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TRAIN REMOVALS CAUSE CHANGE IN MAIL SCHEDULES

People of Hamilton, Hassell and Oak City Suffer Most By Changes

MAY GET STAR ROUTE

Route Is Suggested From Here to Scotland Neck, Connecting With Railroads and Bus Lines

With the removal of the trains plying between Weldon and Kinston, mail schedules for the upper part of the county have been greatly limited, the towns of Hassell, Oak City, and Hamilton receiving only two mails daily now where they received four before the removal of the trains. The trains passing Parmele at 12:30 and 5 p. m. each day, except Sunday, made their last runs Saturday, the change causing much confusion in the dispatching of several daily papers.

The removal of the trains delays mail addressed to the towns between Parmele and Weldon many hours. A letter addressed to a party in Oak City and mailed here at 8 o'clock in the morning will not leave the office here until 7 o'clock the following morning. The old schedule provided the delivery of a letter mailed here at 3:30 in the afternoon to a party in Hassell, Oak City, or Hamilton late the same afternoon.

A star route operating between Scotland Neck and Williamston has been suggested, and it is understood that the towns along the route will make an urgent appeal for the service. It is believed that a combination mail and bus route connected with the Norfolk-Rocky Mount busses at Scotland Neck and the Norfolk-Wilmington trains at Hobgood would more than offset the cost and at the same time afford adequate mail service and convenient passenger connections.

Coastal Plain Fair in Tarboro Next Week

Opening in Tarboro next Tuesday and continuing through Saturday, the Coastal Plain Fair is again assuring its patrons the best in fair exhibits, amusements and attractions. Featuring the boys' and girls' clubs, the fair there has spent much time and money in their organization and the exhibits have been well worth while in the past.

Bruce's Greater Shows will be on the midway, and elaborate displays of fireworks will mark the free attractions at night.

Mr. L. D. Hargrove, the fair's manager, states that the fair is offering new ideas in every department that will be well worth while, that the association has made large expenditures to make the event a marked success.

Negro Arrested for Assault on Another

Annianus Davis, colored, was arrested here yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff S. H. Grimes for an attack on George Henry Rogers, colored. He was released under a \$300 bond to await the outcome of Rogers' injuries. According to reports, Rogers was badly hurt in a fight with Davis several days ago, and his condition was considered serious at one time. The affray was guarded so closely that officers were unable to get a warrant for Davis' arrest until yesterday.

Fire Company Answers Two Calls; Little Damage

The local fire company answered two calls during the past week end, neither of the fires amounting to much.

Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald called shortly after 8 o'clock last Saturday morning when his car caught fire from a back-fire. The damage was slight.

Sunday afternoon, shortly after three o'clock, an alarm was sent in when a small tent next to the Christian church caught fire. While the tent was a complete loss, the damage amounted to only around \$35.00. The tent was used by a Sunday school class. The origin of the fire is unknown.

WATTS THEATRE

Wednesday October 23
FRANKLYN FARNUM
in
"BILLY THE KID"
Also COMEDY AND SERIAL

Thursday-Friday Oct. 24-25
Clarence Brown's
"WONDER OF WOMEN"
with
Lewis Stone, Peggy Wood, Leila Hyam
ALSO COMEDY AND NEWS
MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE

UNION MEMBERS ARE CONVICTED AT CHARLOTTE

Jury Out Only 57 Minutes Before Returning Verdict Of Guilty

AN APPEAL IS TAKEN

Sentences Totaling 117 Years Passed On Seven Defendants by Judge Barnhill

Charlotte, Oct. 21.—Sentences ranging from five to 20 years with total minimums of 97 years and total maximums of 117 years were imposed today by Judge M. V. Barnhill upon the seven leaders and members of the National Textile Workers Union following their conviction for the murder of Chief of Police O. F. Aderholdt, of Gastonia, on the night of June 7. The defendants were also convicted for assaults upon three other officers, wounded on the same occasion at the union headquarters, but sentences in those cases were either made to run concurrently or were withheld. An appeal was taken to the supreme court and appearance bonds of from \$2,000 to \$5,000 were fixed. The jury in each case imposed the full penalty allowed under the judge's charge and one juror when polled answered "guilty of murder in the first degree" although that charge had been withdrawn by the State.

Fred Erwin Beal, of Lawrence, Mass., a Communist and chief organizer of the National Textile Workers' Union, received a sentence of not less than 17 nor more than 20 years for the murder of Chief Aderholdt and a concurrent sentence of ten years for secret assault with intent to kill upon Policeman T. A. Gilbert. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the conviction for assault with intent to kill upon A. J. Roach, an ex-policeman who was specially deputized that night and for a assault with a deadly weapon upon C. M. Ferguson, another policeman.

Identical sentences were imposed upon Clarence Miller, a New York Communist who came to Gastonia three weeks before the shooting to organize the young workers; Joseph Harrison of Passaic, N. J., and Geo. Carter, of Missah, N. J. Carter and Harrison had each been in Gastonia about two weeks when the shooting occurred. Each said that he belonged to the same union at home and both were serving as guards on the night of the shooting. State witnesses identified both Carter and Harrison as the one guard who stopped the officers when they got on the lot, and who was admitted not to have shot.

The three Gastonia defendants received shorter sentences. W. M. McGinnis, who according to the bulk of the testimony, and Louis McLoughlin, identified by several witnesses as firing the second shot and told the judge about shooting just before being sentenced, were each given not less than 12 nor more than 15 years on the murder charge and concurrent sentences of not less than 5 nor more than 7 years on one of the assault charges, sentences being withheld on the other two.

K. Y. Hendricks, who all the defendants say was not present, was given not less than five nor more than seven years on the murder charge and a concurrent sentence of five years on one of the assault charges. All defendants gave notice of appeal to the supreme court of North Carolina, where the cases will not be reached until next April. Appearance bonds were fixed at \$5,000 each for the four defendants with the longest terms, at \$2,500 each for McGinnis and McLoughlin and \$2,000 for Hendricks.

The verdict of the jury ended the most expensive trial ever held in North Carolina and one which more than any other has aroused national interest.

NEGRO JAILED FOR ASSAULT

Charged With Attempted Criminal Assault on White Girl

Charge with attempted criminal assault upon a white girl is Jamesville Township last Saturday night, James Williams, 24-year-old colored man of that section, was placed in the Martin County jail here last Sunday afternoon by Constable O. G. Carson, of Jamesville. The accused man will be given a hearing before Judge Bailey in the recorder's court some time today, it is understood. While no official information could be had last night, it is reported that Williams went to the home of Mr. C. H. Simpson Saturday night, raised a window and grasped Mr. Simpson's daughter. The attack is understood to have been interrupted there, the man running away. A warrant was issued by Justice of the Peace A. Corey in Jamesville and the arrest was made Sunday.

TEACHERS HOLD REGULAR MEET LAST SATURDAY

Is Held At Robersonville In New High School Building

SEVERAL MAKE TALKS

Observance of American Education Week, November 11-17, Is Urged By Local Principal

Last Saturday afternoon a goodly number of Martin County teachers met in the Robersonville High School Building for the second session of the Martin County Teachers' Association for 1929-30. Professor R. I. Leake, principal of the Robersonville schools, presiding over the meeting.

Following the opening song, Rev. C. E. Mashburn, of the Christian Church there, read the Scripture, a part of the fourth chapter of Genesis. The minister explained the verses in their application to the work of the teacher, closing the exercise with a prayer.

The teachers were welcomed to Robersonville by Janie Everett, a pupil in the school there.

Appeals urging membership in the N. C. E. A. were made, Mr. W. H. Watson explaining the value of the association to the teachers this year. The meeting was strictly on a business basis when R. A. Pope, county superintendent, stated that "unless teachers attend a majority of the meetings of their association and pass their reading circle work, it would be useless for them to ask for his approval next year for supplements. He also called attention to the notice sent out by A. T. Allen, State superintendent, concerning the use of a civics text in the seventh grades.

That the Martin County schools might fittingly observe American Education Week, November 11 to 17, Professor Watson distributed pamphlets to the body and asked the grammar grade leaders to prepare program for the next meeting of the association.

TEACHERS AND PARENTS MEET

Oak City Organization Has Its Second Meeting Friday Night

Oak City, Oct. 21.—With 30 members present the parent-teacher association held its second meeting of the 1929-30 session in the high school gymnasium room here last Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. B. M. Worsley, the organization's president, presiding over the meeting.

A marked interest was shown and a cooperative spirit prevailed during the business session. A committee, Misses Bertha Piland and Leona Newton and Mr. H. B. Russell, was appointed to investigate several cases where the parents were unable to purchase school supplies for their children. Concluding the business program, the treasurer reported a cash balance of \$36.

Following the business program, the two high school societies, the Wilsonian and the Estharian, entertained the association members with a Halloween program, the Estharians using the first part of the program, and the Wilsonians the second.

Woman's Club Dance To Be Held Thursday

The regular weekly dance at the Woman's club will be held Thursday evening. The dance was postponed last week and it is hoped by those in charge that a goodly number will attend the one next Thursday. The Windsor orchestra will be here with all its members.

Local Gridders To Play Robersonville Fair Week

Meeting here in the new high school building last night, officials of the local and Robersonville schools fixed November 8 as the date for a football game between the teams of the two schools. The game will be played here either at the fair grounds or the new high school field.

LICENSE TAGS ARE RECEIVED

Will Go On Sale First Monday in December; Made At State Prison

Approximately 5,000 automobile license plates were delivered to the Williamston Motor Company here last Friday evening for distribution during the month of December. The tags were delivered by truck from the State Prison, where the prisoners have been preparing them for use during 1929.

With the numerals in white on a red background, each car and truck will be required to carry two of the plates next year. For the past several years only one tag has been necessary to the car or truck, the duplication of the plates effecting no increase in cost to the purchaser, however.

The local bureau will place the tags on sale the first Monday in December. It is understood that the Raleigh office will sell tags direct, leaving the place of purchase to be decided upon by the car owner.

Past records show where the local bureau furnished practically all the plates to automobile owners in Martin County and hundreds of other owners in adjoining counties.

CHECK SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Parents Are Being Warned That Children Must Go To School

In an effort to effect a decrease in the number of absences recorded in the several schools throughout the county, employees have been carefully checking attendance records and forwarding notice to parents urging them to see that their children attend regularly. Approximately 75 notice have been sent out within the last few days to the parents whose children are not attending school.

It is understood that the rigid enforcement of the law requiring all children between certain ages to attend school has not been resorted to, that the notice are in the form of a warning.

While no official distribution of the absences as to districts had been made, it is believed that Oak City led the list with around 22. Williamston district reported 10 cases.

The law affecting school attendance makes provisions for absences under certain conditions, but where the parents are not dependent upon their children the law states that the child must attend school.

BENEFIT PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT

"Hi-Hat" To Be Presented At New High School Auditorium

The musical comedy, "Hi-Hat," to be presented in the new high school auditorium here Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock, promises to be the peppiest and most entertaining show staged here in years, according to reports received from the rehearsals. The comedy is under the direction of Miss Cherry, of Tifton, Ga., formerly of Mt. Olive, this State. She is being assisted by Mrs. John D. Biggs. Mrs. W. C. Manning, jr. is accompanist for the show and the musical numbers are said to be very good.

There are seventy-two people in the cast and in the number are some of the town's leading artists. "Red" Gurganus as Miss Billie, is the leading lady and Maurice Watts as Dr. Dick Curry will play with her. Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Harrison and Margaret Everett are especially good as comedians and Miss Robbins, Miss Truliah Page, "Crow" Cook and Jessup Harrison, college girls and sheiks add spice to the show.

There are five sets of chorus girls, but the cupids and bathing beauties are said to be among the most popular.

Two inmates of County Jail Are Taken to Wilson

Willie Pierce and Oscar Twine were removed from the county jail here yesterday morning, Sheriff Roebuck taking the two men to Wilson, where they are to be tried for manufacturing liquor. Two men were captured at a liquor still along the Chowan river in Hertford County several weeks ago and have awaited trial in the local jail. No cases were scheduled from this county for trial in the Federal court in session at Wilson this week.

CIGARETTE TAX TOTAL SHOWS BIG INCREASE

Report for First 9 Months Of Year Shows 12 Per Cent Increase

INCREASED EXPORTS

Department of Agriculture Estimates That Consumption of Flue-Cured Tobacco Will Increase

Washington, Oct. 20.—Cigarette stamp taxes for the first nine months of this year amounted to \$271,671,338, as compared with \$239,889,371 for the same period last year, it was announced today by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. North Carolina collected \$168,497,536.

This is approximately 12 per cent larger than for corresponding months last year. If cigarette consumption runs 10 per cent larger this year than last, the Department of Agriculture estimates that the consumption of flue-cured tobacco will be 5 per cent above last year.

This would make the domestic consumption of flue-cured tobacco 317,000 for the present fiscal year, beginning July 1st, compared with 302,000 million pounds last year, an increase of 15,000,000 pounds.

The total exports for the last fiscal year were 414,000,000 of which 171,000,000 went to Great Britain and 131,000,000 pounds to China. All other exports amounted to 111,000,000 pounds. The 414,000,000 pounds compared with the 329,000,000 pounds for the previous year.

Exports for August of this year were 31,000,000, as compared with 13,000,000 pounds for August last year, and there was also an increase for July. Generally the exports have increased already more than the estimated increased yield.

Total flue-cured production estimated this year is 763,200,000 pounds, an increase of 220,000,000 pounds over the previous year. Exports and domestic consumption increased 99,000,000 pounds last year. On the basis of present crop estimates and present consumption and exports, there is sound reason on the basis of supply and demand for an increased price as compared with last year.

WEDDING DRAWS MUCH ATTENTION

Courthouse Employees Are Guests at Nuptials of Colored Couple

Colored society had the courthouse in its own grip late Saturday afternoon when Arthur Williams took unto himself a wife, Bettie Williams. Courthouse employees, and even the county officers, turned from their work to see Rev. Charles H. Dickey, the county's marrying parson, wed the couple in the office of the register of deeds.

The bride was gaily attired in a deep pink satin evening dress, wore a white veil bordered by daisies and white shoes and gloves to match. The groom was neatly dressed in a blue serge suit, practicing conservatism in the selection of accessories.

The couple, hailing from the upper part of the county, climaxed the social happenings among their race, according to the stenographers in the several offices at the courthouse.

Besides the several friends of the contracting parties, the ceremony was witnessed by Sheriff Roebuck, Register J. Sam Getzinger, Bruce Wynn, Misses Ethel Harris and Thelma Brown.

Important Meeting Of Masons Tonight

There will be a regular communication of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., tonight at 7:45. Mr. N. C. Green, master of the local lodge, is particularly urging all members to attend, as there is some business to be brought up that must be disposed of. Visiting Masons are cordially invited to attend.

Several County Club Girls Attend State Fair

Last Friday Selma Ayers, of Bear Grass, Christine Manning, of Williamston, and Winifred Mizelle, of Robersonville, accompanied Miss Sleeper to Raleigh to the State Fair, each girl representing her club receiving a free pass. The exhibits were worth the time and effort, so all stated.

Parmele Club Women Hold First Meeting

The women of Parmele held their first regular club meeting Monday at the schoolhouse. Seventeen women attended the school lunch demonstration put on by the home agent.

Paving Cost Town Total of \$46,594.76

SHERIFF FAILS AS ARBITRATOR

One of Dissenting Parties to Dispute Lands in Jail Saturday

As an arbitrator, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck stated he had succeeded very well until last Saturday when he went to the home of Dennis Whitaker, in Cross Roads to serve a claim and delivery paper. With Whitaker on one side and Mrs. Whitaker on the other, the officer started dividing the household furniture. Piece by piece, the sheriff divided the goods with little trouble until he picked up two bed pillows and the man and wife claimed them. The sheriff suggested that one take a pillow and the other take a pillow. But no such division could be made, the man and the wife both continuing to insist upon their claims.

FRED R. SMITH DIES IN NORFOLK

Former Resident Victim of Cancer at Norfolk Hospital

Fred R. Smith, formerly of this county, died at a Norfolk hospital early Saturday morning of cancer of the stomach, from which he had suffered for several years. He had been in the hospital three months prior to his death.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Smith, of Dardens and was 52 years old.

Several years ago Mr. Smith moved to Plymouth where he superintended the farms of Mr. W. R. Hampton. He married Miss Marguerite Darden, of Dardens who with five children, four sons, James, Morris, Fred R. jr., and Joseph and one daughter, Margaret, survives. He also leaves three brothers, Jake, of Dardens, Joseph, of Norfolk and LeRoy, a professor in the University of North Carolina and three sisters, Mrs. M. S. Fagan, of Dardens, Mrs. Harris, of Raleigh and Miss Minnie Smith, of Norfolk.

The funeral was held by Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, pastor of the Methodist church, Plymouth, Sunday afternoon, interment following at the home burial ground, near Dardens.

In all his walks of life, Mr. Smith had gained the friendship and respect of hundreds, and was ever faithful to his home and to his fellowman.

B. Y. P. U. Training Class Will Start Next Monday

Beginning next Monday evening, the local Baptist church will sponsor a B. Y. P. U. Training school in its rooms here, according to an announcement made yesterday by L. L. Hallman, assistant director of B. Y. P. U. work in the church. All churches in the county are invited to send representatives to the school which will continue one hour each evening through Friday of the week. Diplomas will be awarded those attending and passing the required course of study, it was stated.

First Raccoon of Season Is Killed by Automobile

Two traveling men brought the first raccoon of the season into town Saturday night. These gentlemen were not out to break the law, however. They were simply driving on the Roanoke River bridge, where the 'coon was attempting to cross. The glare of the lights blinded the animal and the car ran over and killed it.

Juniors To Have Regular Meeting Thursday Night

The Martin Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., will hold a regular meeting in the council hall here at 8 o'clock Thursday night, according to an announcement made yesterday by Councillor J. E. Pope. All members of the council are urged to attend.

TOTAL COST IS CONSIDERED TO BE REASONABLE

Final Estimate Shows That Commissioners Guarded Treasury Well

REPORT IN DETAIL

Actual Sidewalk Paving Cost Around \$28,000; Balance for Widening Main Street, Grading, Etc.

Williamston's paving program, started last spring and recently completed, cost the town treasury exactly \$46,594.76, the amount including all expenditures in connection with the program. While the paving and allied costs weighed heavily upon the \$75,000-sale-price of the town's electric and power franchise to the Virginia Electric and Power Co., there remains in the treasury at this time \$18,500. The remainder of the original amount, \$9,005.24, was borrowed to retire certain notes and bonds, the loan being made from the \$75,000 fund in anticipation of the 1929 tax collections.

While the statement of the paving and other allied costs carried one or two ridiculous items, it is believed that the improvements have been made at a reasonable cost. The official report, giving a detailed account of the expenditures, indicates, as a whole, that the town officials have guarded the treasury closely and survived with \$28,405.24 to be used in other channels. Probably the officials profited by the mistakes made when the town's dear, high, and precious water water system was installed a number of years ago.

Studying the statement closely, it is to be assumed that a part of the expenditures is not to be charged to the program that has been completed. If such should ever come to pass, the paving of the streets should come in to bear a part of the drainage costs incurred already. In other words, the sidewalk improvements, concrete, and grading, amounting to around \$26,000. Of that amount \$22,664.16 were spent for concrete walks and driveways.

The widening of the Main Street cost approximately \$5,455.38, and brass pipes for flag staffs—the one and about the only doubtful expenditure, amounted to \$337.10. The installation of the brass pipes was made probably to eliminate trouble expected from the use of regular galvanized pipes.

George Brooks, the engineer, was paid \$2,128.08, or 5 per cent of \$44,375.96, these two amounts added representing the total paving and improvement costs.
"Extra work," in the statement, is understood to include the costs incurred in the removal of trees, stumps, hydrants, and other similar tasks.
The report in detail follows:
17,113.4 square yards of 4-inch sidewalk at \$1.20 \$20,536.08
2,285 feet 6-inch combination curb and gutter at 73c 1,668.05
746.8 feet 8-inch combination curb and gutter, at 78c 582.50
365.5 feet combination curb radius at 75c 275.12
1,274.3 square yards 6-inch driveways at \$1.67 2,128.08
3,266.7 square yards 6-inch pavement at \$1.67 5,455.38
Concrete steps 55.25
Brass pipes for flagstaffs 337.10
Extra work 1,987.21
33 feet 8-inch pipe at 42c 13.86
340 feet 12-inch pipe at 85c 289.00
1,057 feet 15-inch pipe at \$1.20 1,268.40
203 feet 12-inch pipe relaid at 63c 129.78
1,094 feet 21-inch pipe at \$3.15 3,446.10
120 feet 30-inch pipe at \$5.40 648.00
57 feet 36-inch pipe at \$8.50 478.80
11 Manholes at \$32 352.00
21 Catch basins at \$32 672.00
14,380 cubic yards excavation and borrow at 28c 4,026.40
26 feet 6-inch class A water main 36.85
Total \$44,375.96

Send Exhibits For Fair To County Home Agent

All girls wishing to make exhibits at the Coastal Plain Fair in Tarboro next week should send Miss Sleeper their exhibits immediately. All women who have made hats would help Miss Sleeper very much by loaning them for the project booths which Martin County will have at the Coastal Plain and Roanoke fairs.

No Holiday During Fair For County School Pupils

Martin County school children will not be granted a holiday during fair week this year, according to a decision reached at a meeting of the county teachers in Robersonville last Saturday afternoon. The holiday question was discussed at length, the teachers finally turning it down when it was pointed out that the day would have to be made up some time before the term closed.