

JAMES GARDNER BADLY INJURED BY AUTOMOBILE

Dashes In Front of Auto Driven by Newsom Boston Sunday

DECLARED ACCIDENT

Reports from Hospital at 2 O'clock Today State Child's Condition Continues As Grave One

James, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gardner, of near here, was seriously hurt last Sunday afternoon when he was struck by an automobile driven by Newsom Boston, colored. The child was brought here for medical attention, and was later carried to a Washington hospital.

The boy, who lives near the Sam Burras farm, between here and Everett, was walking along the highway with his brother, Jesse, and Prince Ayers, when he dashed into the road just in front of the Boston car. He had been warned of the danger by his brother, but he took another chance and when he had gone about half way across the road he was struck and carried 40 or 50 feet before Boston could stop his car. The colored man picked the boy up and started to a doctor when the car, an Oakland, broke down. Passing motorists brought him the remainder of the way.

Examining the child here, Dr. Jas. S. Rhodes found that one leg was broken, and that he was suffering several cuts about the head. It was also believed that the child suffered some internal injury.

Boston gave himself up to officers who investigated the case and proved it to be accidental. Released, Boston acted very gentlemanly and went to his home in the Free Union section where he raised around \$40 to apply on the child's hospital bill.

TEACHERS HOLD THIRD MEETING HERE SATURDAY

Group Hears Talk by Two Educational Workers and Superintendent

Meeting in their third monthly session last Saturday afternoon, the Martin County teachers heard talks by Mrs. W. H. Pittman, of Tarboro, and Miss Mary Theresa Peacock, of the State Department of Education, in a lengthy session held in the high school building here.

Following the devotional reading, opening the meeting, Mr. J. H. Smith, of Robersonville, stressed that importance of teachers having a good name, characterized by the teachings of Christ. A short prayer was offered. Mrs. Pittman, speaking before the body, stressed the importance of having a variety of good magazines in the schools, and urged the teachers to take advantage of club subscription offers.

Miss Pittman gave a very interesting talk on the organization and administration of school libraries, stating that the big question was not how much material one had but what use was being made of the material available.

Shortly before the assembly was dismissed, Superintendent R. A. Pope distributed blanks among the various teachers, asking them to follow the instructions thereon. When filled in, the pamphlets present a self-analysis of the instructor and his work. The superintendent announced that a plan had been formulated providing personal visits by the several principals to the various schools that they might observe the work being done in classrooms outside their own school. Referring to the work in progress in the University extension class conducted here each Monday afternoon, the superintendent expressed himself as being very well pleased with the interest and results so far obtained.

Skewarkey Lodge Contest Comes To Close Tonight

Skewarkey Lodge will hold its regular meeting tonight. Work in the second degree will be given a candidate of Conoho Lodge.

A large crowd is expected to attend this meeting, with several members coming here from the Conoho Lodge at Hamilton.

Tonight will conclude the contest between the reds and greens, the losing side to give a big turkey supper at the next regular meeting in January.

Square Dance at Planters Warehouse Here Friday

Sponsored by two farmers, a square dance will be held in the Planters warehouse here next Friday night, beginning at 8 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by those in charge. No admission will be charged, and the public is invited to attend and take part.

Columbus Jones Charged With Rape on White Girl

Columbus Jones, 54-year-old negro of Oak City, was placed in the county jail here early this morning by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Officers Grimes and Pearson, charged with rape on Helen Midgette, 24-year-old white girl of near Tarboro. The girl was arrested by Constable Pearson, of Oak City, near Tarboro, last night, and she is being held in the jail here as a witness against Jones.

Shortly before noon today no hearing had been held, but it was learned that Mayor Crisp would come here from Oak City to handle the preliminaries in the case today.

Lewd and common in every respect, many facts in the case are being withheld, officers stating however that liquor dealings between Jones and a white man and woman, named Pope, would be disclosed either at the hearing before Mayor Crisp or before the United States commissioner.

According to the facts obtained, Jones went to the Pope home near Tarboro Sunday afternoon, and accompanied by the white man and his wife called for the girl. The

four rode around that afternoon, going to Scotland Neck and other places. Shortly after midnight they went to Oak City, Jones inviting the girl into his store to eat cheese and crackers. It is understood that the Pope couple remained in the car. In the store, Jones turned out the light, and assaulted the girl over her protest. Her screams were heard, and scars show sign of struggle. The operation was halted, however, when Jones' wife arrived on the scene. She also lectured to the Pope woman, concluding her talk with a swift blow to the woman's jaw.

Running to the home of Mr. J. W. Hines, Jones' wife told the story, but unable to go, the warden referred her to Constable Pearson, who rushed to the store, but arrived there too late to make an arrest. Early this morning, county officers with the constable trapped Jones at his home, and brought him here for trial.

It could not be learned at noon today whether the case would be called before Judge Cramer at this term of the superior court or be carried over.

JUDGE DELIVERS STRONG CHARGE TO GRAND JURY

Expresses Contempt for a Judge or Solicitor Who Drinks Liquor

CRIME AMONG YOUTH

If Church Members Stop Patronizing Bootlegger, Conditions Would Be Better, Jurist Declares

In a short, simple of words, but far-reaching charge to the grand jury here yesterday, Judge E. H. Cramer, of Southport, mentioned many of the common law violations today, pointing out their danger to society and their source. It is a fact to be deplored, the jurist stated when he pointed out that much of the crime is being committed today by young white men, and the source of the trouble is traceable to the home, to the fathers and mothers, he declared.

"If church members would stop patronizing the liquor dealers, conditions would be better," the judge stated when he discussed briefly prohibition and prohibition laws. And he was not reserved in expressing his contempt for the judge or solicitor who would drink liquor and then attempt to administer the laws to others who handle and sell them liquor. "And any man has as much right to steal as he does to handle liquor," the Judge added.

Judge Cramer stated that the law requires every man to live honestly and hurt no man, that when any person either by force or fraud injures the person or property of another, he commits a crime. During his charge, the jurist reviewed the history of Alexander's empire, telling how the great empire crumbled. He also told about the fall of Babylon and gave the causes for it. The great empires built up by the Greeks and the Romans fell, the judge said, because of their attitude toward others. "When Israel did right and treated others with justice, Israel prospered, but falling in truth and justice it crumbled and decayed."

Referring to practically all the common violations today, the judge especially urged the jurors to give particular attention to the traffic laws. He explained how signs should be given by the driver when he gets ready to turn either to the right or to the left from the highway. The speed limit, 15 miles in business sections and 20 miles in residential sections, should be observed, and all who violate it should be punished, the speaker declared.

While he said only a few words about gambling, Judge Cramer did direct the jury to watch the golf links, bridge tables and slot machines and not center their attention on the negro "crap" game.

In bringing his charge to a close, he directed the grand jury to inspect public offices and the several public buildings.

Woman's Club To Hold Meeting Next Thursday

The Woman's Club will hold its regular December meeting Thursday afternoon at 3:30.

There will be special guests at the meeting. Mrs. J. H. B. Moore and Mrs. Carr of Greenville who will appear on a most interesting program on public libraries. All members and any others who are interested are urged to come.

Three Admit Parts In Peanut Thefts

Charged with stealing 41 bags of peanuts from Mr. Tom U. Rawls, near Bear Grass, a few days ago, W. C. Edwards, Benjamin Drew and Jim Hines pleaded guilty when the case was called this morning, the fourth defendant, E. J. Edwards forcing the court to determine whether or not he was guilty. Evidence was all in at noon today, and the lawyers took the floor following the noon recess, but the jury had not returned its verdict at press time.

Hines, who gave the officers a detailed statement of their various thefts when they were arrested, was unchanged in his story before the court. Drew and Edwards both admitted stealing peanuts on three different occasions, and a bale of cotton at another time. The elder Edwards did not take the stand, and it was apparent that the boys were anxious to give him immunity.

ELI GARDNER DIES AT HOME IN WILLIAMS'

Faced Many Hardships but Stated Life Was Well Worth Living

Eli Gardner, one of the oldest citizens of Williams' township, this county, died at his home there early Saturday morning from an attack of pneumonia. He had been in poor health for some time, but he was able to continue his work up until a few days before his death.

Mr. Gardner was one of the old-timers who had accepted his hardships, and they were many in his case, without complaint. As a boy and while trying to feed the family in the absence of his father who was defending, at the time, the Cause of the Confederacy, he cut his knee, causing it to be still the remainder of his life. He was forced to use a wooden peg in walking, but even under this handicap he carried on, raising a family by tilling a small farm and working in the log woods during the cold winter months. Although his lot was a hard one, and he barely eked a living from the earth, he looked upon his life as one well worth living.

While the friends and relatives were gathered around the humble home of the funeral service, neighbors stated that many good things could be said about him, that he was friendly to man and humble before his God, that he had the promise of a rich inheritance because of his Christian walk in life. He had been married three times, and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Etta Gardner, and four children, Hoyt Gardner, of Tunis; Louis Gardner and Mrs. Ada Williams of Williams, and Mrs. Martha Mizelle, of Farmville.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon by Rev. C. B. Mashburn, of Robersonville, interment following in the family cemetery on R. B. Gardner homestead.

Testing Sportsmanship

North Carolina's sporting blood was pitched a real challenge today when an "all charity game" between Duke and Carolina was mentioned. No game will be played, but the fans will be given an opportunity to contribute to the charity fund. Now the results.

OFFICERS MAKE ARREST UNDER DIFFICULTIES

Man Almost Wrecked Car As He Jumps from Front to Rear Seat of Car HAD TO TIE PRISONER

Eddie Gaynor, Gold Point Negro, Subdued By Officers Roebuck and Gray After Struggle

Defying the law and threatening the lives of citizens and officers, Eddie Gaynor, Gold Point negro, was placed in jail here last night by Sheriff Roebuck and Chief Wm. Gray, of Robersonville. The arrest was described by the county officer as one of the most stubborn he had ever effected.

Yesterday, in Gold Point, Gaynor quarreled with another negro, and he was asked to stop by white citizens there. The second party to the quarrel withdrew at the suggestion of Mr. Henry Johnson, but Gaynor is said to have brandished his pistol and took all law to task. Headed by Mr. Johnson, a group of citizens took Gaynor into custody, roped him securely with plow lines and caged him in the Robersonville lockup.

Sheriff Roebuck, with papers for Robt. Bailey and another negro in Gold Point who had failed to answer court here yesterday went into the section arrested his two men and was on his way home when he was asked to take on a third prisoner.

Gaynor held his hands for the handcuffs, but he then went on a rampage. He jumped under the steering wheel and turning loose a vile oath, swore he was going to drive. Chief Gray and the Sheriff were lenient with the husky man at first, and pushed to the other end of the seat. Continuing to offer trouble, one of the officers tapped him over the head, and that quieted him until they started off. Gaynor continued his cursing, but the officers continued to travel. They had not gone far before Gaynor jumped up, and hopped in the lap of Chief Gray who was riding in the rear seat with the other two prisoners, the jump nearly wrecking the car. Stopping his car, Sheriff Roebuck pulled Gaynor off the chief and to place him under control they tapped him again with the weapons. The man was inviting misery, and he was tapped once or twice more before he reached the jail. He twisted his hands and cursed the other two prisoners for not assisting him. Briley several months ago interfered with Chief Gray when the officer was arresting Gaynor's brother, Jobie, and he was in too much trouble already that he did not care to interfere with officers again.

Last night, Sheriff Roebuck went into Gaynor's cell and asked if he wanted anything, the man threatening the lives of the two officers in reply.

COLORED MAN DIES SATURDAY

Moses Alexander, Highly Respected By All, Dies at Age of 75 Years

Moses Alexander, highly respected colored citizen, died at his home here last Saturday of pneumonia at the age of 75 years. Unusually active for his advanced years, and apparently in good health, "Uncle Moses," as he was commonly known to both white and colored, was taken ill Sunday of last week.

For more than fifty years, he had been a trusted servant in various homes and business houses here. At the time of his death he served efficiently as janitor for the Methodist church, the local bank and several professional offices.

The body was buried in the local cemetery yesterday afternoon following a lengthy funeral service.

Local Store Preparing for A Clean Sweep Sale Soon

Preparations are being made at B. F. Perry's for a big clean sweep sale, which will begin Friday Morning December 12th.

Mr. Perry says he is going to give Williamston, Martin and Bertie Counties one of the largest sales in the history of his business. A two page advertisement in today's issue of the Enterprise lists a number of the values with the price reductions. Sales preparations are being made this week and will be continued until Friday. The store will be closed Thursday to put the finishing touches to the sale.

Let Contract Today for Hamilton Road Project

Bids for the hardsurfing of 5.59 miles on the Hamilton road are being received by the State Highway commission at its office in Raleigh today. The name of the successful bidder had not been disclosed at noon today, but would be announced along with others bidding on 21 projects later today.

Man Killed by Hit and Run Driver Near Hear Saturday

Martin Superior Court Hears Thirteen Cases Here Yesterday

JURY FINDS TRUE BILL IN PEANUT STEALING CASE

Many Defendants and Witnesses Fail to Answer Summons of Court

MINOR CASES HEARD

Alexander Taylor Sentenced To Prison For Four Years For Attacking Lin Williams

The one-week term of the Martin County Superior Court was opened here yesterday with Judge E. H. Cramer, of Southport, administering the justice. Unlike the others held in this county during the past several months, the term now in progress is one of much interest, attracting large crowds from practically all parts of the county.

No large number of cases is on the docket, and none of the number is rated very highly in importance. However, there is a murder case on the trial schedule, and the spectators are already guessing as to whether the first degree charge returned by the grand jury will go through unchanged, sometime having passed since a first degree murder charge resulted in death punishment in this county. Then there is a wholesale theft case on the docket that is attracting more than passing attention.

One of the peculiar things observed in the proceedings yesterday was the large number of absentees among both witnesses and defendants, indicating that these scheduled to appear consider their convenience before they recognize that of the court. There were many old cases, cases where defendants had been convicted at previous terms and allowed several weeks in which to pay their fines and costs. Several defendants appeared to state that they had met the requirements of the court, while still others passed out unnoticed.

Following the selection of the grand jury, the court machinery started a slow, but steady grind and before the day was spent many cases were heard, and the grand jury was advancing rapidly in its work, having returned nine true bills before night fall. True bills returned by the jury included those against the following:

A. E. Taylor assault with a deadly weapon;

Henry Edwards, larceny and receiving;

Linwood Modica, house breaking; Edward Eason, house breaking and larceny and receiving; Leroy Saunders, house breaking and larceny; E. J. Edwards, W. C. Edwards, Jim Hines and Benjamin Drew, larceny; Joe Smallwood, murder. No true bill was found against Arlander Brown arrested on a charge of larceny and receiving.

Monday's Proceedings

Thirteen cases were called by Judge Cramer yesterday, as follows:

Robert Roberson was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon and was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Papers were issued when Robert Neal, Kelly Neal and Sam Stevenson, charged with larceny, failed to answer when called.

The case charging Johnson Rogers with non-support was not prosessed. Judgment was suspended in the case charging Sylvester Wynn with an assault with a deadly weapon, the defendant agreeing to pay the costs of the case and \$35 to Dr. J. H. Saunders, for services rendered the prosecuting witness.

Hugh Jones failed to answer when called for committing and assault and operating a car while under the influence of liquor. Papers were issued for him.

George Lee Jones, larceny and receiving, also failed to answer when he was called yesterday, and papers were issued for him. Wiley Roberson, colored man of near Robersonville, charged with assault, violating the prohibition laws and wanted on several other charges, was called, and he failed to answer. Roberson, it is reported was to have surrendered himself and started serving a sentence November 15. Two days prior to that time, he purchased a railroad ticket to parts unknown, and up until now, he hasn't returned. D. L. Whitehurst, pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, was sentenced to the roads for a term of three months. In a second case, charging Whitehurst with being drunk and disorderly, a nol pros resulted.

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Bundle Day Friday Very Successful

here last Friday afternoon met with much greater success than did the one conducted the Tuesday afternoon before, it was learned from a member of the Woman's Club Charity committee. The Boy Scouts, thanks to them, canvassed the town thoroughly, collecting many useful articles, including food, clothing and money.

Already, many calls for aid have been answered by the welfare workers, and although the supply of old clothing is not expected to last, much relief is possible in the distribution of the collections, it was stated.

WEED PRICES ARE PLEASING TO GROWERS

Total Sales on Market Pass Six Million Mark; Two More Than Last Year

Tobacco growers were well pleased here yesterday with prices on the local market, practically every customer was satisfied and several farmers were of the opinion that prices were higher than they had seen at any time this season, smoking tobaccos and the better grades sold exceptionally well.

The Williamston market has sold, through December 8th, 6,131,878 pounds which gives the market an increase of approximately 2,000,000 over 1929. With the 1929 season yet two weeks to run, local warehousemen expect to boost the 1930 total considerably.

The local market will remain open through December 19, and every company will be represented with buyers, until the last day.

According to circuit riders and tobacco men that travel throughout Eastern North Carolina, the 1930 crop will exceed the 1929 crop by 50,000,000 pounds. To date, Eastern Carolina has sold more than last year with a large percent of tobacco yet unsold.

PREACHES FIRST SERMON SUNDAY

Rev. C. T. Rogers Comes Here From Charge At Red Springs

Entering for the first time the pulpit of the local Methodist church last Sunday morning, Rev. C. T. Rogers, recently appointed to take over the work in the local charge, fired a bomb in the sinners' camp when he frankly outlined a firm platform for activities in the church during the coming year. He assured his congregation that he would do what he thought was right, and "if you don't like it, just tell the Bishop at the next conference, and he'll move me to some other place," he added.

"What must I do To Inherit Eternal Life," was the basis for the minister's introductory remarks, and during his limited discourse he mentioned the many requisites essential for a successful year for the pastor, the church and the congregation. "I am going to give you the best of my services," he told his members, "and in return I am asking that you give the Lord the best you have."

For more than 20 years Mr. Rogers has been preaching, serving the charge at Red Springs just before he came here to take over the work in the local church.

Local Men in Auto Wreck But Escape Uninjured

The Ford sedan, belonging to Mr. K. B. Crawford with Mr. J. W. Watts, Jr., at the wheel at the time, turned over on No. 10 highway between Durham and Raleigh last Saturday afternoon, the occupants, Messrs. Watts, Crawford and Norman Harrison escaping injury. The car was slightly damaged and the trio continued their journey into Chapel Hill.

According to reports, Mr. Watts was driving behind another car and just as he started to go by, the other driver pulled over on the wrong side of the road, forcing the Crawford car into the ditch. The other driver accepted the responsibility and agreed to pay the repair costs.

W. W. BREAZIL IS HELD BY JURY FOR THE DEATH

Chas. Schlon Believed To Have Been From Norfolk or Philadelphia

DIES IN FEW MINUTES

Man's Body Being Held In Local Establishments While Officers Try To Learn Names of Relatives

A man, whose identity had not been made certain late yesterday but whose name, officers believe, is Chas. Schlon of Norfolk, was struck as he walked the highway and fatally injured by a hit and run driver on the Ranoke River fill, one-half mile from the main bridge, just after night fall last Saturday. W. W. Breazil, of Chattanooga, Tenn., was arrested shortly afterwards following an accident on the Washington road, and is being held under a coroner's jury examination in connection with Schlon's death.

With both legs broken, one of them crushed, and suffering internal injuries, Schlon was found by Captain W. S. Pritchard, shortly after he was struck. In a dying condition, the man humbly asked those gathered around for help. He was rushed to a local doctor's office where he died within 30 minutes after he was struck. Stating just before he died that his home was in Norfolk, but up until late yesterday, officers had been unable to establish any connection with his family or relatives. The body is being held in the Biggs undertaking parlors here while officers continue their efforts to locate the man's relatives.

A scissor and tool grinder, Schlon was trotting along pushing a wheelbarrow on the river fill and coming toward this place when darkness fell. He was wearing the concrete bridge when the half-ton truck believed to have been that of Breazil's struck him from the rear. It is the general opinion of finding the injured man that he had been struck and left to die five minutes before they reached him. Fatally injured, Schlon was unable to tell what had struck him or offer any details of value to officers in effecting and finding the little push cart torn in many pieces and automobile glass scattered about, officers called nearby towns to guard the highway entrances for a damaged car or truck. During the meantime, Sheriff Roebuck and Chief W. B. Daniel started a search here. They visited several filling stations and garages, finally learning at the Gurkin filling station on Washington street that a damaged Ford had been stopped there for repairs to the radiator.

A very short time elapsed when a telephone call was received from the home of Mr. W. L. Taylor, three miles from here on the Washington road, stating that a drunken man driving a half-ton Ford truck had been wrecked near there. Chief of Police Daniel went out and made the arrest, and investigating the wreck there found that no glass was to be found but all that in the head lights was missing with exception of a small piece. The truck was pulled to a local garage and the glass found at the spot where the fatal accident took place was checked and matched the small piece found in the car driven by Breazil. The order of events was checked, indicating that Breazil was the one who had struck the man.

Occurring in Bertie county, officers there were notified and inquest was arranged. During the meantime advertisements were sent to Norfolk and Philadelphia in an attempt to locate the man's relatives, but up until late no reply had been received. Coming here Sunday morning, Coroner J. E. Smith with a jury composed of J. E. Tadlock, B. Goldstein, Lee Perry, Junius Bridges, Ed Perry, and Pedro Mizelle, viewed the body and then went to the scene where Schlon was struck where they examined several witnesses. Mr. W. S. Pritchard, manager of the local plant of the Columbian Peanut Company, stated to the jury that he left the factory about 5:30 o'clock and after a few minutes delay started for Windsor. Continuing his story, Mr. Pritchard stated that he saw the man lying in the road and stopped, asking him his name and what had happened. "I asked him his name," Mr. Pritchard told the jury, "and he said Charles Long or Schlon, and begged for help, that he could not get air. We placed him on a truck and carried him to Williamston." The witness concluding his testimony, stated that the man did not seem to know what had happened.

Albert Gurkin, proprietor of the filling station and the next witness questioned, stated that he was the first to see the man lying in the road.

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