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## OCCUPANTS FLEE AFTER WRECK OF SPEEDING AUTO

### Four Negroes Take To Woods After Accident Near Robersonville

### MUCH LIQUOR FOUND

Observers Said Car Was Going Over 60 Miles an Hour When It Left the Road

With no one left to tell the details and with no definite facts obtainable, it is thought that a negro by the name of John A. Hargraves was on his way with three other negroes to Wilson with their Christmas liquor aboard last Wednesday morning when his car was wrecked a mile this side of Robersonville, on Highway No. 90, and approximately ten gallons of liquor ran out on the ground. Apparently the four negroes, two women and two men, had supplied themselves with approximately 18 gallons of Martin or Washington county "corn" and were speeding on their way home when they wrecked their automobile. It was right after they passed a car and, while they were travelling more than 60 miles an hour that they literally took to themselves wings and flew into Mr. Lester House's field along the road. The wreck, in the making, was described as a terrible sight. With the car somersaulting, glass flying, human beings falling out and the liquor sending its strong perfume out into the pure air, it was all over in a minute. And like the Spartan youth who suffered unbelievable pain rather than be caught stealing, all four of the car's occupants carried their fresh wounds and scars to a near-by wood rather than fall into the hands of the law. No capture was made.

Chief William Gray, of Robersonville, went to the scene of the wreck and in taking an inventory he found 21 half-gallon jars tops, seven gallons of liquor that had gone through the wreck in the containers, and one Chrysler 70 completely wrecked. The occupants, in the rush, had "sold out". That night a strange negro entered a doctor's office in Robersonville, and before the doctor could be called, to administer aid, the stranger disappeared by way of a rear door. It is thought he belonged to the party of four in the wreck, and that he was frightened when he probably believed an officer was being summoned rather than a doctor.

## RUM RUNNER IS FINED \$1,250

### Judge Z. V. Norman Puts Heavy Fines on Two for Transporting

Judge Z. V. Norman, recorder for this county, was put in the dark this week, as far as hand down heavy fines, by Judge Zeb Vance Norman, recorder for Washington county, when he (Judge Norman) fined Joe Pritchard \$1,250 in the county court in Plymouth last Tuesday for possessing and transporting 670 gallons of liquor in that section last week. Pritchard's gasoline boat was also captured and will be sold, it is understood. J. A. Bateman, an assistant to Pritchard, was fined \$500. Richard McGee, a third member of the rum-running party, was fined \$5 by Judge Norman.

Sheriff Reid, with assistants, of Washington county captured the liquor when Pritchard landed in the Pea Ridge section the night before Thanksgiving.

## Many Hunting Quail Since Season Opened

With the opening of the season last Saturday, hunters in this section have made a big drive on the quail. A goodly number is reported, and the crack-shots report good trips.

## STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY BUZZ BARTON in 'THE FIGHTING RED HEAD' Added COMEDY AND SERIAL 'PIRATES OF THE PINES'

## Noted Missionary at Local Church Next Sunday Night

### DR. DYE SPEAKER AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH AT 7:30

### Is Former Missionary to Africa; Founder of the Bolenge Mission

### 1,000 MILES UP CONGO Was Forced To Give Up Work On Account of Health After Building Up Large Church

Dr. Royal J. Dye, a former missionary to Africa, will preach in the local Christian church Sunday evening at 7:30. Dr. Dye is considered one of the leading missionary speakers in America, and his message Sunday evening is expected to be of unusual interest to all. Rev. J. H. Hale, of the church, is extending a cordial welcome to the people of the town and community to attend the service.

Dr. Dye began work at the Bolenge Mission station in 1899, where he aided in establishing a church that is larger today than any church of his communion in the home land. A short report on the former missionary's work in the Congo country, 1,000 miles from the mouth of the Congo River, says: "This pioneer medical missionary was the only doctor for hundreds of miles in the Congo country to combat the frightful tropical diseases. He was among the first to attack the problem of sleeping sickness common there and contracted it himself, with the result that he was forced to leave that climate."

"These early days of the Congo mission were filled with dangers and hardships. The great majority of the people in the back country were cannibals and Dr. Dye bears scars made by both man and wild beast. Then the equatorial climate was most trying. But Dr. Dye aided in establishing a church at Bolenge that is larger today than any church of his communion in the home land.

"Though unable to return to Africa as a missionary, Dr. Dye, who is one of the outstanding missionary speakers of America, with a marvelous power of description and the missionary passion of apostolic days, has gone across the country addressing conventions, churches, and other groups for the purpose of increasing missionary giving, and he is in such great demand as a speaker that he can not fill the dates offered him. Dr. Dye speaks under the auspices of the United Christian Missionary Society, of Indianapolis, Ind.

## MUCH INTEREST IN FREE AUTO

### Merchants of Several Towns Give Opportunities With Cash Purchases

Already people throughout the section are adding to their chances on the 1929 model Chevrolet which will be given free at the Eastern Carolina and Tidewater Virginia Peanut Exposition here Saturday, December 29.

With each dollar's purchase for cash from certain merchants in the town of Williamston, Robersonville, Windsor, Aulander, Lewiston-Woodville, Kelford, Bethel, and Everetts, will be given tickets, or opportunities, for this Chevrolet Coupe. These opportunities are in duplicate numbers. One number will be kept by the merchant and deposited in a box. The other will be given to the purchaser of the merchandise. All opportunities will be put into a barrel at the Exposition Building, and from this barrel will be drawn one opportunity. This number will be posted on a blackboard on the stage, and unless the duplicate number is presented to the platform manager within 30 minutes another opportunity will be drawn. This process will be kept up until the corresponding number shall have been presented to the platform manager. The person presenting the duplicate opportunity will be given, absolutely free, the new Chevrolet coupe.

Also with each general admission bought at the door during the exposition, up to 9 p. m. Saturday, December 29, will be given one of these opportunities. These will be placed in the barrel and will be drawn along with the other opportunities. These opportunities will be mixed with the trade opportunities and have the same standing.

## License Tag Sale Going Forward Very Slowly

Last July local automobile owners bought town auto license tags and complained. Now it is time to buy State license tags, but the town tag sale last July was for 18 months, and that's one consolation just at this time for the automobile owners. There are a few, however, who have failed thus far to provide their cars with the \$1 municipal tags.

The State sale is progressing very slowly here, it was learned at the bureau yesterday afternoon. Twenty-five tags have been sold for the State here since the bureau was opened last Saturday.

## Episcopal Services Sunday Morning

Rev. A. H. Marshall, recently called to the service of the Episcopal church here, will preach his second sermon in the church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock when the Holy Communion will be celebrated by the members. Church school will be held at the regular hour, it was stated. The preacher returns to his Washington County parishes for services Sunday afternoon and evening.

### DR. ROYAL J. DYE



The Martin County Recorder's court went into extra periods this week when it was faced with an increased number of cases, many of which were complicated in their nature. Judge Bailey and Solicitor H. O. Peel battled with the docket all of Tuesday, recessed late in the day and completed the session Wednesday morning. Twenty cases were called during the two days, the majority of the number being disposed of, while a few were continued and one or two removed to other counties.

## LARGE LIQUOR PLANT RAIDED

### Deputy Takes Wrong Road and Finds Biggest Plant Yet Captured

Martin County moonshiners were greatly handicapped in their Christmas preparations this week when officers captured one of the largest plants so far captured in the section in addition to several smaller plants and an operator.

Federal Agent C. F. Alexander and his men went into the Bear Grass section Tuesday and destroyed three stills and about 1,500 gallons of beer. Wednesday, the officers turned to Free Union where they found a copper still of 150 gallon capacity and destroyed 1,500 gallons of beer. Roy Simmons, the operator, fell victim in the raid. Deputy Ruebeck was sent to get the car to haul the plant out of the woods, and while returning he took the wrong path and drove on the biggest plant ever captured in Martin county. Four large stills, all in a row, had a joint capacity of 600 gallons and were operated by a large moonshine brigade, apparently. The manufacturers took to the thick bushes when the deputy drove upon the scene. One hundred and ten coca cola barrels of beer were destroyed, and four quiblers, five coolers, 60 gallons of liquor, one sag, four axes, two bags of sugar, two bags of mill feed and seven buckets were captured. A coat with several letters in the pockets, fifty cents in cash, a hat, one pair of shoes and two soldering irons were also found at the plant.

## November Summary of Home Agent's Work

During the month of November the home agent, Miss Lora E. Sleeper, spent 15 days in the office and 11 days in the field. In carrying on her duties, the agent travelled 617 miles and conducted seven meetings with the women and nine with the girls. Three articles were written for publication. Two circular letters were written and 64 copies distributed; twenty-one individual letters were written.

During the month girls' council held its third meeting of the year, electing officers and committees for the year.

Miss Sleeper leaves Sunday for Raleigh where she will attend the annual agents' conference from the 9th to the 20th of this month.

## Everetts Woodmen Will Meet Monday

The regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America, Everetts Camp, will be held Monday night, December 10th, at 7:15 p. m. The election of officers will be one of the main features of the evening's business program. After the business meeting, supper will be served all members present. It is hoped every member of the local camp will make a special effort to be present in the meeting.

## RECORDER HAD 2-DAY SESSION HERE THIS WEEK

### Violations of Prohibition Law Again Constitute Large Part of Docket

### TWENTY CASES TRIED

Most of Cases Were Disposed of, But Few Continued and Sent to Other Counties

The December term, Martin County Superior court will convene here next Monday morning with Judge M. V. Barnhill, of Rocky Mount, Will Preside

Approximately twenty-seven cases are scheduled to be called for trial during the week, the defendants in a majority of the cases being charged with larceny and receiving. The docket carries one murder case, that of state against James Mizelle. Twelve of the cases were put on the docket by warrants issued by the state and prosecuting witnesses; eight come from the recorder's court, the defendants having appealed from that tribunal; and two were placed there when Judge Bailey, of the recorder's court, bound the defendants over to the higher one.

The cases on the docket follow: Kader Barnhill, seduction; Jim Henry Nelson, larceny and receiving; Joe Henry Wiggins, seduction; Graham Mangum, drunk and disorderly; Z. H. Rose, violating the stock law; Jasper Ayers, vagrancy; Dennis Everett, operating an automobile while intoxicated; Isaac Abey, destroying property and violating the liquor laws; Isaac Ambey, house breaking and larceny and receiving; James Mizelle, murder; Rhoden Johnson, operating car while intoxicated; Paul Bullock and Louis Ayers, house breaking and larceny and receiving; Roy Lilley and Clarence Wynn, larceny and receiving; Roy Lilley, house breaking and larceny and receiving; Roy Lilley, forcible trespass; Robt. A. Taylor, embezzlement; Roy Beacham, operating car while intoxicated; Isaac Sutton, simple assault; Gordon Salisbury, simple assault; James Daniel, house breaking and larceny and receiving; M. H. Ayers, disposing of mortgaged property; Jasper Webb, larceny and receiving; Sylvester Taylor and Jeff Taylor, assault with a deadly weapon; C. C. Lilley, larceny and receiving; Roy Lilley and Clarence Wynn, larceny and receiving; Augustus Wynn, operating car while intoxicated.

The several cases brought against Roy Lilley and Wynn, were placed on the docket by different prosecuting witnesses and will be tried separately, it is understood.

The case of Paul Bosenam, charging him with larceny and receiving, was remanded to the superior court.

The case charging R. O. Watson with kidnaping was removed to Edgecombe County.

Henry Woolard was fined \$25 and costs when he was found guilty in the case charging him with cruelty to animals. Woolard pleaded not guilty in the case.

Fined \$25 and costs, J. H. Knox was given a 90-day suspended road sentence. He pleaded guilty of operating a car while intoxicated.

In the case charging Isaiah Roberson with false pretense, the defendant was found not guilty.

The case charging Eber Whitehurst with assault with a deadly weapon was continued two weeks.

Tom Nicholson appealed to the superior court when Judge Bailey sentenced him to the roads for six months when he was found guilty of driving an automobile while intoxicated. Appeal bond was fixed at \$200.

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## Baptists To Vote On Ten Commandments

The pastor of the Baptist church announced some weeks ago when he began the series on the Ten Commandments that when he had finished, he would ask the people of the congregation to express themselves on the particular Commandment that had most appealed to them, and that he would preach this sermon over again.

The last in the series will be finished Sunday evening of this week. At the conclusion of the service, those present will vote their preference, and the Commandment receiving the largest number of votes will be preached again from the Baptist pulpit in the near future.

## Woman's Club Dance Next Monday Night

Stub Johnson and his orchestra will furnish the music at the dance to be held at the Woman's club here next Monday night at 9:30. An admission fee of \$1 will be charged, it was stated by a member of the dance committee.

## Announce Services for Christian Church

9:45 Church school  
11 o'clock, subject, "The Christmas Spirit."  
7:30 Dr. Royal Dye will preach,  
7:30 Wednesday, prayer service,  
1 Peter, 5 will be the chapter for the study.

## Program of Services at the Methodist Church

Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, Minister  
Preaching service 11 a. m., subject: "The Pillar of Truth." Evening service 7:30, subject: "A Famous Wife or a Notorious Husband."  
Sunday school every Sunday, 9:45.  
Hi-League Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock.  
Senior League, Monday evening at 7:30.  
Prayer service Wednesday evening 7:30.  
We welcome you to our church.

## MARTIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT BEGINS MONDAY

### Judge M. V. Barnhill, of Rocky Mount, Will Preside

### 27 CRIMINAL CASES

Most of Cases for Larceny and Receiving; One for Murder; Term Is For One Week Only

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## Four Bears Killed By Hunters Last Tuesday

Four bears, weighing from 196 pounds on down to 80, were killed last Tuesday in the "dismal" at the outlet of Griffins Township, near Dupont City, by Messrs. P. H. Brown, James C. Gurkin, Dave Daniel, K. P. Lindsey, and others. Fifty or more men took a part in the hunt, which is understood to have been one of the largest and most successful in several seasons. The bears were shot after they had been treed by dogs, and one was so far back in the swamp that the hunters left the carcass; an ear and a foot were brought out, however, as evidence.

## Special Services Sunday at Everetts Baptist Church

A special program of services will be held in the Baptist church at Everetts Sunday morning and evening, it was announced yesterday by one of the members there.

The first of the day's services, Sunday school, will be held at 10 o'clock. This part of the program will be of particular interest to every one attending, it was stated. At 11 o'clock, Rev. E. L. Baker, the pastor, will preach, and again at 7:30 that evening.

Miss Marguerite Harrison, State worker for the B. Y. P. U., will take a leading part in the B. Y. P. U. meeting which will be held at 6:15. To all these services the public is cordially invited and urged to attend.

## Young People's Service At Local Baptist Church

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Baptist church, the pastor is having the young people of the church and congregation to a specially prepared sermon for them.

It is desired that children, young men and young women attend in goodly numbers. And the adults will find the service as adaptable to them as any of the other services.

"Honor thy father and mother" is the text that will be used; and in the development of the theme it will be shown that this commandment finds its application other than in children.

## Exposition Tickets On Sale Tuesday

### STORES PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

### Windows Begin Taking on Holiday Atmosphere; Goods Arrive Daily

Already the Christmas season is well advanced and while some will not complete their Christmas shopping until after Christmas even, the local stores are now preparing the largest and greatest assortments of goods ever displayed in the town. In ones and twos, the stores are dressing their windows in conformity with the particular season and are attracting the shoppers by the scores.

This year, the local merchants here have entered the season with greatly increased stocks, and the stocks are varied ones. Each day marks an increase in the holiday purchase of numerous gifts and articles, and with only fourteen more shopping days before Christmas, people from the surrounding territories are making their way here to do their shopping.

Goods are packing the shelves in the stores, and as the shoppers purchase and take them out, additional shipments are arriving daily to refill the shelves again.

## CLUB HEARS OF WELFARE WORK

### K. T. Futrell Makes Able Address to Kiwanians Here Wednesday

Describing the youth of today as our greatest asset and giving as his opinion that we too often overlook our children when our minds go out to our big tobacco crops, fine roads and the many natural resources, Mr. K. T. Futrell, Pitt County Welfare officer, made an able talk before the local Kiwanis club last Wednesday on the welfare work carried on in his county.

Mr. Futrell, in his talk, mentioned a few activities carried on by the office in our neighboring county. He cited school attendance, stating that the Pitt county average attendance of pupils from 8 to 14 years of age, was 89 per cent, while that of Martin was 78 per cent last year. This large percentage, it was pointed out, is due to welfare work carried on in connection with that of the school authorities.

Another important feature of the work done by the welfare department there is the handling of youthful criminals, and wayward boys and girls. Six hundred and fifty-six such youths have been dealt with by him in seven and one-half years, 101 of them during the past year. Some of these unfortunates have been sent to orphanages, some to training schools, a few to insane hospitals, some to training schools for the wayward and many to private families. Mr. Futrell says this method of handling the unfortunates is working splendidly and keeps society much cleaner and safer than those cases where the boys and girls are permitted to drift, allowed to go from one crime to another until they become a real menace to their people and to their community.

Not only do the welfare workers in Pitt specialize in that work in an effort to help this type of people, but they go further and help the deaf, dumb, blind and cripple. They now have 146 of their children and young people in the care of some institutions.

## SMALL FIRE AT NEGRO CHURCH

### Was Being Used As Classroom for School; Little Damage Is Done

The local volunteer fire company answered its second call with the new fire-fighting equipment yesterday morning when the roof on the Love and Charity Church, colored, started burning. The response was made quickly, and with water pumped from the truck's booster tank, the fire was soon extinguished.

At the time the fire started Professor C. J. Hayes, of the colored school, was conducting classes in the building, and he with several others checked the flames until the truck was brought into action. Since the burning of the colored school building, classes have been held in the several churches.

The damage was negligible, and school work was resumed soon after the fire was extinguished.

Mr. Kenneth Lindsley, of Virginia Beach, a former member of the local fire company, answered the call with the regulars.

## BLOCKS OF TEN TICKETS WILL BE SOLD FOR \$4

### Parents-Teachers Associations and Women's Clubs To Stage Ticket Sale

### CANVASS IS PLANNED

Three Prizes Will Go To Individuals Selling Most; Other Towns Plan Extensive Campaigns

With the parents-teachers associations and women's clubs sponsoring the movement, the sale of season tickets to the Eastern Carolina and Tidewater Virginia Peanut Exposition to be held here Christmas week will be put under way in this and four other counties next Tuesday, two weeks before the opening of the show.

A strong organization has been formed to handle the ticket sale, it was stated by Secretary N. G. Bartlett yesterday, and the officials are expecting splendid results.

The local parent-teacher association and the woman's club will handle the sale here, and arrangements have already been made for the canvass, it was stated by the chairman today. According to the plans formulated by the local chairman, the sale here will net the two organizations 10 per cent of the proceeds, the prizes, if any are won, will go to the individual sellers, \$25 to the one selling the greatest number; \$15 to the second; and \$10 to the third one selling.

In announcing the sale, it is stated that the block tickets, valued at \$4.00, may be used by members of the family at one time during the show or by one person throughout the week.

The same is true for the block tickets selling for \$2. The price of the tickets in blocks is much cheaper than the single admissions, and with each ticket carry a chance on the Ford to be given away Wednesday night of that week it is very likely that the sale will be unusually heavy.

The organizations in other towns are planning extensive campaigns, and with much interest being shown in the preparation of the program for the exposition, those in charge are expecting the greatest one yet held.

## TRIES TO STEAL GAS; LOSES CAR

### Man Runs When Detected and Leaves Old Model 7-Passenger Car

A stranger met with adverse luck last Wednesday night when he entered on the J. M. Sparks premises at Robersonville, apparently with the intention of stealing gasoline from a car. Miss Johnnie Sparkes saw the prowler and called to another member of the family for a gun. The man with roguish intentions fled hurriedly leaving his car and a seven-passenger Studebaker parked nearby under a tree.

Chief William Gray was called and after a search for the prowler had failed, the officer took the car in charge. Neither a town nor a state license tag could be found about the car.

Chief Gray stated that the car was an old model, and was of no great value.

## Presbyterians Have Services Last Night

Rev. F. Marlon Dick, Presbyterian minister of Schoolfield, Va., preached in the Woman's club here last evening. The preacher came at the special request of members of the newly organized Presbyterian church in this community.

The sermon subject touched one of the vital issues of the day, the preacher illustrating with the story of Zachaeus, the Roman tax collector. The topic was well developed, dealing with conditions that confront the people of today.

On the third Sunday in this month, the new church will organize a Sunday school, following the regular preaching services in the Woman's club hall.

## Christian Churches To Have Meet in Plymouth

There will be a one-day convention of the Christian churches of North-eastern section of the State at Plymouth next Monday. The convention will be opened at 10 in the morning, followed by an afternoon and evening sessions.

The meeting will be of much interest to the church people and a number of able preachers and church workers will be there as leaders. A large number is expected to attend from this section.

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