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SAYS BAZEMORE CASE DOES NOT MERIT CLEMENCY

Pardoh Commissioner Completes Investigation and Declines to Interfere

TO DIE SEPTEMBER 23

Twice Convicted for Killing Gordon Yelverton, Local Boy, Last November

All hope for George Frank Bazemore has faded unless something out of the ordinary happens, the Negro twice convicted of slaying Gordon Yelverton, young white boy of this place, will die on September 23. Bazemore was sentenced to die on August 3, but gained a respite at the last minute to enable Pardon Commissioner Edwin Bridges to conduct a further investigation into the case. The investigation completed, Commissioner Bridges stated that he had found nothing to merit the interference with the judgment of the court. The commissioner will report to the Governor upon his return next week. The first time Bazemore was tried for the murder of the young boy was in December, 1926. The Supreme court granted a new trial on a technicality. In June he was tried again before Judge E. H. Cramer and again convicted. Paul Frizzell, his attorney, gave notice of appeal, but it was never perfected, and no formal hearing to make plea for the doomed man's life has been requested.

'WHAT CAME OUT OF NAZARETH'

Is Text for Sermon at Local Baptist Church Sunday Morning

The Baptist church will have one preaching service Sunday, and that will be at the 11 o'clock hour. The theme discussed will be an answer to the question once raised, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth." Next Wednesday night the young men composing the Baraca class of the church, will conduct the mid-week service. This is the class of which Mr. C. R. Fleming is manager, and which has drawn attention to itself by the fine progress its young men have made throughout the summer. The pastor will probably be away the first Sunday in September; and is so, due notice will be given as to the service on that Sunday.

RECORDER HAD BUT FOUR CASES

Three of Four Were For Violating One of the Liquor Laws

Recorder's Court Tuesday only had four cases. The first, State against Alonzo Reddick, charged him with assault or wife beating, and was continued for a week. State vs L. S. Thomas, operating automobile while drunk, in which he pleaded guilty. He was fined \$75, the court costs and license to drive revoked for a period of four months. In the case against Bert Wynn, charging him with the manufacture of liquor, he pleaded guilty. He was fined \$100 and cost and sentenced to the roads for nine months. The sentence was suspended during good behavior. State vs Link Roberson, driving an automobile while drunk. The defendant plead not guilty. After hearing the case, the court entered a verdict of guilty. He was fined \$100 and the costs and his license revoked for the period of four months.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY
BUFFALO BILL, Jr. in 'PALS IN PERIL' Also "Our Gang" Comedy and 'RETURN of the RIDDLE RIDER' Episode No. 3
Always a Good Show.

Defendants in Needleman Suit File Their Answer in Washington Federal Court

BASE DEFENSE ON STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS OF LIMITATIONS

Also Claim That Plaintiff Agreed Not to Sue During Trial Here

26 ANSWERS FILED

Many Defendants Deny That They Had Anything To Do With Mutilation

Washington, Aug. 25.—The North Carolina "statute of limitations" and an agreement that no civil action would be brought in the case alleged to have been made by Joseph H. Needleman, during his trial before a Martin county superior court, are the principal barriers that must be passed by the Philadelphia tobacco salesman before his recovery of \$100,000 in damages against 26 defendants, according to the answers recently filed in the civil suit in the office of the clerk of the federal court in Washington.

Answers have been filed by all but two of the defendants, A. T. Lilley having died since the crime out of which the civil action developed and Julian Bullock, who is still at large after escaping from State's Prison where he was serving time following his conviction.

The final date for the filing of answers in the case was set as August 13. All of the answers were in on or before that date with the exception of the combined answer of A. W. Griffin, Hubert Griffin and Allen Griffin. They filed theirs three days after the final day and it was entered, subject to the ruling of the court.

Needleman's arrest in Edenton, charged with having committed rape of Effie Griffin of near Williamston and his removal to the Martin county jail is admitted either by knowledge or upon information and belief by a majority of the defendants but they frankly deny having anything to do with his arrest, detention in jail or the mutilation. Sheriff Roberson admits the warrant for Needleman's arrest came from his office and Luther Peele, his deputy, says that he served the warrant and returned to Williamston with Needleman but they too, deny any misconduct during the "Needleman episode."

Several of the defendants aver that Needleman is a citizen of North Carolina as much as themselves, declaring that he is not a citizen of the state of Pennsylvania as the complaint sets forth. Generally, the tobacco salesman's citizenship is admitted.

L. A. Croom, Lester Crofton, Les (Continued on page four)

MOTHER OF A. R. DUNNING DEAD

Mrs. W. J. Dunning, of Aulander, Died Wednesday Afternoon

Mrs. W. J. Dunning, one of the most beloved older citizens of Aulander, died Wednesday at 1:30 following an acute illness of about two weeks, but which was really the final struggle in a fight for life and health that had lasted for nearly four years. During that time everything possible was done to keep her by a devoted family, but nothing could be done. During her entire illness her husband retired from his business and remained constantly at her bedside.

The deceased was before her marriage in early life to W. J. Dunning, Miss Roxie Anna Rice. On October 21 she would have been seventy seven years old. She died on the same farm where she was born of one of Bertie county's most influential families. She is survived by her husband and two sons, A. R. Dunning of this town and Godwin Dunning, of Aulander, one son B. J. Dunning having died about a year ago. She also leaves nine grandchildren and three brothers and three sisters.

Rev. Mr. Stinson of the Aulander Missionary Baptist church of which she was a leading member for many years, conducted the funeral services yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home. Despite the stormy weather many friends and relatives were present at the funeral. Interment was made in the family cemetery on the plantation.

Pall bearers were John Roger Griffin, Oliver B. Cook, Van Burden, of New York, Arthur White, William J. Dunning, Jr. and Bailey Hoggard, all grandsons and nephews of the deceased.

STATE AUDITOR WILL NOT OBEY BUREAU'S ORDER

Writes Governor That He Is Unable to Comply With Order

STATES HIS REASONS

Says Law Clearly Indicates Complying With Order Would be Violation of Auditor's Oath of Office

State Auditor Baxter Durham, refuses to comply with an order of the Budget Bureau requiring him to turn his legal functions over to it. Mr. Durham states his reasons for not complying with the order in a letter to Governor McLean, as follows: "Your memorandum No. 74 dated July 30, 1927, which reached this office about August 10, 1927, in reference to travel authorization and travel expense accounts, has had my very careful consideration.

"I regret that I am unable to comply with next to the last paragraph in your memorandum which requests the State Auditor not to pass any warrants for travel expense unless the procedure set forth in the memorandum is followed, for the reason that I am not permitted to transfer a duty of this office to any other department or officer. The law clearly makes it the duty of the auditor to examine and liquidate the claims of all persons against the State. He is also directed to 'satisfy himself of the correctness of accounts of persons applying for warrants. If the Auditor therefore, agrees with the Budget Bureau that he would not pay a warrant until the Budget Bureau was satisfied that it was in proper form and correct, he would be transferring a duty that he has sworn to perform. "I have no objection to the Department's giving the Budget Bureau any information it may want, but if a State officer or subordinate in any department travels on official business and the expense account is properly approved by the head of the department, the account will be paid. "BAXTER DURHAM".

WORKING FAST ON POST OFFICE

Pete Fowden Says He Is Going to Post Letters There Next Week

Pete Fowden, the insurance man, says he'll write to 'em through the new post office next week. The contractor says this is a little speedy, but that the building would be completed by the latter part of next month, provided the weather permits steady work and he has luck and a plenty of it.

The brick work on the building would have been completed this week, according to the contractor, but the weather has delayed the work, and it will be some time next week before all the brick will be placed.

The building, located next to the Tar Heel apartments on Main street, will be modern in every respect and will be furnished with new and modern post office equipment.

"It" To Be Shown at Strand Next Week

Go down through history. Study its great characters, those who have been leaders and attracted others to their banner. Alexander Caesar, Cleopatra, Helen of Troy, Salome, Galahad, Du Barry. All possessors of "It", which Elinor Glyn describes as an invisible emanation exuding from certain humans rendering them irresistible to members of the opposite sex. To illustrate her definition, Elinor Glyn has written a story entitled "It" for Clara Bow's debut as a Paramount star. In "It", Miss Bow is presented as a little flapper who rises to the heights because of his mysterious magnetism and in spite of her poverty and ignorance.

Antonio Moreno is featured. The Strand theatre has booked the picture for next Monday and Tuesday nights, and large crowds are expected to see its showing.

Rain Delays Trip of Rocky Mt. Boosters

The heavy rain today caused the Rocky Mount Boosters to postpone their trip until August 31st at 6 p. m. The boosters had planned to visit this and other towns today, arriving here at 6 o'clock, but in a message received here this morning, it was announced that the trip would be postponed until the 31st.

ROBERSONVILLE SCHOOL TO OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 5

Prof. R. I. Leake is Principal; Miss Eva Peele Assistant

PLAN BANNER YEAR Names, Addresses, Scholarships, and Experience of Faculty Members Are Listed

Robersonville, Aug. 25.—On Monday September 5th, the Robersonville school opens for the session 1927-28.

The chapel exercises will be held at 9:00 o'clock a. m. in the auditorium. We cordially invite you to be present with us and join us in the beginning of our school year. It is the avowed purpose of your teachers to make this the banner school year; will you kindly help in this worthy undertaking?

The names, subjects taught, scholarship, and addresses of the teachers follow:

First grade: Miss Minnie Cochran, Robersonville, Robersonville High School, Duke University, Seashore Summer School, Oriental, ten years experience.

Second grade: Miss Maude Maness, Eliseo, Biscoe High School, Duke University, Extension course at University of North Carolina, Duke University Summer School 1923-1924-1926, four years experience.

Third grade: Miss Leona Moore, Robersonville, Tarboro Female Academy, Hopewell Female Seminary N. J., Summer School at University of North Carolina and E. T. C., 33 years experience.

Fourth grade: Miss Millie Roebuck, Robersonville, Robersonville High School, E. T. C., Summer School at University of North Carolina and E. T. C. T., 11 years experience.

Fifth grade: Miss Ida Whitehurst, Perme, Bethel High School, East Carolina Teacher's College Normal Course, two years experience.

Sixth grade: Miss Bertha Krider, Robersonville, Crescent Academy, Mont Amosa Seminary, E. T. C., Summer School at Oriental, six years experience.

Seventh grade: Miss Elizabeth Shaw, Lumberton High School, Salem College Summer School at University of North Carolina, 1927, one year experience, athletic coach for girls.

High School Department

Miss Agnes Jenkins, Ayden, Ayden High School, Lynchburg College, Atlantic Christian College, Summer School at Atlantic Christian College, experience four years, subjects: English 8 and 9, arithmetic 8, history 8, algebra 9.

Mr. T. R. Jenkins, Durham, West Durham High School, Duke University, subjects: general science 8, biology 9, chemistry 10-11, athletic coach for boys.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt Adkins, Robersonville, Oxford High School, Randolph-Macon Women's College, North Carolina College for Women, experience two years; subjects: French 10 and 11, history 9, 10 and 11; assistant athletic coach for girls.

Miss Eva I. Peele, Williamston, Williamston High School, St. Mary's College, Summer School at University of North Carolina, six summer school sessions; subjects: English 10 and 11, Latin 8, 9 and 10; experience 10 years; assistant principal.

Miss Ala Murray, Durham, Durham High School, North Carolina College for Women, special work in Vocational subjects; subject: home (Continued on page four)

START REVIVAL MEETING SUNDAY

Rev. I. L. Yearby, of Tarboro, To Hold Meeting For Everetts Baptists

A revival meeting at the Baptist church at Everetts will begin Sunday, August 28th. Rev. I. L. Yearby, pastor of the Baptist church at Tarboro will do the preaching through this meeting, arriving for his first service Monday night, August 29th. The pastor and members of the Everetts church take great delight in extending to the people of the community, the people of Williamston, Robersonville, Hamilton and the entire section a most cordial welcome to attend this meeting.

Come pray and worship with us. W. ROSS YOKLEY, Pastor.

Attends Meeting of Fair Secretaries in Wilson

Mr. John L. Rodgers, manager of the Roanoke fair attended a meeting of the secretaries and managers of the short ship circuit association in Wilson yesterday. Mr. Rodgers says that the secretaries generally seem to be very optimistic over the expected fall business.

Dave Roberson Leaves With Two Carloads of Prize Hogs To Show at Eastern Fairs

JAMESVILLE MEN TO AID TEACHER OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Advisory Committee Is Organized to Help Plan Work

WANT COOPERATION

W. T. Overby, in Charge of Class, Expects to Have a Most Successful Year

An agricultural advisory committee has been formed at Jamesville and Messrs. James Smithwick, Linwood Knowles, R. O. Martin, S. Carson and A. Corey have been selected to meet with, advise and cooperate with the principal and agricultural teacher of the Jamesville school to increase the usefulness of the vocational agricultural department in that community.

The function of the committee, as was explained by Mr. Overby, teacher and head of the vocational department at Jamesville, will be to meet with the teacher and assist in organizing and planning for such things as fairs and any programs of work that will benefit the community in an agricultural way.

Mr. Overby stated that the class is entirely dependent upon the community and that any help will be greatly appreciated and all suggestions leading to better work will be more than welcomed.

Professor Overby with fourteen members of the agricultural class spent a few days at Camp Leach last week where they went out for real camp life and to look ahead to the work this fall and winter.

The boys, William Gaylord, Russell Martin, Windel Griffin, Onward Gaylord, Robbie Waters, Hugh Davis Cradle Ange, James Louie Martin, C. A. Marion Barber, George Martin, C. A. Aske, Jr., Howard and Carl Brown, were very much pleased with the trip, and are looking forward to a most successful season in the Jamesville school this coming year.

SCHOOLS OPEN NEXT MONTH

Few Open September 5th; Openings to Continue Into October

Several schools in the county, according to the several schedules in the superintendent's office, will begin their new terms the 5th of next month, others opening now and then through part of October. With the exception of the school here, all the larger ones will open Monday, September 5. There is some doubt about the time when Everetts is to open, but if it is possible it will open when the other large schools open. If it does not open on the 5th, it will open the following Monday, the 12th, the same day the school opens here.

Superintendent Pope estimates that 25 per cent of the teachers come to this county for the first time to enter their chosen profession. Some of those not returning have entered the matrimonial ring, while others have gone to other places where the opportunities were greater.

Messrs. R. I. Leake, of the Robersonville schools, and J. L. Jones, of the Jamesville schools are at those two towns now preparing for their openings. Mr. David Hix, of the Everetts school, is rapidly recovering after having his tonsils removed recently, and he will soon be down to arrange for his opening.

According to plans worked out, the schools this year will begin active work on the first day. Books have been ordered by several merchants in the county at the direction of school officials and this is expected to eliminate one of troubles when the schools first open.

Heavy Rains and Weevil Damage Cotton 50 Per Cent

Much damage has been reported in this section to cotton and peanuts due to the recent heavy rains. Farmers generally predict that the boll weevil and wet weather will certainly get fifty per cent, of the cotton crop in his section.

The big rains have caused the Roanoke river to rise until the water has covered the banks in many places and filled the swamps. At present, however rivermen are not predicting any serious damage from high water unless a shift in the clouds carries them to the southeast.

Rev. R. F. Bradley, of LaGrange, was here a few hours yesterday attending to business matters.

EXPECTS \$100 EVERY WEEK IN WINNINGS

Go To Cumberland, Md., First; Then to Bedford Norfolk, Roanoke

CARRIES 32 ANIMALS

Will Return Here to Show at Big Roanoke Fair, September 27, 28, 29, and 30

Messrs. Dave and Mack Roberson left this morning with 32 hogs for Cumberland, Md. where they will place them on exhibit at the Cumberland fair. Special cars were chartered and the owner of the hogs and his assistants will go with the cars.

The herd is divided into two lots. In the one there are 16 Chesterwhite, which, Mr. Roberson says, will compete successfully with anything in a swine show anywhere. The other lot made up of 16 Duroc Jerseys is expected to compete successfully with anything in the Duroc Jersey class.

While he has not seen any of the competing herds, Mr. Roberson plans to clear at least \$100, each week he is away with his hogs. His trip will keep him away until a few days before the fair here is held. To clear that amount Mr. Roberson states that it requires heavy premiums and good judges, for expenses are not at all light.

If the two men have a good run they will reach Cumberland Monday or Tuesday of next week. They will exhibit there a few days before going to Norfolk where the exhibit of 32 hogs will be shown at the Norfolk fair. From Norfolk the schedule, as it now stands, will carry the exhibit to Radford, Va. After a few days there, Mr. Roberson will carry his herds to Roanoke, Va. From that place, Mr. Roberson turns his cars for home to have his herds ready for exhibition at the fair here.

At each fair orders for hogs are taken, and in his way, Mr. Roberson's earnings are increased. Each year the Messrs. J. J. Roberson and Son breed hundreds of hogs, selecting from them two herds for exhibit at the various fairs. That they are expert breeders is proved by the large sales made off and on during the year. They know how to handle the business, and they have learned that it does not pay to work with poor breeds.

Mr. Roberson is superintendent of the swine department for the Roanoke fair here, and he stated yesterday that it was his intention to book the winning herds at the fairs where he goes for the fair here. With an increase in premiums in that department here, he stated that the pens are likely to be crowded again this year in spite of the small number of hogs as compared with the number last year.

Rebuilding Switchboards In Neighboring Towns

The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company is rebuilding its exchanges in Windsor and Plymouth preparatory to the installation of automatic switchboards. The switchboard at Windsor is almost completed and when the men finish there they will go to Plymouth where they will install a second one.

While the new boards will do away with operating service in those towns, the toll service will be handled through the operators here.

North Carolina Pays Large Sum in Taxes

North Carolina paid \$205,648,000 federal income tax for the last fiscal year, leading the six New England states by \$24,302,000. This State also led the three rich Pacific states, California, Oregon and Washington, by \$45,417,000 and we beat the rich state of Ohio by \$58,000,000.

The Southern states paid \$52,000,000 more last year than the previous year while the balance of the United States lost \$22,000,000 which made a net gain of \$30,000,000 for the United States.

Rev. S. A. Cotton Will Preach at Vernon Church

Sunday school, 9:45. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Rev. S. A. Cotton will preach at Vernon 3:30 p. m. and after the sermon he will hold our third quarter conference. It is hoped that every official member will be present. T. W. LEE, Pastor.

COLUMBIA PLANS CELEBRATION OF BRIDGE OPENING

Program Practically Completed for Wednesday, September 7th

PARADE IS FEATURE

Many Notables, Including Governor McLean, Being Urged to Attend; Number Speakers

Columbia, Aug. 25.—Plans are well under way for the bridge celebration at Columbia Wednesday, September 7. The program, due to the industry of all the committees, is practically complete, and arrangements are now being made for promptly carrying out this program.

The governor who has never visited this section of the State is being urged by various county organizations to be present. The program committee already has the assurance that Congressman Lindsay Warren, Honorable Francis D. Winston, of Bertie county, Frank Page, chairman of the State Highway Commission, Frank Kugler, of Washington, a member of the State Highway Commission, will deliver speeches on this occasion.

A parade, starting promptly at 11 o'clock, will open the event. In this parade will be various floats, portraying the history of Tyrrell county from Colonial days to the present.

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FIREMEN MEET IN GREENSBORO

Close Fortieth Session; To Meet in New Bern Next Year

The North Carolina Firemen's association has just closed its fortieth annual session at Greensboro where it was organized 39 years ago with but a few members.

At first the public attitude toward fire companies was rather negligible but it has grown in favor until the meeting which has just closed was most largely attended and the best meeting yet held.

The memorial session on Thursday night in honor of Captain James D. McNeal, who was regarded as the leading fire fighter the State has yet produced was said to be the best part of the entire four days session.

New Bern was selected for the 1928 meeting.

AUDITORS SLOW IN REPORTING

Town, County, and School Books All Examined But No Reports Received

This has been an auditing season in this county. Every set of books in its borders has been opened to the auditors, and after two months or more not one report has been received.

Mayor R. L. Coburn says the town audit, commenced two months ago, has not yet been completed. He says however, that he has hopes that some day or other the auditors will come and tell how we stand financially. He said the last promise made by the auditors would bring the report in within the next day or so.

Mr. J. Sam Getsinger, county accountant, informs us that the audit of the county has not yet been completed and returned, and that nobody knows whether we are in good shape or bad, that we must wait the auditors' convenience to find-out our business.

School officials state that they are patiently waiting for the auditors to tell them whether or not they have money.

They all say that the auditors have gone over the books of the town, the county and the schools, but have not reported how they found things.

It is reported that this work is all being done under the new system.

Woodmen of Everetts Initiate One Candidate

The regular meeting of the Everetts Camp Modern Woodmen, was held Monday night, August 22, at which time one candidate was initiated. In spite of the unfavorable weather there was a good crowd out and everybody reported a very good time.

Dr. J. W. Williams of Washington, was present and made a very interesting and helpful talk, bringing out the value of the Modern Woodmen Sanatorium.

The next meeting will be held Monday night, September 12 at which time another candidate is expected to be up for initiation.