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EVERETTS MAN STRUCK BY CAR; IS BADLY HURT

Andrew Clark Suffers Fracture of Skull And A Broken Leg

Andrew Clark, prominent county man and a resident of Everetts, suffered a fractured skull and a broken leg last Friday afternoon when he was run down by a car driven by Mrs. Bonner, of Smithfield. He is getting along very well in a Washington hospital, where he was carried shortly after the accident.

Walking down the highway from the Everetts business section, Mr. Clark was nearing his home when he heard the horn of a truck blow. He was on the left side of the road and stepped off the hard surface to give the truck approaching from the rear ample room to pass. Just as the truck passed he stepped on the edge of the concrete when he was struck by the Bonner car that came from the rear. Mrs. Bonner had started to pass the truck when her car hit Mr. Clark.

No hearing has been held in the case, pending the outcome of Mr. Clark's condition.

Mrs. Bonner, accompanied by one other person, was said to have been en route to Plymouth to visit her sister, Mrs. Bray.

YOUNG BOY DIES HERE SATURDAY

Clarence Woodrow Cowen, 15 Years Old, Dies at Home of Parents

Clarence Woodrow Cowen, 15 years old, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cowen, here last Saturday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock. He was taken ill Sunday before last, when he complained of a trouble in his leg. He went to bed Wednesday and grew worse rapidly, with pus forming in his leg and resulting in death. Until he was first taken ill early last week, the young boy had been in good health.

He is survived by his father and mother, and one brother, Charles Cowen, of this place; and three sisters, Clyde and Bernice Cowen, and Mrs. Walter Jernigan, of Norfolk.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Charles H. Dickey pastor of the local Baptist church. Interment followed in the local Baptist cemetery.

JESSE JOHNSON DIES AT HOME

Funeral Arrangements Had Not Been Made At Noon Today

Jesse Johnson, about 78 years old, died at his home on the O. T. Everett farm, one mile from Hamilton, this morning at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Johnson suffered an attack of acute indigestion early last night, and that resulted in his death. Even though he was well advanced in years, Mr. Johnson was active in his farm and home duties up until a short while before his passing.

Funeral arrangements had not been announced at noon today, but interment will be made tomorrow afternoon at the old home place in Poplar Point township where he was reared, according to information received here this morning.

Mrs. Johnson and two sons, Mr. Don Johnson, of Poplar Point, and another living in Pitt County, survive.

Filling Station Near Here Burned Late Friday Night

"The Silver Slipper," one time a filling station located near the Martin County home on route No. 90, was destroyed by fire early last Friday. The origin of the blaze is unknown. No report was made of the fire, but electricians were called out to repair the Everetts transmission line that was burned in two near the little wood en structure.

Several years ago the station was built, its first one and then another proprietor were not at all successful, and the "joint" was closed down some time ago.

To Demonstrate Meat Canning at Macedonia

If you did not attend the meat canning demonstration today in Everetts, given by Mrs. W. G. Stancill, you still have an opportunity to attend the one at the Macedonia schoolhouse Wednesday at 2:30. All women are cordially welcome, whether club members or not. Prepare for winter by learning to can your surplus meat so that it will be safe for the health of your family against the dreaded botulinus poisoning.

County School Teachers Will Hold First Meeting Saturday

Martin teachers will hold their first county meeting here next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in the high school building, when Dr. George Cooper, of the State Health Department, will address them in connection with health work in the schools. Finding many children in the schools throughout the State suffering with tonsil and adenoid trouble, Dr. Cooper will explain the program now being sponsored by the health department in an effort to remedy the defects among Martin children.

The superintendent of schools yesterday afternoon pointed out

the importance of the meeting, and he is urging all teachers to be in attendance upon the first and probably the last session of the first half of the current term. The meeting will not last more than two hours.

Principals of the several schools will be asked to report any health programs now underway in their respective schools, the superintendent said.

At the present time, a State health nurse, Miss Ray, is visiting the schools and examining the children. In several of the schools conditions are said to be deplorable.

Tells of Conditions In Tobacco Section

PAY TEACHERS?

One of the hardest-fought and said to be the cleanest, football games of the season, was played here last Friday afternoon when the local and Columbia High School elevens battled to a scoreless tie.

Coming here from the Tyrrell County capital, Coach Z. Hardy Rose had his boys trained to offer a stubborn and clean defense, as well as an earnest offense. About evenly matched, the two teams were unable to carry out their scoring threats.

WORK TO RIDE; RIDE TO WORK

Pick Cotton From Texas To North Carolina To Earn Traveling Money

Working by day and riding by night Jimmy Rawls and a companion named Jones rode from Texas into Martin County last week, covering the distance in an antique Ford car.

Out of work and almost penniless, the two young men, the former a resident of this county until he went to Texas several years ago to live, left Texas and by working by day they gathered sufficient funds to speed them a few miles on their journey. They picked cotton several of the days they were en route to this section and spent most of their earnings for car fuel. A 10-cent can of pork and beans, all their money would buy, and a few crackers thrown in by a kind merchant ran their bodies for two days, they told friends upon their arrival here last week.

The two young men have been in the potato fields since their arrival and are now following a peanut picker.

COUNTY BOARD MEETS MONDAY

Educational Body Accepts Only Two Bids For Abandoned Property

All but two of the bids entered at public sale here early last month for the several abandoned school houses and property were rejected by the Martin County Board of Education here yesterday.

The bid entered by Mr. S. H. Ange for the Ange school property was accepted, the bidder agreeing to pay \$110 for the property.

The sale of the old Cooper's school to Mr. Ferd Holliday was confirmed. Other bids are being held in abeyance.

76 Killed By Autos Of State in September

Raleigh, Oct. 22.—Automobiles took a toll of 76 lives in North Carolina in September, L. S. Harris, head of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, announced today.

There were 28 pedestrians, including 13 children under 14 years of age, among those killed by motor cars or trucks.

Thus far 1931 is very slightly behind 1930 in the total number of persons killed in or by motor vehicles. During the first nine months this year 515 persons were killed and during the same period last year the total was 518.

The United States Army has a new "battle car," which carries a crew of three soldiers, is armed with two machine guns, and has a speed of a mile a minute.

REGULAR MEET COUNTY BOARD HELD MONDAY

Action of Meeting Limited To Routine Duties and Minor Business

Appeals entered by the unfortunates and requests for correction in listing of certain properties for taxation occupied a greater part of the time of the county commissioners in their regular monthly session held here yesterday.

Mrs. J. G. Staton, going before the meeting, asked that some consideration be given the beautification of the courthouse grounds and the formation of 4-H clubs throughout the county. Mrs. Staton, reporting the two resolutions, said:

"The county commissioners passed two most worth-while resolutions. One is that all cars must be removed from in front of the courthouse building. This space will be cultivated under the supervision of Mr. T. B. Brandon and Miss Lora Sleeper, our county agents, grass will be planted, and the appearance of the front of the courthouse greatly beautified.

"The second resolution is to the effect that Mr. Brandon and Miss Sleeper will be charged with the responsibility of forming 4-H clubs of boys and girls throughout Martin County. It has been said that a child is your second chance. The commissioners feel that in passing this last resolution they are performing a sacred duty to each and every county child. The formation of these 4-H clubs will give the boys and girls an opportunity to raise pure-bred pigs, cows, chickens, and other stock desired. The stock desired will be entitled to be shown at our State fair. Prizes may be won and awards of money brought back to Martin County by this laudable action of the commissioners in yesterday's session. We commend our county officers for so well carrying out their duty and thus looking to the future development of our beloved county."

J. C. Smith, guardian of the Jenkins heirs, was relieved of \$25.12 in taxes on solvent credits improperly listed in Robersonville township.

Aid was extended to Henry Baker, colored, \$2; Mrs. Earl Harrison, \$3 a month for four months; Nancy Hopkins, colored, \$2 a month.

J. E. Whitfield was relieved of taxes on \$180 worth of property improperly listed in Goose Nest township.

R. L. Ange asked the commissioners to urge the placing of the Ward and Slade road, three miles long, in Jamesville township, on the State highway map.

A sale of the W. L. Stalls house was ordered for the county mortgage.

Jesse C. Williams was relieved of \$145.85 land taxes, poll tax, and dog tax improperly listed in Goose Nest township.

The board granted the request of J. W. Manning, J. Labon Lilley, J. Dawson Lilley, and J. A. Lilley in which they asked that they be allowed to pay special taxes in the Farm Life School district and receive the benefits therefrom.

Town Commissioners In Regular Meeting Here

The monthly meeting of the town commissioners was held at the Mayor's office last night, with all members of the board present. The board found very little work to do. A few regular orders were allowed and ordered paid.

An order was passed providing for a special police to serve during a colored dance soon to be held at Love and Charity Hall.

It was ordered that foreign apple trucks be permitted to retail their wares in the town for a license tax of \$2 per day.

Seventy-five per cent of the crop is sold here in the eastern belt.

Yours truly,
W. T. MEADOWS,
Williamston, N. C., Oct. 31, 1931.

READING ROOM

In an effort to meet a long and pressing need of the town and community, the Woman's Club is opening a reading room in office number 5, Baltimore Street, to the rear of Bailey's Drug Store. Arrangements have been made to have the room opened next Thursday afternoon between the hours of 2:30 and 5 o'clock.

Upon the success of this movement rests the creation of a public library. Citizens who have timely and interesting books and magazines are asked to cooperate in the movement. The opening of the reading room is preparatory to national book week, November 15 to 21.

Eighty Bankers Attend Meet Held Here Last Friday Night

BRIEF REVIEW SCHOOL NEWS AT OAK CITY

Superintendent FitzGerald Will Speak at P. T. A. Meeting Tuesday

Oak City, Nov. 7.—The Parent-Teacher Association of the Oak City School will meet in regular session Tuesday evening, November 10, at 7:30 o'clock in the school auditorium. Mr. R. G. FitzGerald, superintendent of public instruction in Pitt County, will be present and will address the audience on rural resources. A large attendance is expected. The program committee is arranging for an evening of worth-while entertainment. The public is cordially invited. Your presence and cooperation are expected.

The contract plan of assignment in the high school is working well and results are noticeable. One aim in the Oak City High School is to eliminate so many failures. If a pupil can not do the work he soon learns that he is in the wrong class and adjustment is necessary at once, therefore he gets to work or decides to help his father on the farm.

The Wilsonian Literary Society will give its first program for this semester on November 25th. The Esthonian Literary Society will present their program on December 18th. Each society giving one program for each semester.

Chapel programs sponsored by different grades and societies are proving to be of interest. The debate by eighth grade pupils was well worth the time spent on the subject and showed careful preparation by the leader, Miss Ruth Pearson, a senior. The query was "Resolved, That Current Literature Is Essential." The affirmative won.

The Welfare Workers are about to complete the community survey, and a list is available for the aid of the workers. A supply of salvage clothing is expected within the next few days. Notice has been given the local unit by Mr. R. W. Henninger, Executive Secretary, that the clothing is being prepared for shipment.

MISSION MEET TO BE HELD NOV. 15

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff Chosen To Arrange for Mass Meeting Here

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, pastor of the Presbyterian church, of Williamston, has been chosen by the National Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in Chicago to arrange for a mass meeting of the men of the Protestant churches Sunday afternoon, November 15. The occasion will be the observance of "Men and Missions Sunday," the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

The central meeting will be held in Washington, D. C., and simultaneous men's meetings in New York, Chicago, Toronto, Can., and a thousand other towns and cities of the United States and Canada. Meetings of men to observe this anniversary will also be held on this day in various parts of Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Southern Archipelago.

Beginning with this celebration, the Laymen's Missionary Movement is launching its new program. While there will be a continuance of the city and district conventions which, up to this time, have been one of the principal activities of the movement, the national committee will also sponsor the formation of small cooperating committees in each of these cities to arrange for occasional luncheon and dinner meetings to study the problems and the resources of the Christian faith in this hour.

The movement was organized at a meeting of men from several Protestant denominations held in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church November 15, 1906. It is generally credited with the popularization of the every-member canvass, the method now dominant in church finance. It enrolled tens of thousands of American business men as supporters of missions.

The general theme of the day will be "A Better World for all the World."

Change in Roanoke Hotel Management Made Here

The management of the Roanoke Hotel, formerly the Britt, was taken over by the owner, Mr. E. P. Cunningham, the first of this month, when Mr. C. B. Siceloff surrendered his lease. The Siceloffs have moved to the Eli Gurganus home on Main Street.

WASTED EFFORT

Drafts on State Treasurer Nathan O'Berry were drawn last week by the office of the Martin County Board of Education for salaries of teachers due them for the second month. Drafts for other school accounts were also drawn, it was learned from the superintendent here yesterday. Payment is subject to the acceptance of the drafts, which is expected some time between now and the 15th of this month.

Salaries for the first month were held up several days when the State treasury failed to make acceptance until the 15th of last month. Taking the position of the Martin teachers, the superintendent said yesterday that he hoped payment would be possible within the next day or two, but he added that he was not certain about the time.

SEIZE LIQUOR AT FAIR IN TARBORO

Warrants for Two Deputy Sheriffs There Are Now Pending, It Is Said

Directed to report for duty at the Coastal-Plain Fair last week, Agents Coats and Gibbs, with headquarters here, confiscated liquor in small quantities about the fair grounds, relieving two deputy sheriffs of about a quart and a half. No arrests were made, but the cases have been reported to the deputy administrator.

The first case reported by the officers developed when they saw F. L. Arnes take a pint of liquor from a car and pass the bottle to a friend. When the agents approached and made known their identity, Arnes is said to have pulled his coat lapel back and pointed to deputy sheriff's badge there. The officers later caught Deputy Sheriff Barden and C. G. Brown in a car with a quart of liquor. Brown was in the act of taking a drink.

In the meantime, the sheriff of the county had learned of the first arrest and looked for the federal agents. When he found them he explained that Arnes was not a bootlegger, but that he did wish they had handcuffed him. When Agent Coats asked about Deputy Tom Barden, the officer stated that he was his son, and that he was not a bootlegger. Favorable reports were urged by the deputies, but no disposition of the cases has been made yet, as far as it could be learned here today.

COUNTY TAX SALE MONDAY

Nearly 100 Owners Just In Time To Hold Property Off the Auction Block

A last, last minute rush was reported at the sheriff's office yesterday morning when approximately 100 property owners went there to head off the auctioneer's hammer at the noon hour. With a few bidders present, the county tax sale was under way about the noon hour. The fifteen or more bidders established no competition, leaving the county to purchase between 600 and 700 tracts or parcels of land, representing between \$35,000 and \$45,000 in taxes. A complete report has not been filed at this time, but it is in the making.

Falls Asleep at Steering Wheel and Hits Pole

Falling asleep while driving his car just one block from his home, Harold Everett, prominent young man, ran his car over the street curbing and cut a telephone pole in two on Main Street late last Saturday night.

Young Everett escaped unhurt, the crash tearing the radiator off his Ford coupe, bursting one tire, and breaking the bumper.

Mr. Everett stated he was so sleepy that he could not hold his eyes open, that he was so near home he attempted to reach there before stopping.

Local Fire Company Answers Call Monday

The local fire company was called out yesterday shortly after the noon hour when fire threatened the home of Pricilla Spruill, colored, in the municipal water plant section. Starting from a spark that fell from a low-pitched chimney onto the roof, the fire burned about 100 shingles. Near neighbors saw the blaze and brought it under control with several buckets of water.

SUBSCRIBE MORE THAN \$100,000 TO HOOVER'S PLAN

Robt. M. Hanes Explains Credit Plan To Group One Bankers

Members of the North Carolina Bankers' Association in Group I, which includes a large section of eastern North Carolina, gave their endorsement to the National Credit Corporation plan of President Hoover in a meeting held in the Woman's Club Hall here last Friday evening by tentatively subscribing more than \$100,000 to the association.

The meeting, the first held by Eastern Carolina bankers in several months carried an optimistic spirit, and was greatly enjoyed by the eighty representatives. Mr. R. M. Reddick, of Hertford, president of the group, presided, while Mr. Robert M. Hanes, president of the State Association, explained, in detail, the credit corporation plan. Mr. Hanes also discussed thoroughly the program of safe banking methods advanced by the banker's association.

It was expressed in the meeting that in the program of economic relief through the National Credit Corporation, the situation has changed overnight from one of doubt to a situation of great hope.

Mr. Hanes told of the recent Bankers Association meetings, and in explaining operation of the plan, he said no loans will be made to insolvent or closed banks, but that "the idea is to help solvent banks through emergencies," adding he believes the association will operate for "the maximum aid with the minimum loss." Bankers joining the association are required to subscribe 10 per cent of capital and surplus or an amount equal to 2 per cent of total deposits.

He declared the association is formed "not to encourage inflation or borrowing, but to make money available only when it is urgently needed and for such a period of time as it is needed." He pointed out that the 6 per cent interest rate would discourage borrowing except in emergency. He told bankers that the loan committee for the state credit corporation will meet weekly, or oftener if necessary, to pass upon application by banks for loans on collateral which must be sound though not necessarily immediately liquid. He said no loans would be made for longer than October 15, 1932, because it was hoped that by that time further need of the organization would be past. He explained that no bank not participating in the association can benefit from loans by it.

Bankers generally express the opinion that this is by far the most constructive move that has been made since the war to stabilize business.

When the roll of banks of Eastern Carolina was called, they responded nobly, and practically all of them subscribed their full quota.

Mr. Haynes also explained the policy of the larger banks in favor of holding cotton, upon which they now have loans until July 31 of next year, and urging bankers and time merchants to help to control the acreage of both tobacco and cotton next year. Gurney P. Hood, state commissioner of banks, told the group that "in my opinion and from information in my office, I do not believe there is a state bank in North Carolina in danger of closing." He stated he has had a fine spirit of cooperation since he assumed his duties on May 8.

Messrs. W. G. Gaither, H. D. Bate-man, Clayton Moore, and Paul B. Brown, secretary of the State Bankers Association, each made a few remarks.

TOWN TAX SALE IS HELD MONDAY

One Hundred and Fifty-one Tracts of Land Sold By Collector Here

One hundred and fifty-one tracts of land were sold by the town tax collector here yesterday in accordance with the law, the town being the principal buyer. Many accounts were allowed to go through the hands of the collector that valid certificates of sale might be recorded. Sales in these cases will be made in accordance with law, title passing several years from now. The accounts paid late Saturday and early yesterday amounted to more than \$1,000, leaving 63 tracts, owned by white citizens, and 88 tracts owned by colored citizens for sale.

No accurate report on the sales yesterday were available today, but it is believed that the 151 tracts represent no more than \$4,250 unpaid tax accounts.