

TWO BOYS LOSE LIVES IN RIVER WHILE FISHING

Delk Mizelle, Jr., White of Bertie, and Jasper Brooks Colored, Are Victims DROWN WEDNESDAY

Efforts To Recover Bodies Prove Unsuccessful So Far, According To Reports Received Here

The muddy waters of the Roanoke claimed the lives of two young boys last Wednesday, Delk Mizelle, young white boy of Bertie going to a watery grave late that afternoon, and Jasper Brooks, colored, of this county, preceding him by several hours.

Young Mizelle, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Delk Mizelle, of near Windsor, lost his life near Quitsna Landing when his boat from which he was fishing capsized. A colored boy, riding in the boat with the boy, saved himself. The two were fishing for herring, the colored boy stating that when the boat turned over, young Mizelle went down and never returned to the surface.

The Brooks boy, son of Willie Brooks, was drowned when a boat in which he was riding with three other colored boys capsized in the middle of the Roanoke, near the Camp Point Fishery. Riding in an unseaworthy boat, the four boys were turned into the stream when the waves whipped over the sides of the canoe, causing it to sink suddenly. Brooks' companions were rescued by J. E. Price, a white man who was in a boat near by when the boys were thrown into the water. Efforts made in an attempt to rescue the two bodies proved futile, according to the last reports received here.

A. L. BARNHILL DIES SUDDENLY

Funeral Services Held at the Home in Everetts Yesterday Afternoon

Arthur L. Barnhill, 45 years old, of Everetts, died suddenly last Tuesday afternoon while supervising logging operations in a woods near Everetts. Mr. Barnhill had several men sawing logs while he assisted in the work at the skidway. In talking to the truck driver, Mr. Barnhill stated that he felt very bad, but when urged to go out on the truck by the driver he stated that he thought he would soon be all right. When the driver returned half an hour later he found Mr. Barnhill lying unconscious on a board. Before help could be summoned he died.

Mr. Barnhill was a victim of severe heart attacks when he suffered a case of pneumonia a number of years ago. His weak heart aggravated by an attack of acute indigestion is believed to have caused death.

The funeral was conducted from the home yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. L. C. Brothers, of the Robertsonville Methodist Church. The burial was in the Whit Moore Cemetery, near Everetts.

Mr. Barnhill was the son of Abram P. Barnhill and wife, Mrs. Cressie Barnhill, the mother, four brothers, Messrs. J. T. J. B. and Church, of Everetts, and Sam Barnhill, of Robertsonville, and two sisters, Mrs. R. A. Bailey and Mrs. Nathan Rogers, of Bear Grass, surviving. When a young man he married Miss Lottie Moore, who also survives.

Hamilton School Honor Roll for Seventh Month

The seventh month for the Hamilton School was one of the best of the season, stated Principal W. E. Plyler in reporting the honor roll carrying the names of forty-six pupils for the period. The roll follows, by grades:

First grade—William Beach, Jimmie Deal, Richard Salsbury, Clarence Edmondson, Mary Slade, Elizabeth Gervin, Beatrice Gervin, Ellen Taylor.

Second grade—Louise Deal, Lucille Davis, Sallie Mobley, Eethel Edmondson, Doris Everett, Jesse Edmondson, Harvey Stalls, Leo White, Edgar Davis.

Third and fourth grades—Haywood Gardner, Herbert White, Velma Holliday, Margaret Edwards, Susie Scott, Beatrice Whitfield, Ernest Deal and Frank Everett.

Fourth and fifth grades—Maggie J. Cox, Elizabeth Haislip, Helen Johnson, Jennie Lou Williams.

Fifth grade—Robert Davis, W. E. Grimes, Dolly Myers, T. F. Davenport, Beale Pugh, Herman Davenport.

Sixth and seventh grades—Viola Edwards, Lester Williams, Cecil White, Richard Slade, Ruth Lowe, Elsie Rouse, Carmella Deal, Faye Mobley.

Eighth grade—Paul Salsbury, Jr. Ninth grade—Edwin Deal.

Local Enumerator Counts 1,400; About Half Complete

Reporting her work yesterday, Mrs. O. S. Anderson, census taker for the town, stated that she had counted four hundred men, women and children and that she had done very little work in that part of town south of the main street.

\$600 Judgment Granted In Modlin vs. Town Case

OAK CITY SCHOOL FINAL EXERCISES ARE ANNOUNCED

First of the Commencement Exercises Will Be Held Sunday, April 27

The first of the Oak City School exercises will be held Sunday evening, April 27, at 8 o'clock, Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, of the Williamson Presbyterian Church, preaching the commencement sermon at that time, it was stated yesterday by Mr. H. M. Ainsley, the school's principal.

The second exercise on the commencement program will be held Monday evening, April 28, the music class presenting a miscellaneous program consisting of vocal, instrumental, and group selections interspersed with dances, cantatas, and selections by rhythm band, directed and coached by Miss Heath, music leader.

Class exercises will feature the Tuesday evening program, the presentation of seventh grade neither absent nor tardy and library reading certificates.

The commencement climax follows Wednesday evening, when Senator M. K. Blount, of Greenville, delivers the main address and when County Superintendent R. A. Pope presents the diplomas to the 18 graduates, 15 girls and 3 boys. Dominated almost overwhelmingly by girls, the class is one of the largest graduated in the history of the school, Mr. Ainsley stated. In addition to the regular graduation exercises, cups and truck driver's prizes will be awarded.

Special choruses and musical numbers have been prepared for each of the programs, it was stated. The various programs are being handled by Misses Ray Heath, Myrtis Zetterower, Ina Bishop, and Mr. H. B. Russell.

CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER

Hubert Wooten, Killer of Mary Spruill Held In Default of Bond

Hubert Wooten, killer of Mary Spruill held last Sunday night, was ordered held in jail here in default of a \$500 bond following a preliminary hearing held before Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell last Wednesday.

Practically proving to the satisfaction of the court that he was defending himself when he fired and accidentally hit the woman, Wooten was allowed the seemingly small bond. However, the court officer could have made it \$50,000, and it would have been all the same to Wooten, for it now looks as if he will be obliged to continue in jail until the next term of superior court.

R. D. Spruill, who also figures in the case, continues in jail in default of a \$500 bond, the court preferring a charge of assault with intent to kill against him.

Easter Services at the Methodist Church Here

An Easter Cantata, by J. W. Lerman, will be presented by the choir at the Methodist church at the morning hour Sunday. Rev. Dwight A. Petty, the pastor, delivers his Easter sermon at the 7:30 hour.

The Sunday school, under the superintendency of Prof. W. R. Watson makes its concluding effort to attain its goal of 100 by Easter Sunday.

The title of the cantata is "Easter Joy." It takes the place of the morning sermon. There are 10 numbers, embracing four choruses, five solos, and the instrumental introduction. The solos will be sung by Mrs. J. S. Whitley, Mrs. W. C. Manning, Jr., Mr. R. F. Pope and Mr. J. D. Lilley. At the evening service the pastor preaches on "Witnesses of the Resurrection."

Senior League Monday at 7:30 p. m. Miss Blanche Matthews, leader. Hi-League Tuesday at 7:30. Mrs. W. H. Booker, Supt.

Missionary Society Tuesday instead of Monday at 3:30. Prayer service Wednesday at 7:30.

Stanley Warren Dies In the Oak Grove Section

Mr. Stanley Warren, a prominent farmer and leading citizen of the Oak Grove section, died last night after a long illness.

Mr. Warren was past the three score and ten mark. A resident of Pitt county, just across the Martin line, Mr. Warren has many relatives and friends in Martin.

Funeral arrangements had not been announced early this morning.

County Officers Capture 150-Gallon Liquor Still

A 150-gallon copper still was captured by county officers near here yesterday. The plant was cold and no arrests were made.

AMOUNT IS \$400 LESS THAN SUM ONCE OFFERED

Suit Is Brought To Recover Damages Sustained in the death of Ruth Modlin

OTHER EXPENSE PAID
Few Cases Have Been Heard So Far This Week; One Divorce Has Been Granted

A judgment amounting to \$600 was granted Mrs. Lucy Modlin, administratrix, in the superior court here yesterday afternoon, the suit having been brought to recover damages sustained in the death of Ruth Modlin who was killed by a falling plank from the town hall here in the fall of 1926.

The case was started last Wednesday morning with Critcher and Ward representing the plaintiffs and Dunsmuir and Coburn representing the town. Several witnesses, including a Mr. Beaman, painting contractor from Suffolk, were called in the case. The painters claimed they had no such plank in use and knew nothing about where it came from. It was supposed by some that the board had been on the roof for a long while, that the painters moved it where the strong wind lifted it from the roof. The child was on her way to the market when the board fell, end first, and struck her on the shoulder and neck. She died the following day.

The jury found the town had been negligent in not providing safety methods for travelers on the street and awarded the plaintiff \$600, or \$400 less than the town had formerly offered. In addition to the \$600, the town paid hospital expenses, around \$250, and offered to pay burial costs.

As the case required the greater part of two days, other work in the court has been limited.

One divorce, Mamie Andrews vs. Moses Andrews, has been granted. The case of Bettie C. Gurganus vs. Harvey L. Gardner was dismissed, all matters having been settled. The dismissal was at plaintiff's cost.

The court, this morning, was working on the case of C. A. Robertson vs. N. D. Matthews and North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank and N. D. Matthews vs. C. A. Robertson and B. R. Jenkins, trustee, apparently a case that is very complicated.

The session, trying only civil matters, will continue through next week, according to the present schedule.

NEGRO IS BADLY CUT IN AFFRAY

Waldo Wilson at the Point of Death; James Hart Held in Jail Here

Waldo Wilson, colored, is at the point of death and James Hart, also colored, is being held in the jail here as a result of a cutting affray between the two at Hampton's Fishery this week. Particulars in the case have not been revealed at this time, as court action is temporarily stayed pending the outcome of Wilson's condition.

According to reports, the two men were quarreling in a kitchen at the fishery when Hart picked up a 7-inch fish knife and drove the blade through Hart's body, cutting in half the man's liver.

The Negroes are from Washington County, it is understood, but as the affray took place just over the line in Martin, the courts of this county will necessarily handle the proceedings.

Attending physicians stated yesterday that Wilson had one chance out of a thousand to recover.

To Hold First Service in New Holly Springs Church

Holly Springs Church is just about completed, excepting painting, and the first service will be held in it Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The pastor will preach an Easter sermon. It is expected that many people will attend. A former pastor has been invited to preach in the new church some time in the near future. It is Rev. T. W. Lee, of Trenton, who began the structure that is now being completed.

Presbyterians Beautify Their Church Grounds

During the past week the Presbyterian church received a shipment of shrubs as a donation from W. T. Hood & Co., of Richmond, Va. Mr. Hood is a prominent physician of that city and very often makes such donations to small churches. These shrubs have been placed and added materially to the looks of the new church.

Organize Wesley Bible Class in Church Here

A forward movement in Sunday school work was effected at the Methodist church here last Sunday when 13 young men organized a Wesley Bible Class. A charter has been applied for and the newly formed class plans an extensive work in the Sunday school field.

Mr. E. S. McCabe is the president of the newly formed class, Mr. R. A. Critcher acting as vice president, and Mr. S. E. Sprinkle serving as secretary and treasurer.

Sunrise Service To Be Held at Christian Church Sunday

Christian Church services Sunday: Sunrise prayer meeting at 6 o'clock. Sunday school at 9:45. A cordial welcome awaits all people at these services.

NAME WINNERS IN "LIVE-AT-HOME" COUNTY CONTEST

Six Papers and Posters Are Forwarded To Compete In State-Wide Contest

Last Tuesday was a busy day at the court house here where judges in the "Live-at-Home" contest assembled to select the winning entries in the Martin County contest. These papers are to be submitted in turn to State Superintendent A. T. Allen whose committee shall select three winners in the white contest for rural children and three winners in similar contests for colored children. Of the three contests one was for posters and two were for essays.

A committee composed of Mrs. E. S. Peel, Hon. J. A. Everett and Mr. G. H. Cox judged the essays presented by the high school pupils and recommended one to be submitted to Raleigh. The winner in the white schools was Josephine Harrison from the local school, and the winner in the colored was Laura Staton, Parmele.

The committee for the grammar grade themes presented was Mrs. J. F. Jordan, Rev. E. P. West and Rev. Z. T. Piephoff. The winning essay for this contest was submitted by Alice Harrison of the Williamson white school and Lillian V. Hill, Williamson, in the colored schools.

Mrs. V. A. Ward and Miss Lora Slesper found the job entirely theirs of judging and deciding which poster booklet should go to Raleigh from the primary schools. The third member of this committee, Mrs. Van Taylor, being absent. The winning poster in this was submitted by Mildred Harrison of the Williamson School for the whites the colored being won by the fourth grade of the Burroughs-Spring Hill School.

From the 600 papers and posters presented by children of the 100 counties of the State there will be selected eighteen and prizes given by agencies of the State from the Governor to life insurance companies. It is hoped that this is just a beginning of the essential study of home economy which will eventually lead the people to independence. In fact, there is talk of writing a new Declaration of Independence from the ideas submitted by the school children of North Carolina.

JUDGE SINCLAIR IS SUMMONED TO ANSWER CHARGE

Commissioner I. W. Massey Will Hear Case at His Office in Selma

HEARING NEXT WEEK
Several Local People Are Summoned To Appear as Witnesses for the Government

Judge N. A. Sinclair, of the North Carolina Superior Court, found with a pint of liquor in his handbag near Tarboro last month, has been summoned to appear before United States Commissioner I. W. Massey, in Selma, Saturday of next week, the warrant charging in the court officer with violating the Federal prohibition laws.

The hearing, scheduled for tomorrow, was postponed today by the District Attorney who will be busy in another court at the time. The hearing will be held Saturday of next week, according to information received here shortly after the noon-hour today.

The warrant for Judge Sinclair's arrest was sworn out by C. S. Coats, Federal prohibition agent working out of this place, several days ago, it is understood. The date for the hearing was mutually agreed upon by the Government and the judge, it is understood. The place where the hearing will be held is near Smithfield, where Judge Sinclair is holding court this week.

The warrant is now in the office of United States Marshal E. C. Geddie at Raleigh; meanwhile, Judge Sinclair is said by prohibition agents, to have been summoned over telephone to Selma, where the warrant will be served Saturday.

At the time of the search, Judge Sinclair characterized the affair as a "frame-up" and later Harold Everett, of this place, said he "planted" the whisky in the judge's luggage as a practical joke just before the jurist left Williamson, where he had been presiding over a term of court.

No immediate action was taken, but charges were preferred by Coats and forwarded to the office of the United States district attorney at Wilmington, N. C.

According to unofficial information received here, Agent Coats; Deputy Roebuck, and Officer Allsbrooks have already been summoned and probably others will be called as witnesses in the case next week.

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CO-OPS NAME J. T. THORNE

Nominated Candidate For Director at Meet Held In Greenville Wednesday

Representatives of the first district of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, meeting in Greenville last Wednesday unanimously nominated John T. Thorne as a candidate for director of the first district.

The delegates represented at this meeting went on record as favoring the standardization of varieties of cotton by counties and requested the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association to push this matter wherever possible.

They also went on record as urging more attention to the ginning of cotton, both in the matter of avoiding the cutting of lint and of keeping varieties of seed pure and unmixed at the gins as far as possible, and ask the cooperation of the people operating gins in this matter.

Better Bus Service Will Be Provided in Section

Purchasing the McPherson Bus Line recently, the Virginia Beach Bus Line will inaugurate a new and better service for the people along the route between Norfolk and Washington, according to an announcement made this week.

The new service will provide three daily trips to and from Norfolk from this point daily. The new schedules will aid travelers greatly between here and Baltimore and other northern points. At the present time, the McPherson is maintaining a two way schedule between Norfolk and Washington. The third one will enable local people to eat supper in their own homes and reach Norfolk that evening around three and one-half hours.

The new company is planning to run much larger buses than the ones now in operation, it is understood.

Negotiations for handling mail over the line are now underway, it was reported, but the success of the movement could not be learned here this morning.

Schools To Close Here For Easter Monday

The local schools will observe Monday as a holiday. Business will be continued as usual, no banks or stores closing for the day, it is understood.

The several grades in the local grammar school have been holding egg hunts during the past few days.

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SMALL CHILD IS RUNDOWN BY CAR

James Stevenson, Jr., Badly Hurt When Hit by Car Driven by S. T. White

James E., the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stevenson, who live on East Main Street here, was badly injured last Wednesday when struck by a car driven by Mr. S. T. White, of Greenville. Mr. White was driving down Main Street and just before he reached the hill, the child dashed from behind an ice truck directly in front of the approaching machine, making it impossible for Mr. White to clear him. The little fellow was knocked down by the car, suffering bad cuts and bruises about the head and face.

The child's injuries were thought at first to be very serious, but last reports state that he is getting along very well, that no bones were broken.

Services at County Home Next Sunday Afternoon

Rev. L. B. Edge, Richmond evangelist, will conduct the regular Sunday afternoon services at the County Home, near here, Sunday at 3:00 o'clock. The public is invited to attend and hear him.

Eight O'clock Service at Episcopal Church Sunday

Services at the Church of the Advent: Friday, at 4:30 P. M., Good Friday service. Sunday, 8 a. m.—Holy Communion and sermon.

Fined in J. P. Court for Driving with One License

D. O. Bowen was fined \$10 and costs in a justice of the peace court here last Wednesday for driving with only one State license tag on his car. The case was carried to the court by Patrolman J. R. Smith.

Listing Slow in County

List-takers in this county are still reporting that property owners are continuing very slowly in listing their valuables.

There are only ten more days in which to list property, and unless there is an increase in the work at once, much property will be subjected to the penalty imposed for late listing.

TWO ANNOUNCE FOR THE OFFICE OF TREASURER

J. E. Pope Withdraws From County Board To Enter Treasurer's Contest

No Great Racket Is Being Made Over Bailey-Simmons Senatorial Race In Martin County

Awakened from a period of little activity, Martin County politics began to develop interest today when Mr. John E. Pope announced his candidacy for the office of treasurer in opposition to Mr. W. H. Carstarphen, who announced his candidacy early this week. Mr. Pope's announcement for the treasurer's office leaves a vacancy in the board of commissioners; no candidates having announced for that place at this time, however.

Other than the contest for the treasurer's office, present indications point to a quiet primary in the county next June. However, the season is just opening locally and later developments might alter greatly the present outlook. Mr. Pope's withdrawal from the board of commissioners to enter the treasurer's race, invites a contest for the position made vacant on the board. That the other four members of the board, Messrs. T. B. Slade, H. S. Everett, C. T. Griffin, and L. P. Holliday, would run again could not be definitely learned today, but according to unofficial reports, the four men will announce to succeed themselves.

At the present time, the political schedule, subject to the Democratic primary, is as follows: For representative, Mr. J. C. Smith, Robertsonville; for treasurer, Messrs. William H. Carstarphen and John E. Pope; for judge of the recorder's court, Mr. Joseph W. Bailey; for clerk superior court, Mr. R. J. Peel; for register of deeds, Mr. J. Sam Getsinger; for sheriff, Mr. C. B. Roebuck. Other announcements are expected to follow within a very short time.

With a race already scheduled locally and with Senator Simmons and Mr. Bailey in the ring, it now looks as if the poll holders will have something to do, in this county, after all. Then there is a three-cornered race for the solicitorship in this district, and that will add to the interest of the primary.

No great racket is being made over the Simmons-Bailey senatorial contest in this county; however, both candidates have some able supporters, indicating that there will be an increased interest in that particular race before the primary next June.

Baptist Choir To Sing In Presbyterian Church Here

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, Pastor
True sayings: "Then, something sacred whispers from the skies, Then something deathless looks from dying eyes."

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.—John L. Rodgers, Superintendent. Worship service and sermon, 11:00 a. m.—"Some Blessings of Easter."

We are delighted to announce that the Baptist choir will sing for us this Easter Sunday. We are happy to have them with us and extend a cordial invitation to the members of the Baptist, Christian and Episcopal churches to meet with us for this service. We invite all who will to come and worship with us. A warm welcome awaits you in a cool church.

Sunday Services at the Jamesville Baptist Church

Special music will feature the Easter services in the Jamesville Baptist Church next Sunday morning, according to an announcement made by one of the deacons of the church yesterday. Two preaching services will be held, the morning service at 11 and the evening one at 8:00 o'clock. Heretofore the evening services have started at 7:30 o'clock, the membership being asked to note the change in the hour. The Sunday school will convene at the regular hour, 10 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to attend each of the services.

County Board of Elections Meeting Here Tomorrow

As far as it can be learned, the Martin County Board of Elections, meeting here tomorrow, will be undisturbed in their election of registrars and poll holders for the June primary. According to reports coming from other counties, Bailey and Simmons supporters are expected to demand equal appointments.