congressman from North Carolina.

The return trip from Swan Quarter will begin promptly at 2:30, timed so as to arrive in Bay View at 5 o'clock, where those who desire may secure an excellent sea-food dinner and enjoy a salt-water swim in Pamlico River. The tour for the day will end at Washington, where the evening program will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

The moving pictures shown during this program are said to be very interesting and will be thoroughly explained by Prof. Dorsett, who secured the picture during a trip of investigation of the soy bean industry in China and Manchuria.

Thursday morning, the tour will begin promptly at 8 o'clock and will carry the party through Martin County, where is produced some of the finest "bright-leaf" tobacco to be found in North Carolina. The trip also goes through Bertie County, the largest peanut-producing county in the United States. Both in these counties and throughout the remaining part of the tour will be seen splendid examples of diversified farming and fine fields of soy beans.

The trip has been arranged to pass over two great bridges recently constructed for the State Highway Commission over the Roanoke and Chowan Rivers. A short stop will be permitted in historic Edenton, around which much of North Carolina's early Colonial history centers.

The party will arrive at Elizabeth City in time for the luncheon served by citizens of the section. After a brief program there will be a demonstration of the soy bean harvesters developed in this section, followed by a tour of selected soy bean fields in the territory immediately surrounding the city.

The evening program will conclude the activities of the eighth convention. Guests will find that they are only a short distance from Norfolk, where there are trunk-line railroads to the east and west, and where excellent ocean beaches are near by.

The party will pass through Williamston about 9 o'clock on Thursday, the 11th, and will probably stop over here for a short session, which will be announced later.

Report County Agent For Month of July

Following is the report of County Agent T. B. Brandon, as submitted to the board of commissioners at their meeting here Monday:

20 days spent in field work; 6 days spent in office work; 77 office conferences, 67 telephone calls; 96 letters written; 57 farms visited during the month; 924 miles traveled on official duties; 1 article written for local papers; 301 head of hogs treated during the month.

The greater part of the agent's time was spent in treating hogs during this month.

The tobacco fertilizer and variety tests can be seen on the farms of John E. Griffin and Walter Gurganus, near Williamston. These demonstrations have the rows tagged, and any farmer can tell the kind of fertilizer under them.

The nitrate of soda demonstration with corn is on the farm of Mr. R. L. Perry, and there is a board to explain the work there.

The sulphate of ammonia demonstration is on the highway to Washington on the right of road on the first farm belonging to Mr. Staton. Will be glad for any farmers to visit any of the above demonstrations. It might be that you can not tell very much difference in some of them, but the results will be measured very accurately and results will be published later.

Tobacco Higher on Georgia Markets

Information received here today from several Georgia tobacco markets indicated that the break on the opening there yesterday averaged from 18 cents on the lowest markets, to 20 cents, on the highest.

These prices seem fair for a Georgia opening, as they usually start considerably lower than these figures.

The crop in that State has made considerable improvement in quality during the last part of the season, and the State is expected to produce about 50,000,000 pounds this year, as against 40,000,000 last year.

Bear Killed in Hunt Sunday

Had Killed Number of Pigs During Past Few Months

Sunday morning Mr. Will Roberson, who farms on the land of Mr. B. Manning, went into his corn field to look around, and while there he heard his pigs squealing about 200 yards away in his pasture. He went to see what the trouble was about, and when he had gotten about 50 yards away he saw something tossing a little pig up in the air and catching it, similar to a cat playing with a mouse or a ball. Closer examination revealed that two small bear cubs were doing the tossing. Another pig squealed out near-by, and when he turned in that direction, Mr. Roberson saw an old bear had the pig. Just as he looked an old sow charged the bear, which loosed the pig and engaged in a fight with the hog.

Just at this moment Mr. Roberson decided he needed his gun and ran for his home, but had not gotten far before the hog got loose from the bear and followed Roberson, gaining a line up as follows: Mr. Roberson first, the hog second, and the bear third. It is understood that the race ended just as it started, Roberson first with a bear (not bare) behind, which, it is said, always makes a good race.

But Mr. Roberson would not give up the fight. He called a few neighbors, got their dogs and went back. The old bear was quickly run up a tree and killed.

Mr. Roberson had lost several pigs during the past month, and he thinks the same bears got them.

Home Demonstration Agent's July Report

Following is a report of the work done during the month of July by the county home demonstration agent, Miss Anna Trentham, as submitted by her to the board of county commissioners at their meeting here Monday:

Number meeting held, 22; attendance 263. Other meetings attended 21 attendance, 175. Home visits, 25. Telephone calls, 85. Office calls, 99. Letters written, 80. Bulletins sent out, 1 article published; 4 1-2 office days; 20 1-2 field days; 1 holiday; 1,127 miles traveled on official duties; 52 method demonstrations in food preservation; 19 method demonstrations in food preparation; 1 lecture on nutrition.

During the month the girls' clubs of the county sent nine representatives to the State short course, which was held in Raleigh July 11-16. That week was a profitable one for the girls attending that course, for every minute of the time was spent in some worthwhile work, which taught valuable lessons in home making.

This is the first year that Martin County has been represented in the girls' short course, and much credit is due the girls who made the trip.

Deputy Grimes Finds Moonshine in Store

Deputy Grimes stopped in the store of John Sheppard just this side of Hamilton last Saturday night, where he found a small amount of liquor and several empty jugs. Sheppard was pinned under a bond for his appearance in the recorder's court here today.

Sheppard was brought into court some time ago after officers had found liquor in his home. He was found not guilty on that charge by the court.

Corn - Growing Demonstration Is Being Made

Trying to Increase Yield Per Acre and Reduce Cost Per Bushel

According to Government figures, Martin County, in 1926, increased her corn acreage 1.515 over the acreage to corn in 1919. The average yield was 22 bushels in 1919, and 24 bushels in 1926.

"Yield has a direct relation to production cost; low yield per acre usually means high per bushel cost of production," stated County Agent T. B. Brandon today.

"Our average yield of corn can be raised materially through a greater use of cover crops, seed selection, better cultural methods, and a more liberal application of fertilizer suited to the needs of the corn plant on our soils.

"Through the assistance of Mr. R. L. Perry, of Williamston, N. C., one of our progressive farmers, we are conducting a five-acre corn demonstration this year," Mr. Brandon said.

"The purpose of this demonstration is to increase the yield per acre, and if possible reduce the cost per bushel."

"We are using in this demonstration 500 pounds of nitrate of soda and 200 pounds of 8-3-3 per acre.

"The corn plant needs large quantities of nitrogen to produce large yields. If the soil is deficient in nitrogen, it should be applied in a quickly available form, such as nitrate of soda. Very little, if any, of the nitrogen should be applied at planting time. The best time to apply the soda is when the corn is knee to thigh high," Mr. Brandon stated.

"Farmers who are interested in increasing their corn yield should visit Mr. Perry's farm and see this demonstration."

82 Years Old; Preaches 15 Sermons in 19 Days

Elder Newsome H. Harrison made us a visit last week, while en route to the Skewakee Union at Smithwicks Creek.

Although 82 years old, he is full of vim and vigor, and apparently enjoys life better than many of the young men of the day.

He described a recent preaching tour he made, covering a period of 19 days. Leaving Plymouth Saturday, July 9th, he visited both the Upper and Lower County Line Association at Helena, preaching at both assembles; where he said the crowd at each place was estimated as high as 10,000 people. He also preached at Durham to about 700 people, at Memorial to about 500; at Tar River and Surfs, where about 400 heard him at each place. He next preached at Storey Creek to a large gathering, estimated at about 500; at Roxboro he had a run, where he was met by only about 20 people.

At Woblers Church, Prospect Hill, Bush Arbor, and Baring he preached to congregations aggregated from 300 to 500; making in all 15 sermons to almost 25,000 people, which is a unit for these days.

Preaches Special Sermon to Kiwanis

Rev. C. H. Dickey preached a special sermon to members of the Kiwanis Club at the Baptist Church Sunday morning.

The sermon dealt largely with Christian citizenship, which in a way is the basic principle upon which Kiwanis is built; men jointly applying the principles of Christianity to the world about them. The service was well attended.

Mr. Dickey always preaches to the point and a pain but forceful manner.

On Sunday night he preached at the Christian Church, talking for his text the words of Paul when he was apparently melted between two lives; the one just passing away, where he saw the battles of life as they were finished one by one; and he rejoiced in the many way that he had fought the mad waves that had shipwrecked him, and rejoiced in the fact that the poison of serpent's teeth had no power over his pure life. He saw the joy of presenting his bare back to be beaten and striped; for the power he had shown in preaching Jesus to an ignorant and cruel world. He admitted that he had fought a good fight and had kept the faith.

Then, turning his eyes toward the Canaan of life he said, "There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, and not for me alone, but for all those who love His appearing."

The sermon carried Paul through the hardships of life, but went further and showed the crown, spotless, pure, and eternal.