

THREE NEGROES IN JAIL RESULT CUTTING SCRAPE

Several Hurt in Free-for-All Fight at Green Farm Sunday Night

IS CAUSED BY LIQUOR

Sheriff Finds Dishes Broken, Stove Overturned, and Blood All Over House Where Fight Took Place

Following a slashing and cutting scrape on the Green farm, about six miles from here on the Washington road, last Sunday night, Ben Biggs, Louis Brown, and Will Worley were placed in the jail here that night and yesterday to await trial in the recorder's court in session here today. Walter Rogers and Cleo Rogers were also arrested in connection in the case, but were later released.

According to Sheriff Roebuck, Ben Biggs called in for help about 11 o'clock, stating that Louis Brown was in his (Biggs') home and would not let him in. Before the sheriff arrived Biggs returned to his home and told Brown that the sheriff was coming and that he had better go. Brown is said to have told Biggs that he was glad the sheriff was coming, that he was going to tell about the liquor Biggs had in the house.

Biggs was placed on the defense good and strong by Brown's threat to tell, so he stationed himself a short distance from the house and waited for the sheriff. When the officer arrived, Biggs told him that he need not trouble himself about going after Brown, that he was going to spend the night somewhere else. When the officer continued on to the house, Biggs insisted that he rush Brown right on out as that would save trouble.

Upon entering the yard, Sheriff Roebuck and Officer Allsbrooks noticed blood spots here and there. The porch was stained from one end to the other. Following the blood stains the officers found Brown sitting in a room, before the fireplace, holding his head as the blood ran from an ugly gash made by an automobile spring in the hands of Biggs. Searching around the house, the officers found all the dishes broken and a stove bottom-side-up in the kitchen and three or four pints of whiskey and freshly emptied fruit jars scattered about the house.

Just as the officers, carrying Brown, reached the front door, Brown told the officers about liquor in Biggs safe. Biggs immediately left for the woods. Officer Allsbrooks was instructed to drive down the road with Brown and wait. Sheriff Roebuck hid himself and waited for Biggs to return. Thirty minutes later, Biggs came walking up, and the sheriff was just about to step out to reach him when a big bulldog interferred. While the officer was beating back the dog, Biggs made another dash for the woods. Biggs offered a weak excuse when he was arrested yesterday for his actions the night before.

Brown, with a bad gash in his head, was treated by a local doctor before landing in jail. Biggs was also cut about the head; Will Worley had a long carving right down his back, and one or two others in the free-for-all fight, which was said to have been started over liquor, had one or two cuts on their bodies. The cuts were said not to be very deep, just deep enough to provide a free flow of blood.

Biggs is facing an assault with a deadly weapon charge, and another county, charging him with keeping liquor for the purpose of sale. Charges had not been preferred against the other two yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Cone Vice President of District Dental Society

Dr. P. B. Cone, local dentist, was made vice president of the Fifth District Dental Society, at a meeting of the society held in Rocky Mount yesterday. Approximately 100 doctors from all over Eastern North Carolina were in attendance upon the meeting, which was reported to be one of the best held in sometime.

WATTS THEATRE

Wednesday October 30
"THE LONE PATROL"
with William Bradley and Jean Dolores
Also COMEDY AND SERIAL
Thursday-Friday, Oct. 31-Nov. 1
BUSTER KEATON and Ernest Torrence in "Steamboat Bill, Jr." Also COMEDY AND NEWS

Last-Minute Details Being Arranged for Roanoke Fair

He weighs around 400 pounds, and he's from Tennessee—that's Mr. H. A. Holding, advance man for the W. T. Stone Shows, in case you happen to see him on the streets. The shows, playing the Roanoke Fair here next week, carry additional and greater amusement programs, declared Mr. Holding this morning when reviewing the Stone and Marks equipment. "Free admission to all school children at the gates next Tuesday still holds good, so Mr. Holding told me, and we hope that the school people will be our guests

that day," the advance man stated, when asked if the children would be admitted free in spite of the action taken by the county teachers' association recently. Manager John L. Rodgers stated today that all religious or fraternal organizations in the county would be offered booths free of charge at the fair this year, no charge whatever being made. Preparations for the event are complete, Manager Rodgers and Messrs. Stone and Holding working out last-minute details here this week.

MAN IS CAUGHT AT STILL MONDAY

W. H. Daugherty, of Wallace, Run Down by Officer

"I turned the fan on, but could not keep it on," W. H. Daugherty, young white man giving his home address as Wallace, said following his capture at a liquor still in Hamilton township yesterday afternoon. Good-natured to the nth degree, young Daugherty jokingly told how he raced with "Doc" Rangely, the big federal prohibition agent recently stationed here. A colored man, name unknown to both Daugherty and the officers, took to the swamps, making his escape by a very close margin. "He was able to keep his fan on," Daugherty remarked.

The chase over, the distiller and the officer sat down to rest, Daugherty telling a story crowded with fun. Several months ago he is said to have come to Tarboro from Wallace, and for a while he was engaged in the manufacturing business near there. Learning that this section offered a future in the business, he moved down, setting up his 50-gallon steam plant at a secreted point about half way between Hamilton and Palmyra. He had no more than become accustomed to his new surroundings, according to his story, before the officers raided him.

When questioned, Daugherty told all the facts, but other than those implicating himself and his property, he remained silent. He told where his car was, that he had used it to transport liquor and that he had containers in it ready for the day's output. The officers, searching the car, found a demi-john, a five gallon keg and several half-gallon fruit jars which coupled with Daugherty's statements resulted in the confiscation of the machine, a Pontiac coupe.

Daugherty went to jail here last night when he was unable to raise a \$1,000 bond asked by the U. S. commissioner. Daugherty, it is understood had been handling both ends of the business, manufacturing a while and then selling his product to patrons in and near Tarboro, he said. The names of his customers were withheld.

About four years ago the young man was fined in a U. S. court for defrauding the mails.

Mrs. J. F. Jordan Struck By Auto at Dardens

Dardens, Oct. 29.—While walking home from church services here last Saturday evening, Mrs. J. Frank Jordan was struck by an automobile and badly but not seriously hurt. Mrs. Jordan was knocked several feet by the car, Mr. Seth Davis, driver, of Norfolk, bringing the machine to a stop and narrowly avoiding running over her.

While Mrs. Jordan was rendered unconscious at the time, her attending physician states that she will be all right in a few days after recovering from the fright and shock of the accident.

At the time of the accident, Mrs. Jordan, with several other ladies, was walking along the road between the highway and the Dardens postoffice.

Senior Epworth League Social Thursday Night

The Senior Epworth League's Halloween social will be held with Mrs. J. E. Harrison, jr., at her home on Watts Street on Thursday evening. All members are invited.

Parents and Teachers At Everetts in Meeting

At the second meeting of the Everetts Parent-Teacher Association held last Wednesday evening approximately seventy parents and teachers were present to take part in the program and discussions. An interesting part of the program was presented by pupils chosen from the various grades of the local school. After considerable discussion it was decided that the association should sponsor a Halloween party Thursday night, October 31 and a community fair on Nov. 11. Refreshments were served at the close of the program.

\$65,000 IN TAXES ARE COLLECTED

Majority of Amount Comes From A. C. L. Railroad Company

Approximately \$65,000, or more than half as much as was collected in October, November, December, and January on the 1928 levy, have been collected so far on the county's 1929 tax levy, it was learned at the sheriff's office yesterday afternoon. A majority of that amount was collected last week when the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad paid its assessment amounting to around \$50,000. Many of the smaller taxpayers are making settlements this week, and while the collector is highly pleased with the amount of the receipts so far, he is slightly dubious as to the outcome next May. The sheriff stated yesterday that it will likely require much riding and overtime work to take in the poll and personal property taxes. Tenants will be moving, and it will be hard to check on the payers, the sheriff believes. While the 1 per cent discount is speeding up the collections considerably this month, the incentive will not be but half as great next month, when the percentage allowed drops from 1 to 1-2 per cent.

FOOTBALL TEAM LEAVES FIELD

Fans Disappointed by Tarboro Coach Refusing to Play After Dispute

Local football fans were again disappointed when last Friday afternoon Jake Smith, Tarboro High School football coach, forfeited a game to the local eleven. It was just before the half that the visiting coach, aggravated by being on the small end of a 20 to 0 score, which his team was holding, disputed the referee's decision and called the visiting eleven from play. Those who were acquainted with the rules of the game and saw the play were of the opinion that the referee was right in his decision, but Mr. Smith, a product of a coach's training class rather than one direct from the gridiron, apparently preferred to forfeit than to accept a defeat.

Tarboro fans, coming to see the game, were understood to say that the Jake Smith organization was outclassed and judging from the play, they were right.

Long runs and well-planned passes featured the locals' attack. The visitors made one or two first downs, but were kept playing on the defense a greater part of the time the game was under way.

The locals go to Edenton Friday afternoon, where they will face their strongest opposition so far faced this year. A good game is expected, and many fans from here are planning to attend.

Woman's Club Play Friday Is a Success

"Hi-Hat," a musical comedy, staged in the high school auditorium under the auspices of the local Woman's Club was declared a success by a member of the club yesterday. Approximately \$75 clear were made, it is understood. The comedy, prepared in a very short time, was necessarily weak at times, the high spots including the role of Mrs. Parkesley, played by Miss Margaret Everett, the school days chorus, and the cupids, offsetting the dull moments to make the play a success. Seventy or more men, women, and children willingly offered their time in the play's preparation in an effort to aid the woman's club clear a balance on the new school auditorium curtain.

Demonstration of Nitrate Of Soda Next Saturday

Demonstrating the use of nitrate of soda in the cultivation of corn, Professor W. T. Overby, of the Jamesville schools, is conducting a contest at the farm of Mrs. Daniel Brown, near Jamesville, next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Several dollars will be given as prizes to farmers attending and guessing the approximate yield of corn per acre or plot. Similar demonstrations have been held by Professor Overby in the section before.

ONE MAN HURT IN ACCIDENT NEAR UNDERPASS HERE

Car Runs Up Side of Embankment and Turns Over Several Times

DRIVER HELD IN JAIL

M. Page, of Rocky Mount, Sent To Hospital and Negro Driver Held Without Bond

M. Page, white man of Rocky Mount, and Richard Phillips, colored, also of Rocky Mount, miraculously escaped death late last Saturday night, when the car in which they were riding turned over several times and landed in the bushes along the roadside just this side of the railroad bridge on Main Street here. Page, who was sleeping at the time the car was wrecked, suffered painful injuries about the neck, making it necessary for him to go to the hospital. The extent of his injuries is not known, but it is believed that one of the tendons in the neck was torn loose, which is likely to cause him much trouble. Phillips, driving the car, escaped with minor bruises.

Barely missing the support to the right side of the bridge coming in, the car swung to the left and climbed an embankment three or four feet high. The speed was sufficient to carry the machine to the top, where and when it started turning over, making from two to five complete turns. Page was thrown out, the car pinning the colored driver underneath.

The car, a new Durant coupe, had its body completely wrecked, the damage amounting to approximately \$500. Sheriff Roebuck, investigating the case, found two pint bottles freshly emptied. One of the bottles was in the pocket of the car door, and the other was found near by. Phillips, partly intoxicated, was placed in jail, where he is being held without bond pending the outcome of Page's injuries. According to officers' statements, Page was not drinking at the time of the wreck.

Phillips, a filling station employee in Rocky Mount, stated that Page, an employee of the Nash Sales Company, Rocky Mount, called for him to drive the car. They went to Wilson first, and upon leaving there Phillips was instructed to call Page when they reached the underpass here. He stated that he did not know where Page had planned to go.

LESS COTTON IS GINNED SO FAR

70,156 Bales Short of Report Issued Same Time Last Year

Cotton ginning in the State this year is 70,156 bales less than it was last year up until the 18th of this month, according to a U. S. Government report released last Friday. Only thirteen counties reported gains, the entire State ginning this year up to October 18, 227,489 bales as compared with 297,645 for a similar period last year.

The decrease was very marked in this county where only 137 bales were reported up until the 18th this year as compared with 1,076 last year. Edgecombe, one of the largest cotton producing counties in this immediate section of the State, reported only 3,476 bales as compared with 6,350 bales last year. All the counties reporting gains were in the southern or western sections of the State, the most marked decreases being in the large tobacco-growing counties.

Halloween Festival at Grammar School Friday

In an effort to raise funds for the grade school library here, teachers and pupils are working diligently preparing a Halloween festival for next Friday evening. Undertaking the task to raise the required sum of \$50, the school is asking the support of every one, offering in return fun and merriment for both old and young.

Following a dress parade at 7 o'clock, the festival will be in full swing at 7:15 in the graded school building, where side shows, fishing ponds and other amusements will be provided. At 8:15 the grammar grade children will stage a minstrel, which promises to be the feature of the evening's program.

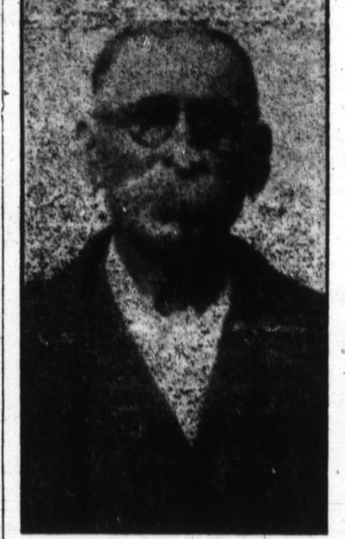
Halloween Carnival at Farm Life Thursday

There will be a Halloween carnival at the Farm Life School Thursday night, the feast beginning with a costume parade followed by a Spanish dance. The features announced for the evening include the rifling of a rooster, chamber of horrors, fish pond and fortune tellers' booths.

Baptist Philatheas To Meet Thursday Night

The Philatheas class of the Memorial Baptist church will meet with Mrs. Z. H. Rose Thursday evening, October 31, at seven o'clock instead of 8 as was originally planned. All members are urged to be present.

B. R. JENKINS DIES



Prominent in the affairs of his community, Mr. Jenkins was also one of the few Confederate veterans left in the county, and with his passing the "Thin Gray Line" is left with only four or five members in this section.

B. R. JENKINS DIES SUNDAY NIGHT

Was Prominent Citizen of Robersonville Community For Many Years

At the age of 84 years, Benjamin Richard Jenkins, one of the county's leading citizens and an ex-Confederate soldier, answered the last roll call early Sunday night at his home near Robersonville. He had been ill during the past nine months, remaining active prior to that time despite his old age.

Born, May 18, 1845, Mr. Jenkins died on the same farm where his father and grandfather were born and reared. He was the oldest of a large family, surviving all except two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Jenkins, of Robersonville, and Mrs. George W. Griffin, of near here. A sister, Miss Jennie Jenkins, died two years ago, and he was preceded to the grave by five brothers, Samuel D., Robert, John, Dawson and James.

In the Civil War he served in the 17th regiment, remaining always a true friend to the South. Following the war he returned to this county working diligently on the farm and taking an active part in politics. For years he served as a member of the county board of elections, which position he held at the time of his death. He was a justice of the peace for around 25 years.

Choosing a single life, Mr. Jenkins never lost the spirit of the true Southern Gentleman, always clinging to the principles of conservatism, honesty and truth. While he had never connected himself with any church, he was a strong believer in the Primitive Baptist faith, Elders B. S. Cowing and John N. Rogerson, of that Church, conducting the funeral at the home yesterday afternoon. Interment was made in the new cemetery at Robersonville, a host of friends paying a last tribute to his valiant life.

Honor Roll for Local Colored Graded School

Following is the honor roll and perfect attendance record of students of the Williamston colored school for the month ending October 25:

Honor roll: Grade 1B—Van Buren Hoggard and Ulysses Whitley; Grade 1A—Nancy Rodgers; Grade 2B—Brad Bagley, John Smith, Camilla Williams and Hattie Latham; Grade 2A—Willie C. Bunch, jr., Branch Ormond, and Mary Faulk; Grade 5—Sylvian Whitley; Grade 10—Fannie Allen and Theresa Hill.

Perfect attendance students: Walter Carter, Harry Norfleet, Haywood Ebron, James W. Lloyd, Isolene Purvis, Mary A. Latham, Madeline Keyes, Christian Ruffin, Brad Bagley, Camilla Williams, Hattie Latham, Emma Watts, Vivian Long, Willie C. Bunch, Branch Ormond, Mary Faulk, Lillian Hill, Moses Slade, Willie J. Manson, Ruth Jacobs, Odessa Norfleet, Mary Lee Purvis, Sylvian Whitley, Ella Mae White, Samuel Slade, Robert Slade, Eddie Clemmons, Harry Slade, Thomas Allen, James Hyman, Leroy Mizelle, Fredia Harris, Fannie C. Johnson, Emma Muye, Mary Mizelle, Johnnie M. Purvis, Elizabeth Hargett, Mary Williams, Robert Price, Hezekiah Sprull, George Williams, Charlie B. Williams, Minnie Ruffin, Isolene Manson, Eddie Hines, Alexander Slade, William Andrews, Sennie Mae Brooks, James Faulk, John Slade, Fannie Allen, Della Rodgers, Essie Lee Mizelle, Malinda Patterson, Armazor Cherry, Francis Gaynor, Grace Gorham, Lena Mae Graham, Dorothy Huff, Alger Mac Mason, Delzelle Peefe.

2 Negro Men Killed In Wreck Saturday

STOCK MARKET IS AGAIN HIT BY BEAR TRADING

Values Down Ten Billion Dollars, Following Near-Panic

IS WORST BREAK YET

Higher-Priced Stocks Were Main Victims of Bears' Raid; Bankers Not Able To Cope With Situation

New York, Oct. 28.—All the wealth of the New York banks was unable today to check another tremendous wave of liquidation on the Stock Exchange.

Values were pared down \$10,000,000,000 or more in the worst break in history. The Dow-Jones industrial average broke 38.33 points and the railroad average 10.91 points, the largest break in history. Sales totaled 9,212,800 shares, the second largest day on record in point of volume.

Organized bear raids were directed against the "Blue Chips" and these high class stocks broke from 10 to 50 points in pell mell unloading.

From the opening until the closing gong stopped the trading, the prices were below Saturday's last prices. For a brief interval around 1:30 support developed, but it was short-lived. Bankers could not take all the stock offered. They abandoned the attempt, permitting prices to seek their own levels, which were only downward. The majority closed on the lows of the day.

The break was orderly during the morning. Steel Common rode under 200, but kept above last week's low of 193 1-2. General Electric was forced down sharply, and so were such shares as Westinghouse Electric and a long list of utilities.

Suddenly the bears managed to force an opening in the Steel armor. The stock wavered and then fell, touching 193.

At that time Charles E. Mitchell, chairman of the National City Bank, hurried out of his office on Wall Street and went to the office of J. P. Morgan and Company opposite the Stock Exchange.

That move presaged banking support, and the bears were intimidated for a few moments.

In a few more moments buying orders were placed for Steel. Morgan brokers were reported working on the buying side. Steel shot up to 198 and other pivotal shares had similar comebacks.

When it looked as if the list would recover, Thomas W. Lamont told newspaper men that the bankers would issue no statement; that none was necessary.

This apparently was all the bears wanted. They resumed their operations on a scale seldom witnessed. In a few minutes Steel was back to 193 and then it broke further, getting well below 190. It closed at 186, of 17 1-2 points for the day, a loss in market value of all shares outstanding of more than \$136,000,000.

From that time on to the close the bulls never had a single moment they could call their own. Stock after stock was depressed until the whole market structure was on the verge of collapse. And then the closing gong brought the day to a close.

Rehabilitation Man Makes Survey of Cases in County

Mr. C. N. Cobb, of the Vocational Rehabilitation Department, Raleigh, was here yesterday making a regular survey of the cases in this county. There are four in this county waiting for instruction provided or arranged by the department, it was stated. The several cases handled from this county by the department are said to be getting along well.

Kiwanis To Entertain Local Tobacco Men

Local tobacco warehousemen and buyers will be entertained by the Kiwanis club at the Woman's Club hall this evening at 7:00 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by Mr. J. D. Woolard, secretary. All club members and guests are requested to be present promptly at 7 o'clock.

Dr. Biggs Made Chairman Of Committee of Bankers

John D. Biggs, president, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Williamston, has been honored by appointment as State Chairman of the State legislative council and member of the committee on taxation of The American Bankers Association by John G. Lonsdale, newly elected president of the organization, and head of the Mercantile Commerce Bank & Trust Company, St. Louis, Mo.

CAR HITS BUGGY WITHOUT LIGHTS

John Purvis Dies Instantly; Marcus Thomas Fatally Hurt at Collie Swamp

DRIVER EXONERATED

Edgar Hollis, Driver of Car Which Crashed Into Buggy, Freed From Blame by County Officers

John Purvis, 52-year-old colored man, was instantly killed and Marcus Thomas, colored man, 74 years old, was fatally injured shortly after dark last Saturday when the buggy in which they were riding was struck by a Ford coupe-driven by Edgar Hollis, white, near the Collie Swamp bridge, one mile west of Everetts on State Highway No. 90. Purvis' body was badly broken and mangled, causing instant death. Suffering a fractured skull, Thomas never regained consciousness, dying early Sunday morning. Hollis and his companions, Raleigh Roebuck, J. S. Ayers, jr., and Wiley Crawford, all of this county, escaped with minor bruises.

Failure to carry a light on the buggy cost the two men their lives, according to reports coming from an official investigation of the wreck. Purvis and Thomas, after spending part of the day in Robersonville, were returning to their homes in Everetts, apparently forgetting to display any light. Hollis, driving the Ford coupe toward Everetts, met another car just before he hit the buggy, which carried no light. Apparently excited, Hollis is believed to have pushed the accelerator instead of the footbrake, causing the car to continue 73 yards down the road before it was stopped. Young Ayers turned the ignition switch, Hollis bringing the car to a stop in its upright position. Caught in the car, Purvis was carried the 73 yards, but death was thought to have been caused when the Ford hit the buggy. Thomas was thrown to the concrete near the spot where the buggy was first hit.

Digging its radiator into the rear of the buggy, which was completely wrecked, the car knocked the buggy ruins and horse off the road. The animal, stripped of its harness to the last piece, had one of its legs broken and a bad gash cut in the back. Sheriff Roebuck ordered the horse killed and the body buried. One of the car's fenders was smashed, an axle bent, and the windshield broken.

Investigating the case thoroughly, Coroner S. R. Biggs and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck considered no inquest necessary and the car driver was exonerated. Hollis and Roebuck live near Everetts in Cross Roads Township. Ayers and Crawford, students at State College, joined the two at Robersonville, and were on their way home in Everetts.

WOMANS CLUB MET THURSDAY

District President Attends And Makes Instructive Address

The regular meeting of the local Woman's club was held in the club hall last week. Mrs. C. J. Sawyer, president of the Fifteenth District, attended and made an instructive talk on club work. She talked on two issues that are receiving the attention of the local club at this time. They were civic beautification and night schools. The club has always done something along the line of beautifying the town and a night school is being considered by the membership now.

Mrs. Sawyer made her talk practical, giving many suggestions about how to improve the looks of the town, and how to go about planning for and arranging to have a night school.

There was little business attended to; it being tabled until the next meeting to be held in November.

TOBACCO SALES NOW AT PEAK

Local Market Continues to Hold Its Own in Prices; 25c Average Monday

With sales continuing about the same, the local tobacco market has held its own in price as compared with last week, excepting the peak reached on Wednesday, last. A 25-cent average was reported yesterday, and while the dark and slaty tobaccos prevailed today on the floors, no great variation in price is expected when the tabulations are completed.

It is the prevailing opinion that the peak has been reached in the Bright Belt, and that no increase is likely to result in the sales from now on.