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COURT OF HONOR FOR BOY SCOUTS IS HELD FRIDAY

Four Boys Are Advanced To Rank of First-Class Scout

5 GET MERIT BADGES

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, Wheeler Martin, and L. L. Hallman in Charge of Exercises Friday Night

The court of honor for the Williamston troop of Boy Scouts was held in the courthouse here last Friday night, with about 24 of the 30 scouts in town attendance. The court of honor was composed of Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, Scoutmaster Wheeler Martin, and Assistant Scoutmaster L. L. Hallman. Rev. Piephoff presided.

Four scouts were advanced from second to first class, as follows: C. B. Hassell, Jr., O. S. Anderson, Jr., J. S. Rhodes, Jr., and Pete Fowden, Jr. Three boys, Jack Manning, H. D. Harrison, Jr., and Ben Hopkins, were advanced from tenderfoot to the second-class grade.

Besides this, the following received merit badges: C. B. Hassell, Jr., for swimming; L. L. Hallman, swimming, wood-carving, athletics, and metal work; Wheeler Martin, Jr., personal health, swimming, and metal work; John Hatton Gurganus, book binding; and Mac Simpson, for life saving and swimming.

Merit badges are awarded to scouts for proficiency in various activities, and after receiving a certain number of the badges the boy is advanced to Star Scout. From there he is elevated to Life Scout, and after completion of a number of tests in this grade he is made an Eagle Scout, the highest rank possible in the organization. Wheeler Martin, Jr., has successfully passed the number of merit badge tests required to be made a Star Scout and will be advanced after he has been a first-class Scout the required period, 90 days. Several other boys in the troop are working hard on the tests, and it is expected that the local organization will have several of the Star Scouts within the next year.

The boys are working hard, and Mr. Martin, the scoutmaster, said that they deserved much credit, as the merit badge tests are pretty hard and are conducted strictly according to the standards laid down by the national organization. The badges are awarded at the courts of honor, which are held on the first Friday of each month, and it is thought there will be a number of boys entitled to awards by the time the next court of honor is to be held.

CAR IN COLLISION WITH GAS STATION

Bertie Negroes Arrested For Driving While Drunk After Crash Into Filling Station at River

Buck Cherry and Will Outlaw, Bertie County negroes, were arrested here Sunday night for being disorderly and driving a car while under the influence of whiskey, when they ran their car into the filling station of George Harris, near the river bridge.

After Cherry and Outlaw had finished spreading joy in and around Williamston in their topless Ford, they decided to return to Bertie. Not being able to cope with the power of their white male, when they saw the river bridge approaching at a rapid rate of speed they turned out to let it pass and ran into the gas station of Mr. Harris, knocking down a gas pump and inflicting other minor damage to his property.

Cherry was arrested by Chief Daniel, who left him in the custody of Night Policeman Ricks, while he brought in the wrecked car. Ricks, thinking Cherry was a white man, locked him in with the other white prisoners and did not discover his error until he reported the arrest to local citizens familiar with Bertie names. Ricks then slipped back down to the jail in an attempt to cover up his mistake, but Officers Roebuck and Daniel caught him in the act of transferring the prisoner.

Cherry was later released after giving a \$200 bond.

LOOKING FOR WORK IN BOTH DIRECTIONS

Texas Man Going To New York for Work; New Yorker On Way To Texas for Same Purpose

Mr. John L. Rodgers, local insurance man, on his way to Raleigh on business last Saturday, picked up a traveler along the highway near Spring Hope. The man said that he was a citizen of New York and that he was on his way to Texas in search of work. Mr. Rodgers carried the man as far as he was going and thought no more of the matter until on his way home, when he overtook another hiker and picked him up. This man stated that he was a native of Texas on his way to New York looking for a job. Mr. Rodgers said he thought each of the men might have saved himself a long journey by looking around for work a little nearer home.

Search for Negro Charged With Attempted Criminal Assault Young White Girl

OCCURRED ON FARM NEAR OAK CITY SUNDAY

POLICE THROUGHOUT EASTERN CAROLINA ON LOOKOUT FOR GEORGE HEATH

GIRL IS NOT HARMED

Negro Is Frightened Away by Girl's Mother and Step-Father; Trained As Far As Hobgood

Police throughout Eastern North Carolina are on the lookout for George Heath, colored man, said to be from Rocky Mount, who is charged with an attempted criminal assault on Miss Frances Jenkins, 16-year-old white girl, of near Oak City, Sunday morning about 2 o'clock. The attempted assault took place on the farm of the girl's step-father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Flannagan, about 5 miles from Oak City on the old Hobgood-Oak City road.

According to reports, Mr. and Mrs. Flannagan and Miss Jenkins were curing tobacco, the young girl having gone to sleep on a truck fixed up for the purpose at one of the barns. Mr. and Mrs. Flannagan had access to go to another barn about 20 yards away, and upon returning the girl's mother found that the Negro Heath had gone to the truck where her daughter was sleeping and was attempting to remove her clothing.

Hearing Mrs. Flannagan approach the negro ran. Mrs. Flannagan called her husband, who rushed to their assistance and fired two shots at the fleeing negro. He then immediately notified the authorities and secured bloodhounds from Enfield. The dogs trailed Heath to a barber shop in Hobgood, where the proprietor informed the officers that the negro had been there, arriving about 4 o'clock, but that he had caught a freight train bound for Rocky Mount shortly afterwards.

Heath had only been in the county for about two weeks. He is apparently about 30 years old, light in color, and has a large scar across his upper lip. His home is supposed to be in Rocky Mount. Officers throughout the section have been notified to be on the watch for him, and it is expected that he will be caught and returned here for trial.

PICNIC WEDNESDAY

Methodist Outing To Be Held at Coleraine Beach

The annual picnic of the Sunday school of the local Methodist Church will be held at Coleraine Beach tomorrow afternoon, according to announcement made Sunday. Members of the Sunday school will assemble at the church at 1 p. m., and the party will return late in the afternoon or early in the evening. Following an afternoon of bathing and the other amusements that the beach affords, a picnic supper will be spread on the tables. Committees to look after the refreshments, transportation, and other details were appointed last week, and a delightful outing is promised for those who attend.

LEAK IN WATER LINE

Located Near Atlantic Hotel After Digging Several Holes

Parts of Washington Street was blocked Sunday and Monday while Jesse Harrell, superintendent of the water department of the town, was making tests on the mains to find the defective pipe that had been pouring out water since early Sunday.

The leak was not discovered until after a number of holes were dug and much pavement removed, finally locating it near the Atlantic Hotel, where a defective piece of pipe had been used in making the tap at the hotel.

ATTEND OPENING

Number Local Men Go To First Sales On Border Markets Today

There were several parties of local business men and tobaccoists attending the opening of the border markets today. The low prices at the opening of the Georgia markets last week have focused the attention of those interested in tobacco in this section on the border belt, which has tobacco more like the grade and quality grown here.

BRINGING CEMENT

4,000 Bags for Use in Paving Streets To Come in By Boat Tonight

The Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina boat line is running an extra boat to Williamston tonight to bring 4,000 bags of cement, which will be used in connection with the paving program now in progress here. The crew unloading the vessel will have a big job on its hands, as handling 4,000 bags weighing 96 pounds each will require some time.

TOWN BOARD IN REGULAR MEET MONDAY NIGHT

Reduction of Town Taxes Discussed and Committee Named to Investigate

ORDER LOTS CLEANED

Board Says Weeds Must Be Cut and Trash Removed from Vacant Lots; Other Matters Disposed of

Matters of only routine importance were slated for the approval of the town board last night, other than the general discussion as to the advisability of cutting the town tax rate. Realizing that a thorough check should be made of the audit and the budget before a definite decision is made, the board appointed a committee to make the investigation and report at the next meeting.

Vacant lots which have grown up, making a breeding place for insects and an unsightly scene for visitors in Williamston, have been ordered cleaned up, cutting all weeds and removing trash. This is a town law, and the board expects to enforce this law within the next few days unless they receive the cooperation of the owners of vacant lots.

WILL AGAIN HAVE COMMUNITY FAIR

Secretary of Everetts Organization Asks People To Prepare Exhibits

Paul Bailey, secretary and treasurer of the Everetts Community Fair Association, announced recently that the association was making plans for the community fair to be held again this year in the school building there on Armistice Day, November 11th. Mr. Bailey said the officers of the organization were desirous of having the people of the community keep the date in mind and begin now to prepare exhibits for the event.

The first fair was held by the association last year and was such a decided success that it was decided to make it an annual event. Valuable prizes will be awarded to the winners in each department, and it is expected that the exhibition this fall will be an even greater success than the one held last year.

Mr. Bailey said it was hoped the ladies will keep the fair in mind during the canning season and prepare articles to be exhibited. Special inducements are also to be offered to girls for sewing and fancy work and to boys for farm products and livestock. The support of every citizen in the community is earnestly solicited by the association to the end that another successful fair may be held.

PLENTY OF MELONS

Are Cheaper Than They Have Been For Many Years

Watermelons have become very plentiful on the streets of Williamston in the course of the past few days. Besides the large number carried by the stores, many farmers have been bringing wagon loads to town. While the demand continues fairly steady, prices have declined to the point that melons are now cheaper here than they have been for a number of years. Good-sized watermelons can be bought from either wagons or stores for as low as 20 and 25 cents, and the largest ones are going on sale for only a little more than that.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ASA BIGGS

Former Congressman, United States District Court Judge, and United States Senator; Material Used Herein Was First Published in 1915 By The North Carolina Historical Commission

Nothing that was said or done appeared to soothe or console. I was unalterably miserable, and could find no solace or hope. And here, I had as well transcribe in full, the text of Bro. Hassell, to which allusion has been made, 33d Psalm 18 and 19 verses, "Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine." It is a blessed promise to a sin-cursed soul, but from it, or his sermon could I derive no consolation. I had on sudden deliverance from this deep distress. The first composure and serenity of mind I enjoyed, and that slight, was on Tuesday evening when, as I have heretofore said, the 8th verse of 3d Chapter of St. John was forcibly brought to my mind. It reads thus, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof; but canst not tell whence it cometh or whither it goeth; so it is every one that is born of the Spirit." Commenting here, my mind grew more calm and composed, and my soul, for several days, was melted in thanksgiving and praise to God for his loving kindness and for being deliver from the deep gloom through which I had passed. My wife and myself, had often conversed about family prayers. It seemed impressed upon my mind for years as proper, but I never could determine

The Fifth Installment

In this, the fifth installment of the autobiography of Judge Asa Biggs, he continues the narrative of his religious experience. In the installment next Friday Judge Biggs tells of the circumstances leading up to his election to the United States Senate by the legislature of 1854. Speaking of the Senate, he says, "The prevailing desire seemed to be to procure large appropriations for any and every object. . . I found myself frequently voting in a minority of from 10 to 12 members."

to discharge this duty; but during the week, one night, I called the family together and in a trembling manner, bowed at the family altar, and, I hope, most sincerely implored mercy and supplicated blessings, from our Heavenly Father. In the discharge of this duty, I experienced more, sudden, sensible, consolation, than I have ever enjoyed; and therefore I continue the same to this day, believing it a duty acceptable to God. My mind was soon drawn to the consideration of Christian association; and a desire was excited to partake of the Lord's Supper.

Boards To Decide on School Budget at Meet Friday Night

Treasurer Sees Possibility of Decrease in Town Tax Rate

Mr. N. C. Green, town treasurer, is busy this week studying the tax books and figuring on the budget for the coming year. Mr. Green stated yesterday that he had hopes for and saw the possibility for a small reduction in the tax rate of the town for the next fiscal year. If there is no decrease, he said he was almost certain that no increase would be made.

HOME IS ROBBED NEAR EVERETTS

Home of Alonza Allen Is Entered and Trunk Carried Off

Thieves broke into the home of Alonza Allen, about two miles from Everetts, some time Friday night and carried off a trunk containing wearing apparel and some valuable papers. The trunk was later found in a tobacco field about 150 yards from the house with all of its contents intact except two small cigar boxes containing some notes, mortgages, and deeds, which have not yet been recovered.

Mr. Allen said he left his filling station, which is located on the Williamston-Everetts road, about 50 yards from his house, about 10 o'clock Friday night, but he is unable to say whether the robbery was committed before he went home or not. The trunk was in one of the bedrooms of the house. The thieves entered by a window, picked the trunk up and carried it out into a tobacco field about 150 yards away and proceeded to rifle it there.

Sheriff Roebuck was notified when the robbery was discovered Saturday morning, and he tracked the robbers from the field where the trunk was found to the railroad, where the trail was lost. The sheriff said that the tracks showed there were two men, or one man and a boy, as one set of footprints was much larger than the other. He said that something must have frightened the men while they were going through the trunk, as tobacco plants had been knocked right and left as if by somebody running between the place and the railroad. No clue to the identity of the rogues has yet been established.

PLACED IN JAIL

Charlie Jackson Charged With Being Drunk and Disorderly

Charlie Jackson was arrested and placed in jail here Sunday for being drunk and disorderly and inflicting punishment upon Miss Norma Perry, who was visiting in the home of Mr. Jackson. Miss Perry claimed that Jackson choked her and in a scuffle injured her about the body. The details of the incident could not be learned other than that an argument preceded the trouble.

FOUR ATTEND SHORT COURSE AT RALEIGH

Miss Sleeper and Four Club Members Leave for Meeting at State College Monday

Miss Lora E. Sleeper, county home demonstration agent, left yesterday for Raleigh, taking four girls to represent the junior clubs of the county at the short course for members of 4-H clubs which is being held at State College this week. The girls going are Misses Thelma Haislip, Emma Hurst, Dorothy Whitehurst, and Winifred Mizelle, of the Robersonville and Parmele clubs.

As the farm and home convention held there last week is one week in the year set aside for farmers and farm women, so is the boys' and girls' short course planned especially for 4-H club boys and girls. The programs this year are said to be unusually interesting and timely.

TOBACCO MEN BUSY

Getting Everything Ready for Opening of Market September 2

Williamston tobacco warehousemen are busy these days, making final preparations for the opening of the tobacco market here on Tuesday, September 2. At the present time they are making calls upon the farmers of the section, tacking up their signs, and distributing various kinds of advertising matter that present the advantages of the Williamston market.

One of the factors that is creating considerable interest is the fact that this market will have a government grader here during the coming season. Tobacco graded by these men on other markets have sold at higher average prices than that ungraded, and a great many planters are planning to have their weed handled in this manner here this year.

STUDY FIGURES AT JOINT MEET HERE MONDAY

Budget As Submitted Calls For Increase in Tax Rate

16 TEACHERS ADDED

With Exception of New Teachers and Salary Increments, Estimate Is Lower Than Last Year

A joint meeting of the county board of education and county board of commissioners was held here yesterday afternoon for the purpose of going over the budget estimates submitted by the board of education. The estimate as presented calls for an increase in tax rate of 10 cents, from 92 cents to \$1.02, or the \$100 valuation. After considerable discussion, the two boards thought it wise to study the questions raised for a few days, and announced that another meeting will be held Friday of this week, August 8th, at 7:30 p. m., when the budget will probably be gone over in detail, amended and approved.

The budget as submitted shows that some items have been reduced under last year, such as janitor's fees, coal bills, and other items of general expense, but it calls for 16 new teachers and increases of salary called for by the State salary schedule for a number of old ones. The budget, with the exception of the new teachers and salary increments for the old ones, is smaller than that submitted last year and would permit the tax rate to remain the same despite the decrease in valuation of property listing this year, it is understood.

The boards found that the proposed budget would have to be cut by about \$10,000 in order to keep the same rate as last year, and for this reason the school committee are going to be required to show at the meeting Friday night that the additional teachers are necessary, or the county board will eliminate these items.

The problems before the boards were clearly puzzling to the members. All of them expressed themselves as being desirous of maintaining the efficiency of the schools, but they were rather dubious about going before the people with an increased tax rate.

JURY LIST DRAWN BY BOARD MONDAY

Is For September Term of Superior Court, Which Convenes Here Monday, September 15

The board of county commissioners, at its meeting here Monday, drew the following jury list for the two weeks term of Martin County Superior Court, which convenes here September 15th, the third Monday:

First Week
C. A. Askey, J. B. Fagan, W. J. Wright, B. L. Gardner, L. D. Hardison, J. R. Coltrain, Hugh Coltrain, N. D. Griffin, W. D. Manning, H. L. Hardison, A. T. Griffin, John A. Lilley, B. M. Manning, W. P. Harris, L. J. Peel, Edmond Harris, W. S. Revels, W. J. Melson, C. B. Hassell, A. T. Perry, J. R. Crawford, J. P. House, N. D. Matthews, W. E. Everett, W. B. Congleton, L. G. Taylor, W. S. White, J. P. Harris, J. W. Eubanks, D. W. Etheridge, A. E. Purvis, W. J. Haislip, J. W. Bellflower, T. H. Johnson, E. V. Smith, and W. B. Bennett.

Second Week
W. B. Gaylord, C. J. Griffin, A. J. Hardison, O. B. Roberson, S. J. Lilley, R. H. Smith, W. S. Peel, J. D. Leggett, J. G. Staton, Willie Ausbon, Walter Beach, Robert Whitehurst, Charlie Keel, Willie H. Johnson, R. J. Whitehurst, L. H. Hux, J. R. Rawls, and W. C. Manning.

WARRANT ISSUED

Brawl at Rufins Shoe Shop Sunday Results in Law Taking a Hand

A warrant was issued Monday for the arrest of Willie Davis, local colored woman, as the result of an attack she made on one of her friends, Sam Simmons, Sunday afternoon at Rufin's shoe shop and drink stand on Washington Street. The couple were at the store when the woman proceeded to chastise Simmons in a manner that did not dignify Sunday mixed society, and Rufin proceeded to get the law down behind her. Up to last night the warrant had not been served.

PREACHES IN RALEIGH

Local Minister Fills Pulpit at Tabernacle Baptist Church

Rev. Charles H. Dickey, pastor of the local Baptist Church, filled the pulpit at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Raleigh Sunday, preaching at both the morning and evening hours. Tabernacle is one of the largest churches in Raleigh, and large congregations turned out to hear Mr. Dickey at both services.

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