

SIX HOMICIDES IN MARTIN COUNTY DURING YEAR 1929

Four Defendants Convicted, And One Sentenced To Electric Chair

TWO ARE ACQUITTED

John Sawyer Only One Convicted of First Degree Murder; Now Has Appeal Pending

Six persons were fatally injured or killed outright by firearms in the hands of others in this county during the past year, it was learned from a review of court records made here last Saturday. Of the four defendants convicted in the superior court here, only one, John Sawyer, received the death penalty. His case is pending an appeal to the Supreme Court at this time. Sentences in three other cases varied in length from 3 to 30 years. The killings were divided equally among the two races.

The killings: Officer Eugene Jones, of Bethel, by Togo Pulley, both white. Louise Rogers by Jesse Whitley, both colored. Jim Coffield by Gus Knight, both colored. J. H. Jolly by Frank Cox, both white. J. I. Britton by John Sawyer, both white.

Other untimely or accidental deaths reported in the county during the year, aside from those resulting in automobile wrecks or accidents, include those of Forman Smith and Andrew Boston, colored, who were trapped and burned to death in a house near Jamesville and that of Early Edmondson, young white man of the upper part of the county, who is thought to have been killed by a train near Oak City.

HONOR ROLL OF LOCAL SCHOOL

113 Students on List for the Fourth Month, Ending December 20

One hundred and thirteen pupils in the local schools made the honor roll during the fourth month ending just before the Christmas holidays, according to a report filed yesterday by Principal William R. Watson. The roll follows:

- Grade 1-A: Eleanor Brown, Dorothy Spivey, Katherine Manning, Nina Bland, Marjorie Dunn, Anita Wheelless, Jerry Manning, Stuart Critcher, Arthur Anderson, Martin Anderson, Joseph Thigpen, Emory McCabe.
- Grade 1-B: None.
- Grade 2-A: Jerry Clark, Dick Dunn, Jack Edwards, Irvin Gurganus, James Willis Ward, Sallie Gurkin, Louise Melson, Helen Mishoe, Mildred Pope, Pearly Mae Roberson, Caroline Stalls, Julia Watts, Virgil Ward.
- Grade 2-B: Melvin Bennett, R. E. Long, Charles Pate, Jr., F. Tate Roebuck, Haywood Wynn, Henry Wynn, Ethel Bennett, Annie Ruth Moore, Pattie K. Nicholson.
- Grade 3-A: Lee Burt Jenkins, Reg Manning, Grace Barnhill, Lily Belle Hardison.
- Grade 3-B: Pauline White, Louise Nicholson, Virginia Lilley, Lydia Hinson, Nora Grimes, Hurlie Bland, Milford Harrison.
- Grade 4-A: Carlyle Hall, R. A. Pope, Jr., Whit Purvis, Charles Dickey, Elva Mae Mishoe, Elizabeth Weaver, Adie Lee Meador, Nellie G. Rogerson, Velma Bennett, Julia Everett.
- Grade 4-B: Marie Hardison, Mildred Whitley, Evelyn Cowen.
- Grade 5-A: Robert Gurganus, Milton James, Ben Manning, Bolten Cowen, Ella Wynn Critcher, Jean Waits.
- Grade 5-B: Maybell Coltrain, Lorene Weaver, Carrie Williams, Densel Simpson, James Williams.
- Grade 6: Frances Barnhill, Pattie Ray Bennett, Alta Critcher, Mary B. Edmondson, Eula Green, Alice Harrison, Blanche Harrison, Minnie Mae Lilley, Clara Mae Long, Thelma Long, Grace Manning, Irene Rogerson, Marjorie Taylor, Annie Ruth Wynn, Billy Griffin, Lawrence Lindsley, Exum Ward.
- Seventh grade: Jessie Mae Anderson, Naomi Anderson, Helen Coltrain, Mattie Gurganus, Katherine Harrison, Nell Harrison, Annie Bell Hopkins, Mildred Jones, Olive McCabe, Billie Pope, Mary Price, Roger Critcher, Jack Manning.
- Grade 8-A: Jennie Green Taylor.
- Grade 8-B: Elmer Malone.
- Grade 9: None.
- Grade 10: Mary Clyde Williams, Edith Peele, Reg Simpson, Wheeler Manning, Frances Peele.
- Grade 11: Eliza Coltrain, Louise Coltrain, Josephine Harrison, Marjorie Taylor, Clyde Griffin, Leroy Griffin.

22 Cases Scheduled for Recorder's Court Today

Twenty-two criminal cases had been placed on the docket late yesterday afternoon for trial in the recorder's court here today. Several of the cases were continued from courts previously held, but the majority of the counts was placed since last Friday. No cases of marked importance appear on the docket, it is understood.

Shipments of Farm Produce From Here Only Little Over Half As Much As Formerly

HEARING SOON ON HINSON CASE

Expect Indictment To Be Returned Against Parents of Dead Child

With facts assembled practically assuring indictments, officers are withholding action in the case in which Virginia Hinson, 7-weeks-old infant of Warren W. and Verna Hinson, is believed to have been killed, pending the outcome of the condition of Gordon Rae, 3-year-old son of the two Hinsons, who is seriously ill at the county jail here.

Since the child was found dead Friday morning of week before last, facts have been gathered by the officers warranting the indictment of Hinson and his wife. According to reports coming from the courthouse yesterday arrangements will be made to have Solicitor Donnel Gillam attend the hearing that he might follow the course of the case. With conditions as they are existing at this time, officers are practically at a loss to determine a date for the hearing. However, the preliminaries are likely to be held within the next day or two, it is thought.

HINSON CHILD SERIOUSLY ILL

Contracts Double Pneumonia While in Jail With Mother

Gordon Rae, the 3-year-old son of Warren W. Hinson and wife, Verna Hinson, continues seriously ill in the courthouse here, according to reports coming from the child's bedside, in a room of the home agent's department. With a trained nurse and a physician making regular calls, the child is receiving the best of care while its parents continue in jail.

The child's condition is a matter of much concern in the several offices at the courthouse, and aside from taxes the conversation centers around the child. Developing double pneumonia in the cell where he was confined with his mother, the child was removed to a room especially prepared in the home economics department. Mrs. Bettie Teel is the attending nurse.

STARTS GARDEN CONTEST TODAY

Open to Any One in Martin County, Man or Woman; Limited to Fifty

In cooperation with the governor's live-at-home program being carried on throughout the State, Miss Sleeper is beginning a gardening contest over the county. This contest will be open to any one in Martin County, man or woman, interested. It will last approximately one year and will be given assistance by the State Department at Raleigh, N. C., represented by Mr. E. B. Morrow, gardening specialist, and Miss Leah Parker, of the Chilean Nitrate Co., of Atlanta, Ga. The latter company has volunteered to give 500 pounds of fertilizer to two or three contestants. If you are interested in improving conditions at home, in your county, and your State, join the garden contest and improve your health and financial condition for 1930 and enjoy the Old North State program of really "living at home," as launched by the governor.

Poultry Car at Jamesville Today; Here Tomorrow

The first poultry loadings in this county for the present season were going forward rapidly in Jamesville this morning, County Agent Brandon stating that approximately one ton of the barnyard birds had been placed aboard the car at noon today. The loadings there, it is believed, will pass the two ton mark by evening. Tomorrow the car will be placed on a siding here. Thursday, loadings will be made in Robersonville, the car going to Oak City Friday. To make certain that the offerings will be cared for, Agent Brandon is having another car held in reserve for use at Robersonville and Oak City. The car will not be called out, however, unless it is needed.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL IS GOOD

Average of 95 Per Cent Is Maintained During the Fourth Month

An average attendance of 95 per cent was maintained in the local schools during the fourth month, according to a report filed by the principal, Mr. William R. Watson. The enrollment for the month reached the 660 mark. After tabulating the attendance figures for the first week following the holidays, Mr. Watson stated yesterday that the total enrollment showed a decrease of 15 pupils, that the loss was confined to the lower grades. The high school enrollment was increased four during the first week. The decrease in the primary grades is believed to be only temporary, as many of the new families moving into the district have not had time to enter their children. Several new pupils reported yesterday morning for classwork, and by the end of the week or by that time when the moving season ends the loss will be recovered, it is believed. The total enrollment for the season, it was pointed out by the principal, stands at the 700 mark, showing 345 boys and 355 girls enrolled.

CONTINUE SALES OF LICENSE TAGS

Local Bureau To Be Open During Remainder of Month

While the sale of automobile tags in this immediate section is said to be not as great as the one for the previous year, sales throughout the State are said to be greater than they were for a corresponding period the preceding year. Sale of state tags at Carolina Motor Club offices during the last half of December exceeded by 42,286 the number of tags disposed of during the entire month of December, 1928, it was announced yesterday by Coleman W. Roberts, vice president of the club. The local bureau will continue the sale during the remainder of this month it was stated yesterday by Messrs. J. D. Woolard and N. C. Green, managers of the bureau.

CAGE GAME NOW HAS SPOTLIGHT

Local Girls Win First Game At Belhaven; Boys to Play Tomorrow

The local high school opened its basketball season last Friday evening when the girls' team invaded Belhaven, defeating the girls there in an interesting and exciting game by an 11 to 9 score. Throughout the period of play, Miss Crowson's sextet led by a two or three point margin. Tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, in the Planters Warehouse here, the local boys will meet those of Belhaven in their first game of the season. Coach Hood, with 10 boys out in uniform, has not determined his first stringers, and he is expecting to use during the tilt Holding, Shearon, Cooke, Hardison, Cowan, E. and R. Taylor, Edwards, Brown, and Griffin. Following this match, the Farm Life and Robersonville boys will play, it was announced today.

Masons of Skewarkee Lodge Meet Tonight

There will be a regular communication of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, A. F. and A. M., tonight (Tuesday) at the lodge hall, at 7:30, according to an announcement made today by the Master, N. C. Green. Business of importance is scheduled to be transacted and a large attendance is urged. Visiting Masons are cordially invited to attend.

Everetts Parent-Teacher Meeting Tonight at 7:30

Mr. L. U. Albert, of Norfolk, Va., district passenger agent of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, will address the Everetts Parent-Teacher Association at the Everetts school auditorium this evening at 7:30 o'clock. His subject will be "The All-Educational Washington Tours." A large attendance for this informational and educational address is urged by the association officials.

Farm Life Boys Defeat Robersonville, 14 to 9

Farm Life, Jan. 13.—Farm Life School and Robersonville High School officially opened the intra-county basketball season at Robersonville on Wednesday night. The contest was fast and clean throughout, and although Farm Life captured the big end of a 14 to 9 score, the teams were quite evenly matched. Both schools presented splendid defensive teams, but their offense was very weak, as the score indicates. The two teams will meet for a second game in Williamston on Thursday night, January 15.

COTTON CO-OP ASSOCIATION OFF TO GOOD START

Rapid Progress of New Marketing Agency Pleases Head of Farm Board

BLALOCK ON BOARD

Subscriptions for \$800,000 of \$30,000 Capital Stock Received Within Several Hours

Washington, Jan. 13.—With approximately \$800,000 of the \$30,000,000 authorized capital stock subscribed within a few hours after incorporation at Wilmington, Delaware, the American Cotton Co-operative Association got away today to what Chairman Legge, of the Federal Farm Board, declared to be the "finest start" made by any of the national commodity marketing associations. Chairman Legge expressed gratification for the harmony with which State and regional cotton cooperatives were coming into the new association. "The cotton men," he said, "have put this organization over with less delay and difficulty than any group with which we have worked and have made the finest start of the three national agencies."

The other two are the Farmers' National Grain Corporation and the National Wool Marketing Association. A fourth, the National Live Stock Corporation, will meet soon to prepare a final draft of its plans.

Stock subscribed today was on the basis of cash or 10 per cent down and the remainder in five equal annual installments, cooperatives subscribing for each share of stock at \$100 for each 100 bales of cotton handled.

Chairman Legge said he saw no legal impediment to all the large-scale cooperatives becoming members of the association. They must comply with the Caper-Volstead Act, he said, and have had annual receipts from their members of 100,000 bales a year or appear to the board of directors likely to receive from their members such annual deliveries of cotton as will permit and afford continued business existence and substantial aid and participation in the business of the association, and which are ready, willing and able to subscribe and pay for their stock subscriptions.

The association will start, Legge said with a paid-in operating capital entirely sufficient for its present needs. The minimum amount needed to begin business was \$1,000.

Articles of incorporation provided that the association have perpetual existence, and that except to the extent that they are indebted for unpaid subscriptions for stock, the private property of stockholders shall not be subject to the payment of debts of the association. Interest dividends are not to exceed 8 per cent per annum and may be used to liquidate whatever debt the stockholders owe the association. With a broad sweep, the association reserved the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in the certificate of incorporation. Officers, books and accounts and policies of the association are subject to approval of the Federal Farm Board so long as it is indebted to the board.

Jamesville Store Is Robbed Last Night

Entering the Ira T. Coltrain store at Jamesville last night, robbers are said to have stolen a supply of clothing and other merchandise. An exact check of the losses could not be had shortly before noon today as entrance to the store was barred until the arrival of blood hounds. No clues to the stealing had been established at noon today.

Officers with bloodhounds started a trail about 11 o'clock this morning, the track leading up highway 90 toward this place. An entrance to the store was made through a glass door. During the past two years, the store has been robbed three times, the owner suffering substantial losses each time.

Orthopedic Clinic In Windsor Wednesday

The North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital will hold a clinic in the Red Cross Emergency Hospital, Windsor, tomorrow, according to an announcement made yesterday by Mrs. Mary Nash Miller, field worker for the hospital. This is the first clinic of its kind to be held in Windsor, and an invitation is extended all cripples in this and surrounding counties to attend. The clinic will open at 9 o'clock in the morning and remain open until two in the afternoon.

County Commissioners Will Meet Tomorrow

According to unofficial information gained here today, the Martin County commissioners will hold a special meeting tomorrow afternoon in their office at the courthouse here. Matters pertaining to finance and bridges will be placed before the meeting it is understood.

To Hold Pre-School Clinics Next Week

PAYS HIS TAXES WITH PENNIES

Ben Whitfield Brings 4,000 To Sheriff, Who Takes His Word for It

The value of the lowly penny, so often scorned by the kiddies of today, came into its own yesterday when Mr. Ben Whitfield, of Gold Point, paid his taxes with a number of the coppers. Four thousand of them did he have, and they offset his and another's taxes. The tax settlement, made in Sheriff C. E. Roebuck's office here yesterday afternoon, startled the collector and others who chanced to be around at the time.

The story telling how the pennies were accumulated was not available. So many were the coppers that the collector tendered a receipt without checking Mr. Whitfield's count.

LIBRARY GETS 133 NEW BOOKS

Interest in Reading Among Grammar Grade Pupils Shows Increase

A marked interest in the reading of books by local grammar grade school children was created recently when 133 new and attractive volumes were placed in the various room libraries. So great is the children's interest in the new books that the teachers have found it almost necessary to arrange reading schedules for them.

Added at a cost of \$126.12, the books were carefully selected from a list prepared by the State Department of Education. The cost was equally divided between the State, the county, and the school, each paying \$50. An order has been placed for National Geographic books, using the remainder of the funds.

Each year a joint contract is entered into by the State, county and a certain school for the purchase of books. The local school, taking its turn to share in the library aid fund, staged a minstrel and hallow'en carnival last November and raised its quota. All the grammar grade teachers and children entered whole-heartedly into the undertaking to raise the money, and with Miss Allen at its head, the library is commanding an important place in the school life of the children.

WOODMEN WILL MEET FRIDAY

Everetts Lodge to Have a Public Installation of Officers

Everetts, Jan. 14.—At the regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen Camp here last night, it was decided to have an open meeting for the purpose of installing officers at the school auditorium on Friday night, January 17th, at 7:30. The Modern Woodmen State lecturer and district deputy will be in charge of the program.

Special invitations are issued to the ladies to attend this meeting. Every-body is invited to attend, and the members of Modern Woodmen are urged to be present.

Hearing on Church Dispute Is Set for Wednesday Week

With Defense Attorney Archie R. Dunning busily engaged in preparing the answer to the complaint filed recently, a hearing in the Smithwick's Creek Primitive Baptist Church dispute will be held in Tarboro Wednesday of next week before Judge N. A. Sinclair, it was unofficially learned here yesterday.

350,000 Pounds of Meat Killed in Griffins So Far

Farm Life, Jan. 13.—The annual hog-killing carnival in Griffins Township has about terminated with a splendid outlook for an "abundance of hog, hominy, and happiness" for 1930. Although the shot crop is estimated to be a little below the average, there have been some 350,000 pounds of meat killed during the 1929-30 season. Several families report killings within the proximity of 5,000 pounds. J. L. Coltrain seems to have taken the grand prize of the neighborhood when he killed 25 head averaging over 200 pounds each.

Person County Farmers Buy Registered Heifers

Thirty head of registered Jersey heifers were recently purchased by 28 farmers of Person County.

WILL BE HELD AT FIVE SCHOOLS IN MARTIN COUNTY

Are for Children Entering School for First Time Next Fall

COOPERATION URGED

Clinics Provide Free Examinations for Children; Schedule for Each Day Presented

In an effort to correct as many of the existing physical defects in those children entering school next fall, health officials will hold, beginning next Monday, a series of pre-school clinics, it was announced yesterday by Dr. William E. Warren, county health officer. Examinations will be made in five different places, the last being held in the Bear Grass school Friday morning of next week.

These clinics, held without cost to the county, have been pointed out as an important feature of the health work in this State. They not only prove of benefit to the child's health, but they also prepare him to enter school unhampered by physical defects.

Similar clinics have been held in this county before, and while they were of much help their scope of work was limited. This year the health authorities anticipate a hearty cooperation between children, parents, and teachers. Dr. Warren stated yesterday, "We are to be congratulated upon getting this service for the children, and I am quite sure the parents and teachers will most heartily cooperate."

The examinations will be held according to the following schedule: Children of the Dardens and Jamesville sections will be examined at the Jamesville school Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Farm Life, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Gold Point, Everetts, Cross Roads, Parmele, and Robersonville districts will be served Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in the Robersonville school building.

The health workers will go to Oak City Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock to examine children from the Hamilton, Hassell, and Oak City districts. Coming here Thursday morning the workers will examine the children of this and the Lilley's Hall districts.

The work will be completed Friday morning at Bear Grass, where children of that district and those of the Smithwick Creek section will be examined. In those districts not mentioned in the schedule the children planning to enter school next fall are asked to appear for examination at the nearest point listed.

SEASON OPENS AT JAMESVILLE

Girls Team Wins Twice; Boys Win One and Lose One

Windsor, Jan. 14.—The Jamesville girls are going good thus far in the season. Last Thursday they met Plymouth in Jamesville and won from them by a count of 16-10. The boys met Plymouth immediately after the girls' game and were defeated by Plymouth 10-11. Both teams of girls showed mid-season form, but both boys' teams were decidedly out of form.

Thursday night, the boys met Bath on the Jamesville court in the Farmers Warehouse in Williamston, and won, 30-15. The girls met Windsor in their first championship game and won by the large margin of 26-7. The lassies from Windsor played gamely throughout the game. Although they never reached the basket with but one field goal, and the score was, throughout the game, more than doubled against them they played hard until the last whistle.

Strela Manning, Ella Mae Gaylord, and Dorothy Carson counted four field goals but was called for running. Louise Waters, Reba Bailey, Harriett Brown, and Elsie Jones kept the ball in Jamesville's territory most of the time. The local girls have a strong team and expect to stand high in the district championship contest. They meet Windsor again in Windsor next Friday night.

East Carolina Firemen Meet in Washington

The local fire company will be represented at the regular quarterly meeting of the East Carolina Firemen's Association to be held in Washington this evening, according to a statement made by Chief H. D. Harrison last night, following a meeting of the local firemen. The Washington Fire Department will be host to the convention opening at 8 o'clock in the firemen's building there.