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ONE KILLED IN AUTO COLLISION NEAR EVERETTS

B. F. Medlin, of Near Raleigh, Victim of Accident Wednesday

TWO OTHERS HURT

Car Driven by Jeff Ausbon Runs Head-On Into Truck Operated by Charles Whitehurst

B. F. Medlin, young white man of Willow Springs, near Raleigh, was fatally hurt, and Charles Whitehurst, of Bethel, was hurt about the back, in an automobile-truck wreck near Everetts, on highway No. 90, last Wednesday, shortly after dark. Jeff Ausbon, driver of the car, was cut about the head, but not seriously. Ausbon's niece, Mrs. Medlin, a fourth party in the wreck, escaped injury.

Medlin, suffering injuries about the head, died of a hemorrhage of the brain a few hours after the wreck. The body was buried at his home yesterday afternoon.

Officers investigating the wreck stated yesterday afternoon that Ausbon, accompanied by his niece and brother-in-law, was driving toward Everetts with no lights on his car. Mr. Whitehurst, driving a truck loaded with hogs, was traveling toward Robersonville at a moderate rate of speed. Unable to see the car beyond the reach of his own lights, Mr. Whitehurst, according to reports, turned to the right side of the road in an attempt to miss the approaching machine, which was said to have been zig-zagging down the road. The Ausbon car was continuing to its side of the road until just before reaching the truck, when a left swing carried it into the left front wheel of the Whitehurst machine. Its wheel torn down, the truck circled to its left and stopped at the side of the road, the Ausbon car turning over to the right, a complete wreck.

The officers' investigation had not been completed late yesterday, and no official report was available today. No warrants had been issued up until noon today.

Medlin, just out of the Navy, arrived in this section only early this week to visit his brother-in-law and other relatives near Robersonville.

Baptists Announce Program of Services

The day will start with the Sunday school assembly Sunday morning at 9:45. Classes for every age, and a teacher for every class.

At the 11 o'clock hour, the service will be conducted by the young people of the congregation.

The B. Y. P. U. will meet as usual, and this will be the beginning of a week of intensive B. Y. P. U. enlargement in the church.

The pastor will preach Sunday night.

The pastor and his church wish to extend their very deepest sympathy to Mrs. J. W. Anderson, and her family in the loss of their husband and father. J. W. Anderson was a faithful, consistent, and loyal member of this church and shall be greatly missed. He died at his home in the faith, in the service, in the church, and in the love of God.

Local Office Will Handle Telegrams for Windsor

Beginning the first of next month, Windsor's telegraph business will be handled through the office here, according to an announcement made by one of the company employees yesterday. Messages will be received over telephone by the office here with a nominal charge added to the message. Telegrams for Windsor will be received here and telephone to the parties in Windsor.

Heretofore, Windsor was served by the Ahsokie office. At the present time, a sender in Windsor calls the telephone operator here who then calls right back through Windsor to the telegraph station at Ahsokie, where the message is given to the Western Union.

WATTS THEATRE

Saturday October 19

AL HOXIE

in "Two-Gun Murphy"

Also 2-REEL COMEDY AND SERIAL

Monday-Tuesday Oct. 21-22

"DARK STREETS"

with JACK MULHALL AND LILA LEE

Also NEWS AND FABLES
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COUNTY NOW HAS 5 TERMS COURT

Last Legislature Provided For Term in November; Civil Cases Only

In reporting the jury list recently, it was stated that the members of the body would decide cases in the December term of court. By a special act of the legislature, Martin County is now provided with five terms of superior court yearly, the extra term beginning the third Monday in November to try only civil cases. The jurors named will consequently decide cases at the November term, beginning the 18th.

The number of cases on the civil docket awaiting trial in this county is so large that the extra term of court was provided. The session will continue for two weeks, it is understood.

JAIL EXPENSE IS REAL PROBLEM SAYS SHERIFF

Entire Time of One Man Is Now Needed to Care for Prisoners

NO MORE 'HIRING OUT' Eighteen Now Lodged in Jail Here; Board Commissioners to Consider Problem at Next Meeting

The housing and caring of prisoners in this county is fast becoming a problem of proportions. Day in and day out, numbers and numbers of relatives flock to the courthouse to visit their relatives. Sheriff Roebuck stated yesterday afternoon. The regular duties in caring for the prisoners require the entire time of one man, and the extra requests of visitors causes frequent interruptions. For some time, regular jail hours have been observed, but even now the visiting continues to be a problem for the officers.

Jail expense, that is, the feeding and caring for the prisoners, is amounting to many dollars monthly, adding to the burden of financing the county. No pay can be expected in the hire of prisoners to other counties, and unless there is some way to occupy the inmates, the expense of handling them will gradually increase.

It is understood that the matter will be placed before the next meeting of the board of county commissioners, according to unofficial reports. Just what the authorities will do in an effort to effect a better situation is a matter for speculation, but "something will have to be done," Sheriff Roebuck stated yesterday afternoon while reviewing the jail records.

Eighteen people are being held in the jail at the present time, some of whom are serving sentences of several months. Others are awaiting trial, but in either case the expense continues.

H. Ralston Gurganus Dies At Home in Bear Grass

H. Ralston Gurganus died at his home in Bear Grass township yesterday of Bright's disease, which he had suffered for several years. Despite his affliction, he continued his work until last August when he was forced to his bed.

Mr. Gurganus, the last of a family of three brothers, was about 52 years old. He is survived by his mother. In early life he was married to Miss Addie Mason, of Pitt county, who with five children survive.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, Elders B. S. Cowan and Jno. N. Rogerson conduct the services. Interment will follow in the family burial ground on the home farm.

Many Roaming Swamps In Search of Squirrels

While the deer have been the target for a few hunters during the past few days, the sport did not get off to a good start until today when many hunters roamed the swamps in search of squirrels.

Services at the Jamesville Baptist Church Sunday

Regular services will be held in the Jamesville Baptist church Sunday, as follows:

Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.
Morning service at 11:00 o'clock, and evening service at 7:30 o'clock.
Rev. W. B. Harrington, the pastor, will be in the pulpit.

Minister Accidentally Goes In Swimming

While the season is past, it was not quite out for Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, local Methodist minister, who accidentally went swimming in one of the Roanoke tributaries last Tuesday afternoon. Hunting over in Conine, the minister started to jump a narrow stream and missed his mark. Into the eight feet of water he plunged, fully clad in his hunting garb. Accepting his fate, the preacher held to his gun and swam several yards to a safe landing.

RECORDER HAD ALL DAY SESSION HERE TUESDAY

Only About Half of Cases On Docket Are Called; Many Continued

33 CASES ON DOCKET Largest Number of Cases on Docket Since Court Was Established; Six Cases Disposed of

In session all day here last Tuesday, the recorder's court completed only about half of its cases scheduled for trial. Working late into the afternoon Judge Joseph W. Bailey issued an order continuing all cases that were not heard until next Tuesday. Five of the cases called at the session were continued at the request of the defendants and their attorneys. Many appeals were entered and only six cases were cleared from the docket.

The docket, carrying thirty-three cases, was one of the largest placed before the court since it was established several years ago. The large number of cases was due in part to the fact that the court was not held Tuesday, officers postponing that session on account of the Federal court in Washington.

Cases called last Tuesday include: A nol pros resulted in the case charging Isaac Ample with assault.

Oscar Edwards, charged with larceny and receiving, had his case continued one week.

The case charging Mattie Jones with violating the liquor laws, was continued.

A continuation of the case charging Vance Price and Roy Simpson with trespass was allowed.

Pete Little and Claude Jenkins, charged with operating a car while under the influence of liquor, entered pleas of not guilty, the court accepting Jenkins'. Little was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs. His license to drive a motor vehicle was revoked for a period of nine months.

Hettie Powell and Willie H. Roberson entered pleas of not guilty in the case charging them with simple affray, but the court, after examining the evidence, established their guilty, fining Hettie Powell \$20 and Roberson \$10, dividing the cost between them.

Pleading not guilty of the larceny and receiving charge preferred against him, Pete Spruill was found guilty of trespass on personal property and was given a six months suspended sentence upon his paying the costs.

J. C. Gatling with violating the liquor laws, pleaded guilty of the illegal possession of liquor, Judge Bailey suspending the judgment upon the defendant paying the cost of the action.

Dennis Whitaker, going before the court for non-support, entered a plea of not guilty and entered an appeal when the court adjudged him guilty and required him to pay the cost of the case and \$23 each month for the support of his wife and children. The appeal bond was fixed in the sum of \$250.

Found guilty of violating the liquor laws, Lacy Bridge was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost of the case. A six-months jail sentence was suspended. Entering an appeal, the defendant was required to put up a \$200 bond.

Lewis Williams appealed his case when he was given a 90-day jail sentence on a larceny and receiving charge. He appealed the case, bond being fixed at \$200. A nol pros was returned in the same case with Lucius Bellamy as the defendant.

Found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, Noah Andrews was sentenced to jail for a period of eighteen months. Appealing the case, he was required to furnish bond in the sum of \$400.

The case charging Elijah Jones with beating his wife was continued until the first Tuesday in December.

Elmer Bellflower was found not guilty of driving of an automobile while he was under the influence of liquor, as charged.

Daniel Ryan, Grover and Jesse Bland were sentenced to jail for a term of five months each, the county commissioners having leave to hire them out, the court to receive one-half of their wages. The three defendants were charged with larceny and receiving.

Papers were issued for Norman Jones, charged with manufacturing liquor, when he was called and he failed to answer to the charge.

"I am as innocent as a newly born babe," Julius Hardison, probably the greatest character in Williams Township, stated when he appeared before the judge and maintained that he was not guilty of violating the stock law. "They might have known that my hogs would want to get into their fields when they planted corn in fields adjoining mine," Mr. Hardison said, referring to those preferring the charge. The court adjudged him guilty. Prayer for judgment continued one week.

Elmore Lee was found guilty of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor and was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs. Appeal was made and bond was arranged in the sum of \$75.

The case charging Victor Roberson with abandonment was continued.

JUNIORS HOLD MEETING HERE

Many Attend From All Over District; 100 in Parade

The annual meeting of the 28th district, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, was held here yesterday afternoon and evening with 140 members from Pitt, Beaufort and Martin counties present.

The session was opened at 3 p. m. with T. E. Beaman, District Deputy, presiding. Dressed in the Order's regalia, approximately 100 of the Juniors, led by a black goat, paraded the main streets of the town, returning to the local hall at 8 o'clock where a delicious barbecue and Brunswick stew supper was served.

Initiations, handled by the Robersonville degree team featured the evening program.

The meeting was a decided success, remarked several of the visiting Juniors. The Order is rapidly growing in this section. Famville, Greenville, Washington, Plymouth and Robersonville were well represented at the session.

The next meeting will be held in Greenville, January 16, at which time the National Council, Mr. Wilmer Stubbs will be present, if present plans materialize.

COLORED BOY IS KILLED BY AUTO

Runs Out Into Road in Front of Car; Hearing To Be Held Today

Ed Gorham, 5-year-old colored boy was run over and killed almost instantly last Tuesday afternoon by a car driven by Mr. Emmett Whitley, of this place. According to eye-witnesses to the accident, the boy ran in front of the car, making it impossible for Mr. Whitley to miss striking him.

Traveling about 40 miles an hour, Mr. Whitley sounded his horn just before reaching a group of children playing on the side of the road about three miles out of Washington. All of the children are said to have cleared the right of way except the Gorham boy, who darted out in front of the car. The skull was badly crushed, causing death.

Mr. Whitley purchased a coffin for the body soon after the accident and offered other assistance.

A warrant was issued in the case and a hearing was scheduled to be held in Washington some time today.

MRS. W. R. REVELS DIES SUDDENLY

Aged Woman of Griffins Township Is Found Dead In Chair Yesterday

Mrs. Susan Revels was found dead in her chair yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the home of her son, John A. Revels in Griffins township, heart failure being given as the cause of her death. She was apparently in good health just prior to her death which came as a shock to her relatives and friends.

Mrs. Revels was 70 years old, the daughter of the late John Daniel Griffin and wife. About 52 years ago she was married to William R. Revels who died just a little more than a year ago.

Mrs. Revels was the mother of eight children, two sons, W. S. and John Alfred Revels, and six daughters Mrs. Ben Ward, Mrs. Jaa. R. Corey, Mrs. James Revels, Mrs. W. B. Harrington, Mrs. Alonzo Rogerson, all of Williamston and Mrs. Slade Stallings, of Scotland Neck, all of whom survive. She also leaves 41 grand children and three great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Smithwick's Creek for almost 25 years.

The funeral services were held today at 2 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington. Burial followed in the family plot on the home farm.

Robersonville Minister Holds Revival at Vernon

Rev. L. C. Brothers, of the Robersonville Methodist Church, will conduct a week's revival at Vernon church, near Everetts, beginning next Monday evening, it was announced yesterday.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend the services each evening.

Old Askew Residence Is Destroyed by Fire

The old Askew residence, located near Jamesville, was burned last week, the origin of the fire being unknown. The house, belonging to Mr. Sam Godard, was estimated to be worth about \$1,000, with about \$600 insurance. No one was living in the house at the time of the fire.

The case charging Simon Sheppard with housebreaking and larceny and receiving was sent to the justice of the peace court to be heard again.

J. W. ANDERSON DIES AT HOME HERETHURSDAY

Highly Respected Citizen Succumbs As Result of Malignant Growth

FINAL RITES TODAY Was For Many Years Prominent in Business and Religious Life of Community

Jesse Walter Anderson, one of the town's oldest and most highly respected citizens, died at his home here on Simmons Avenue early yesterday morning of cancer, which disease had been preying upon his body for more than three years. Starting first on his right hand, the disease continued up the arm and settled in the shoulder. For months he visited various specialists, but gradually the disease gained and last June he was forced to his bed. Patiently he awaited the end, suffering without complaint all the while.

The funeral is being held at the residence at three o'clock this afternoon, his pastor, Rev. Chas. H. Dickey, assisted by Rev. W. F. Weigmann, conducting the services. Interment will follow in the Baptist cemetery.

Mr. Anderson was born here in what is known as the Tucker home in New Town December 21, 1858, and at the time of his death he was the town's oldest white native. In the early sixties when the Yankees were bombarding the town, his mother moved to a farm near here where Mr. Anderson remained and farmed until he was almost grown. Leaving the farm at that time, he accepted work here in the store of Joseph A. Roberson, continuing with him until 1876 when he went with John D. Biggs, merchant. After working with Mr. Biggs for several years, Mr. Anderson moved to Robersonville in 1881 where he was in the employ of Hardison and Biggs for six years.

After thoroughly acquainting himself with the mercantile business, Mr. Anderson, in 1889, went into business for himself, forming a partnership with W. E. Page, at Robersonville. A short while later he left the mercantile field to take the office of deputy sheriff under the late W. J. Hardison. Serving faithfully as an officer for a number of months, he returned to Williamston in 1891 to work for William Slade, a leading merchant here at that time. Two years after his return here, he with his brother, Mr. A. Anderson, purchased an interest in the Slade store, the business being operated under the firm name of Slade, Anderson and Company. A few years later, Mr. A. Hassell took over the Slade interest in the store, and the establishment was then known as the Anderson, Hassell Co. Their store was destroyed by fire in 1903. Mr. Anderson and his brother bought out the N. S. Peel store and with the late Mr. W. H. Crawford they formed the partnership, Anderson, Crawford and Company which operated until 1926.

After a long career in the mercantile business, Mr. Anderson devoted his time to the management of his farm, near here. This work he followed until his health forced him to retire from active duty.

A man of high ideals, Mr. Anderson gave much of his time and attention to the church. For years he was a deacon and treasurer of the Williamston Memorial Baptist Church, to which he was ever loyal until he was no longer able to attend. His church activities were not confined locally, for 22 years ago he was elected a member of the executive board of the Roanoke Baptist association. Ever active in the work, and a staunch supporter of the right, Mr. Anderson attended every meeting of the association with the exception of two, unavoidable circumstances preventing his doing so then.

In April, 1888, he was married to Miss Mary E. Baker, of Pitt county, to which union there were born seven sons, five of whom with their mother survive. They are, Julian C. and Hugh B., of Williamston; LeRoy, of Emporia, Va.; Clyde D., of Asheboro, and Garland M. of Jamesville. One brother, Mr. Arthur Anderson, of this place, also survives A sister, Mrs. Mammie Anderson, and a brother, Geo. Anderson, died several years ago.

Eight Pupils on Honor Roll of Everetts School

Eight pupils made the honor roll in the Everetts school during the month of September, according to a list prepared by the principal, D. N. Hix. The list of honor pupils follows: First grade, B: Ruth Forbes. Second grade, B: Mary Mallory. Second grade, A: Norma Hardy. Third grade, A: Floyd Stalls. Fifth grade: Loyce Cullifer. Seventh grade: Hilton Forbes, William Thompson.

Eighth grade: Ella Cherry, Helen Keel.

Tenth grade: Thelma Peel.

Good Prices Paid for Better Type Tobacco

TEACHERS WILL MEET SATURDAY

Second Meeting of Current Session Will Be Held in Robersonville

The Martin County teachers will hold their second meeting of the 1929-30 school term tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the school building at Robersonville, according to the regular schedule of meetings announced at the last meeting held here the 21st of last month.

With a number of the smaller schools opening since the last meeting was held, the attendance upon the second session tomorrow afternoon is expected to show an increase. While it could not be learned definitely yesterday afternoon, it is thought that Superintendent R. A. Pope will be unable to attend the meeting, he having undergone an operation recently in a Durham hospital.

With the meeting alternating between Robersonville and Williamston, the one scheduled for the third Saturday in November will be held here.

STAR ROUTE TO BE ELIMINATED

Effective November 11, Mail Route to Windsor Will Be Changed

While no official notice has been received in the office here, it is understood that the star mail route in effect between here and Windsor will be discontinued the 11th of next month. The route will give way, according to an announcement made by the Windsor postmaster recently, to one operating between Aulander and Edenton.

The change will make impossible direct mail delivery from here to Windsor and from there to Williamston, letters mailed here in the morning going around by Aulander for delivery later in the day instead of delivery early in the morning. The change, however, affords better schedules and a more adequate service for the people of Windsor and others along the proposed route.

The schedule will be maintained seven days to the week and calls for two trips each way daily. The change will carry mail into Windsor at 8:30 a. m., 12 noon, and 3 and 5 p. m.

BAPTISTS CLOSE ANNUAL MEET

Roanoke Association Adjourns at Nashville Wednesday

The twenty-second session of the Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association came to an end in the Baptist church at Nashville Wednesday afternoon. There was a large attendance from all parts of the territory involved.

The moderator, Bryce Little, of Wilson, turned in his resignation after leading for three years, and refused election again, which he might have had for the asking. He was succeeded by John T. Coley, of Rocky Mount, who is himself a layman.

The sermon featuring the first day was delivered by Dr. J. W. Kincheol, of Rocky Mount, and the leading address by Dr. A. Paul Bagby, of Wilson.

The next session meets with the newly built church at Roanoke Rapids at the usual time next fall.

Before adjourning, the association voted to send telegrams to Rev. W. H. Dodd, who recently suffered a stroke of paralysis, and to Bro. J. W. Anderson, of Williamston, who had attended practically every session of the association.

Prohibition Agents Get Two Stills During Week

Raiding at random this week, prohibition agents captured two stills, much equipment, and approximately 3,000 gallons of beer.

The first still, one of 150-gallon capacity, was taken down in Free Union, where a majority of the beer was found. The second, a steam outfit, was found and destroyed in a wood to the back of the county home, near here.

Most Farmers Engaged In Digging Peanuts

With favorable weather prevailing during the past several days, peanut digging in this section has been rapidly rushed toward completion, many farmers completing the work this week. The task will be completed in its entirety next week in this section, it is thought.

According to reports, there is a slight decrease in the yield, but the quality is generally reported to be much better than it was last year.

PRICES ON SOME GRADES HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR

More Optimistic Spirit Prevailing Among Farmers And Warehousemen

Considering quality, the Williams- ton tobacco market has ranked at the top in the prices paid for the golden leaf this week. While sales have been light as a rule throughout the week, the price has averaged about 25 cents, reaching a high point Wednesday. The black and poorer grades of tobacco continue to hold down the price average, but aside from those grades the market stands at the top.

The light sales this week have been due to peanut digging which has kept many farmers from their grading and marketing operations. With the peanut harvesting about over, an increase in sales on the market is expected next week when good sales are expected.

Prices paid for the better grades this week are said to be higher than the prices paid for corresponding grades last season, causing a more optimistic spirit to prevail among the farmers and warehousemen.

With a hard-working set of warehousemen and an open-hearted group of buyers, the Williamston market is offering advantages, unsurpassed anywhere, to the farmers. The buyers want tobacco and they are paying the highest market price for it, a price, when compared carefully with others, equals those paid on any market in the belt.

LOCALS DEFEAT LA GRANGE, 37-0

Game Is Without Features; Aulander Game Today Is Called Off

Playing LaGrange at LaGrange last Tuesday afternoon, the local football team won its fourth game of the season, defeating the LaGrange Highs by a 37 to 0 count. The game, according to reports, was without thrills, both teams making many fumbles.

The local team was scheduled to play Aulander's strong eleven here this afternoon, but the game was called off last night, due to the fact that the funeral of Mr. J. W. Anderson was to be held this afternoon, and also because of the serious illness of Mr. Joseph Hardison, a brother of John Hardison, who is a member of the local squad.

Postponement of the game was by mutual consent of the coaches, according to Brodie Hood, local mentor, who said the game would probably be played during the week beginning November 4th, the exact date to be determined later.

INCREASE IN PEANUT CROP

Government's Latest Estimate Indicates Crop of 849,000,000 Pounds

The Government's latest estimate of the production of peanuts in the United States for this year is 849,000,000 pounds against 809,060,000 pounds in 1928.

While the estimate shows an increase of about five per cent in production over last year, it is slightly less than the 1927 crop.

The imports of foreign peanuts for this season are shown to be 29,417,356 pounds against 61,000,130 pounds for the season ending October 31, 1928. The import figures are mostly for shelled and equal in farmers' stock to about twice these figures.

A large per cent of the imports this season were before the increase in duty went into effect February 19, 1929.

It now appears, according to Winborne and Co., peanut dealers of Norfolk, that the carry over Nov. 1 may be about the same, or slightly larger than last year, but this, with the small estimated increase in production, will not be equal to the probable reduction in imports the coming season.

Two Colored Men Killed On Hertford-Edenton Road

Two colored men and a horse were killed on the Hertford-Edenton highway last night when struck by an automobile driven by M. P. Gallop, a white man of Elizabeth City.

According to reports reaching here, Gallop ran from the scene of the wreck, but was later caught at Hertford.

Details of the wreck could not be learned last night, and the cause of the accident could not be determined.