

RESUME WORK IN SUPERIOR COURT THIS MORNING

\$10,000 Law Suit Started Against Francis Barnes Local Young Man

Disposing of only a few cases the early part of the week, the Martin County Superior Court reconvened here this morning after enjoying a holiday yesterday.

With a new jury in the box, the court started the \$10,000 law suit brought by Miss Ocie Waters and Edgar Brown, of Jamesville, against Francis Barnes, local man. The defendant, through his attorney, A. R. Dunning, is entering a counter suit for the same amount, plus \$300 mentioned as damage to his automobile.

In their complaint, the plaintiffs allege that the defendant was driving recklessly in January, 1930, on Highway 90 just below Jamesville, and that as a result he ran into their car, causing permanent injury to them. The allegations were denied by the defense, and at 10:30 this morning a large number of witnesses were sworn in at the direction of the plaintiff's attorneys, Ward and Critcher. It looks as if the case will continue for quite a while, as there are many witnesses to be heard.

The early part of January, 1930, the defendant's car and that of the Plaintiff Brown were in a collision, causing serious injury to several persons. Young Barnes was in a Washington hospital for several weeks, and Miss Waters was in the care of a physician for some time. Barnes was returning from Plymouth alone when he met the car in which the plaintiffs and Miss Nannie Davenport and Russell Martin were riding.

THANKSGIVING IS QUIET HERE

Day Passes With No Auto Wrecks, or Hunting Accidents Reported

Quietness surrounded the observance of Thanksgiving in this community, the day passing with no wrecks, hunting accidents, or other accidents to mar the spirit of the day. Hunters flocked to the woods in great numbers during the day, the dry season limiting their game catches, however. Business activities were even more limited than they usually are on Sundays. A goodly number of local people saw the Virginia-Carolina football game in Chapel Hill, but for the most part the day was one for rest.

DRIVE TO LESSEN AUTO ACCIDENTS

County Authorities Asked To Assist in Enforcing Traffic Laws

Martin County authorities have been enlisted by the North Carolina Highway Commission in its campaign to lessen the increase of deaths that are due to automobile accidents annually. Careless drivers and users of defective equipment are being arrested.

A total of 777 persons lost their lives in the State last year on account of automobile accidents. Reckless driving, blinding headlights, imperfect steering apparatus, faulty brakes, and worn-out tires are being blamed for most of the fatalities.

Responsibility of the success of the campaign to decrease the accidents rests with the automobile drivers themselves and the highway patrol, according to officials.

Subscription Offer Gets Favorable Comment

"Several newspapers, including the Hertford County Herald, the Bertie Ledger-Advance, the Jackson News, the Williamston Enterprise, and the Roanoke Beacon, all having heavy circulation in the five large peanut-growing counties, are to be congratulated on allowing five cents per pound for peanuts in payment of subscriptions to these papers," Secretary N. G. Bartlett, of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, said this week when advised of the splendid offer being made by these papers. "And every one of these papers is holding the peanuts that are being brought in and storing them," he continued. Mr. Bartlett said he thought it would not be a bad idea for other lines of business to follow the example of these newspapers and give the peanut grower a chance to get some more of the things he needs in this manner.

Members of Junior Order To Hold District Meeting Next Wednesday in Robersonville

DON'T BLAME HIM

Here is one on the prohibition officers. Howard Koonce was arrested and tried in Kinston, and sent to Atlanta prison for a year and a day for violating the dry law. An officer traced him by the imprint of a No. 7 sandal track to his home, where he was apprehended. From Atlanta came a package to S. K. Hughes, prohibition operator, Saturday. In it were the shoes used to convict the prisoner. They were a present to Mr. Hughes. W. J. Jackson, jr., of Plymouth, works with Mr. Hughes, and is the authority for this story.

OYSTER HABITS ARE STUDIED BY BEAUFORT MAN

Bright Future for Oyster Production In Sounds And River Mouths

When an oyster makes whoopee—and it is definitely established that he "drinks like a fish"—he contradicts most of those age-old comparisons reflecting on him, and particularly "as dumb as an oyster," making a record that thoroughly convinces that he is "as high as a kite."

Oysters, their habits, customs, peculiarities, likes and dislikes, and, in fact, complete records, are being made the subject of interesting studies by Dr. H. F. Prytherch, Director of the United States Bureau of Fisheries biological station at Beaufort, and his reports are enlightening.

For instance, they cement one side of the shell of an oyster to a brick in a glass basin of water. To the top shell they cement a small rod, which is connected with proper mechanism to a point, which rests on a blackened revolving cylinder. They turn on the mechanism and add a little stimulant to the water. The oyster, stimulated, writes a dizzy record on the revolving cylinder, thus recording his reactions to the stimulant. They watch his growth and development and thus find the type of water best suited for oyster farming.

They go out into the sounds and river mouths, get samples of waters and of oysters growing in such waters, and in this manner determine the kinds of waters in which the oysters thrive best and develop the best flavors.

"It will not be long before much of the bottoms of the inland waterway in this State will be planted in oysters, as much of the area through which it passes is admirably suited to oyster growing," said Dr. Prytherch, on a recent trip of water and oyster inspection, adding that this will offer employment to hundreds more North Carolinians and furnish an edible, palatable and healthful food to many thousands.

"The oyster has about all of the health and strength-giving qualities needed by the human body," Dr. Prytherch said. He is authority for the statement that an oyster drinks 12 gallons of water a day. The water passes between the bi-valves and the oyster takes from it all desirable animal and vegetable matter it contains. The oyster contains such desirable acids as are found in fruits, plenty of albumen, and the dark part, often referred to as the entrails, is the liver, containing plenty of iodine, he said.

"Some day," said Dr. Prytherch, "people of North Carolina will realize what a health-giving and strength-producing asset they have in the oyster beds in the sounds and river mouths, and when they do oyster development will take its place as one of the important industries of the State." In real cold weather, the oyster "closes up like a clam," his heart stops beating, and he hibernates, coming back to life as the water warms up again.

Martin Native Killed In Auto Wreck This Week

Leonard A. Hackett, a native of this county, was killed in an automobile accident at Atlantic City, N. J., this week and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington City.

Born near Oak City sixty years ago, Mr. Hackett farmed until he was about 30 years old, leaving the farm at that time to join the Army. Retired from active service several years ago, he made his home in Atlantic City, where he was connected in banking circles. He leaves several relatives in this county.

PUBLIC URGED TO BE PRESENT AT NIGHT SESSION

State and National Officers of Junior Organization On Program

Robersonville, N. C., Nov. 27.—Plans are now complete for the district meeting of Junior Order of United American Mechanics members here next Wednesday, District Deputy S. L. Roberson, of the local council, announced yesterday in calling the attention of the public to an open meeting in the high school auditorium that evening at 7:30 o'clock. A large attendance is expected upon the meeting, at which time State and National figures in the Junior organization will make short and interesting talks in connection with the order's work, its policies and creeds. A moving picture of the Junior Order in North Carolina, its various institutions, leaders, and its activities will be shown that evening.

In addition to the outstanding events, the program is supported by several interesting features, including parts by local talent. The Robersonville Orchestra will offer several selections, beginning at 7:15, or just before the meeting is opened by the presiding officer.

Assembling here in the afternoon, the Juniors will hold their business meeting at 4 o'clock in the Council Hall with Field Secretary E. V. Harris, of Tarboro, in charge. Several interesting addresses are scheduled at that time, a parade, led by the local Boy Scouts, following at 5 o'clock. All members of councils in Washington, Pitt, Edgecombe, and Martin Counties will take part in the parade. Supper will be served about 6 o'clock in the council hall to the visiting Juniors.

People of the community are planning a hearty welcome to the visiting Juniors that day, and it is earnestly believed that the activities next Wednesday afternoon and evening will be of much value and of great interest to the Junior Order and the public as a whole.

CLUB MEMBERS CAN MUCH FOOD

41,805 Quarts of Food Are Canned by 88 Home Club Members

By MISS LORA SLEEPER
The Home Demonstration Club women in the county have been much interested in knowing the amount of containers canned in the county and have been allowed to submit a guess for the total amount canned by club women during the summer of 1931. Canning records were sent to the home agent's office and the total containers reported by 88 women number 41,805. Since the guessing contest which closed in favor of the Jamesville Woman's Club with a guess of 38,960 containers, additional reports have been received and the total amount from 101 out of 160 reports shows 41,805. Five dollars was to be given the club submitting the guess nearest to the total figure and this amount will be given to the Jamesville club in the near future. The contest closed November 15th.

BARNETT BROS. CIRCUS COMING

New and Lower Admission Prices This Year To Be Featured

Lovers of the out-of-the-ordinary amusement will be interested in the announcement that Barnett Bros. Big Circus and Trained Animal Circus will be seen at Williamston, Wednesday, Dec. 2, presenting decidedly the largest and greater program of original unique and thrilling feature acts known today.

To the show world this vast tented amusement enterprise is alone in a class by itself without a rival. Nothing like the performance provided by Barnett Brothers Circus and Trained Animal Shows, was ever before dreamed of or dared by the boldest managers. Whatever your preference, you will find plenty to interest, astonish, and edify you.

There are thrilling aerial acts, during every moment of which one expects to see the intrepid performers hurled into eternity; artistic and sensational equestrianism; incredible and bewildering athletics and acrobatic numbers; and the phenomenal exhibitions by trained animals. New and lower admission prices will prevail this year.—Press Agent.

HOLD WELFARE MEETING HERE NEXT TUESDAY

Superintendent Futtrell of Greenville Will Be Here For Meeting

A county organization for unemployment and relief will be perfected here next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock when Mr. K. T. Futtrell, superintendent of public welfare of Pitt county and a member of the Governor's council on unemployment and relief meets with representatives of the several home demonstration and women's clubs in the courthouse. Special invitations have been made, urging the women leaders to attend the meeting, and it is hoped that an accurate report on conditions in this county can be had at that time.

Mr. Futtrell will discuss the work of the Governor's council, and assist in the organization of a county unit for handling unemployment and the needs of the unfortunate. The following women have been appointed as welfare committee chairmen from the home demonstration clubs, it was announced yesterday by Miss Lora E. Sleeper, county home agent: Mrs. C. H. Ange, Jamesville, R. F. D.; Miss Laura Mizelle for the Poplar Chapel community, near Jamesville; Mrs. J. E. Smithwick, of Jamesville; Mrs. Lee Hardison and Mrs. John Gurkin, of the Holy Springs community; Mrs. T. M. Woodburn, of Parmele for that community; Mrs. Urnie Bunting, of the Everetts Club; Miss Selma Ayers, of Bear Grass; Miss Mandie Edwards for the Poplar Point community; Miss Margaret B. Everett for the Palmyra section; Mrs. Henry Peel for Macedonia and Mrs. Frank Jordan for Dardens.

Miss Sleeper said that these women were asked to report any cases worthy of help to the women in their sections and plan sewing meetings, quilting or anything to relieve suffering, and lessen the burden on the county.

TO HOLD 1-DAY CONVENTION OF DISCIPLES DEC. 9

Prominent Church Workers To Attend Meeting in Plymouth

Plymouth, N. C., November 26.—Features of the one-day convention of the Christian churches in this district which will be held here December 9, will include speeches by prominent church folks on the general theme of "Our Message of Jesus Christ" and will be followed by a banquet with representative men on the program, it was announced today by the Rev. W. Conley Greer, pastor of the local Christian church.

Three sessions will be held beginning at 10 o'clock with the second at 1:30, and the evening session at 6:30 with a banquet. The banquet program will include speakers who have first-hand information about the world wide service of the church. A stewardship service will be held also, at which time duties of these church officials will be explained.

This is the ninth annual series of these conventions to be held in the United States under the auspices of the United Christian Missionary Society. Speakers for the day will include Dr. E. I. Osgood, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Miss Bertha Clawson, a missionary; Mrs. H. H. Settle; C. C. Ware, and Rev. John Barclay, pastor of the Christian church at Wilson.

These meetings are held so that in a single day the laymen of the church can get a world-wide view of the Christian service that they are supporting. Preachers, laymen, missionaries, and leaders get together and talk over the work.

The world's only petrified bridge is formed by a petrified tree which stretches across a ravine near Tucson, Arizona.

CHRISTMAS SEALS

Christmas seals, sold throughout the United States each year to create funds with which to combat tuberculosis, will be placed on sale here next week, it was announced by Mrs. L. B. Harrison, chairman of the sale in this community. More than 3,000 of the seals have been received by Mrs. Harrison, and the Boy Scouts have been called upon to assist or handle the sale.

A greater portion of the money received for the seals is used at home, the remaining part going to institutions where a valuable work has been carried on against tuberculosis.

Local people are asked to purchase as many of the little stickers as they possibly can and assist in the drive against the dread disease.

Peanut Growers and Cleaners Hold Meeting in Rich Square

WALTER HASSELL DIES IN HOSPITAL

Arrest Two Men In Connection with Mysterious Death of Man

Walter Hassell, jr., young colored man of near here, died early this week in a Washington hospital from injuries received late last Saturday night.

Evidence gathered by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck led to the arrest of Phillistine Barnhill, New Bern negro, and Theodore Freeman, colored of this place. No charges have been preferred against the men at this time, but it is believed that Hassell was murdered and that Barnhill and Freeman know something about it. Barnhill was seen with Hassell a short while before the man was fatally hurt, and it was reported that he has offered conflicting stories in telling about his activities that night. Sheriff Roebuck is still working on the case, and a hearing will be held next week, probably the early part, or as soon as additional witnesses can be summoned.

CATCH NEGRO UNDER HOUSE

Rod Rogers Arrested at the Home of Mr. Bill Keel Near Here

Rod Rogers, local negro, was arrested about 9:30 last night under the home of Mr. Bill Keel, near the fair grounds. No charge has been preferred against the man, and it is not known whether Rogers was attempting robbery or just peeping in a window.

Mr. Keel was not at home when Rogers went on the premises, and on returning about 9:30, or almost an hour after Rogers is believed to have entered the yard, Mrs. Keel asked him to go see what the dog was barking at. Rogers started to crawl from under the house, when Mr. Keel hit him with his walking stick. He called for his gun, but before he got it, neighbors had arrived, and the sheriff was summoned.

Rogers stated that he ran under the house when a bird dog was about to attack him. His case has been placed on the recorder's court docket and will be called week after next, it is understood.

DEATH OF MRS. H. L. ANDREWS

Was One of Oldest Citizens of County; Died Near Here Friday

Mrs. H. L. Andrews, one of the county's oldest residents, died at her home near Robersonville last Friday night at 9:30 o'clock, following a stroke of paralysis suffered early that morning. Although she had been in declining health for some time, Mrs. Andrews was fairly active until a short while before her death despite her advanced age.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home Sunday afternoon by Elder George Grimes, of Spring Green, and interment followed in the new cemetery at Robersonville.

Five children, three daughters, Mrs. Mittie Keel, of Robersonville; Mrs. S. J. Harrell, of Kinston; Miss Carrie Andrews, of Parmele; and two sons, Messrs. Will Andrews, of Robersonville; and C. D. Andrews, of Parmele, survive.

Haywood Myrick Charged With the Theft of Swine

Charged with stealing hogs from Gus Keel in Cross Roads Township last March, Haywood Myrick, county negro, was arrested by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck this week, and is being given a hearing before Justice Ben Riddick here today.

Curb Market Will Be Opened to All Producers

Beginning the first Saturday in December, the curb market, opened here last March, will be open to any person of the farming sections of the county whether members of clubs or not. It is hoped as this is done that a greater variety of produce will be brought on the market, and people needing money for school books, food and clothes can be patronized by the buyers helping as much as possible to relieve the needs of the people in the community.

STATE TAXES

More than \$1,100, the amount collected under the State 15-cent levy for the support of schools, was turned over to State Treasurer Nathan O'Berry by County Treasurer C. A. Harrison this week, the payment being the first made to the State by the county this year.

Tax collections are advancing rapidly in the county at this time, the payers taking advantage of the discount allowed this month. The discount period ends next Wednesday, and after that time, and until February, taxes will be paid at par.

COMPENSATION IS PAID TO 37 IN MARTIN COUNTY

Total of 65 in Industrial Accidents During Period Of Twelve Months

Time lost from work through industrial accidents in North Carolina in the past two years would extend nearly 2,400 years, or about 500 years before the birth of Christ, the report of the North Carolina Industrial Commission, administering the Workmen's Compensation Act, shows.

Accidents have been materially reduced the past year, ended June 30, 1931, as compared with the year before, however due largely probably to two factors: the lessening of industrial operation during the depression period and the efforts of the commission, employers, and insurance carriers to reduce the accidents through safety conferences and instructions.

The report shows that Martin County industries furnished 65 of the accident cases, but 28 of them were medical cases only, in which no compensation is paid for disability of less than one week. In the other cases the injured employees received \$2,876 in compensation, and the medical fees in all cases in this county amounted to \$2,525 for the year.

Accidents are divided into five classes, the number of each class in this county being as follows: permanent partial disability, 5; temporary total disability, 32; medical cases only, 28.

Every county in the State is represented, but four of them had less than 10 accidents. Guilford led in number of accidents, with 2,650, while Mecklenburg led in amount of compensation paid, \$74,467, to injured employees or dependents of deceased employees, and \$46,202 in medical fees.

During the past year, accidents reported reached 28,750, or 4,959 less than the 33,709 of the year before. Compensation paid to injured workers and families of deceased workers amount to \$979,078, and the fees paid to doctors reached \$532,728 last year, as compared with compensation of \$1,583,025 and doctors' fees of \$719,757 the year before.

Death cases numbered 81 last year and 138 the year before; permanent total disability cases last year numbered five and 15 the year before; permanent partial disability cases last year numbered 657 and 943 the year before; temporary total disability, 7,702 last year and 9,004 the year before, while medical cases only, those in which the work was able to return to work within a week, reached 20,305 last year and 23,609 the year before.

FINISH BRIDGE AT TARBORO

Will Not Be Opened To Public, However, Until Approaches Built

The new bridge across the Tar River at Tarboro has been completed and was turned over to the State Highway Commission last week, but will not be open to the public until the abutments on the Tarboro and Princeville sides have been put in the proper condition.

On the Tarboro end of the bridge there will be placed a concrete pavement at the approach, and on the Princeville side the dam will be raised three feet to take care of high water in time of freshets.

Stan Laurel and Hardy at Watts Here Next Week

Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, the screen's pick of comedians, appear at the Watts Theatre here next Monday and Tuesday in one of the funniest pictures ever filmed, "Pardon Us." Described as one of Laurel's and Hardy's best, the picture is a hilarious screen story of life behind high walls and barred windows.

REPORTS SHOW MANY GROWERS HOLDING CROP

Sixteen Peanut Belt Towns Represented at Rich Square Meeting

Sixteen towns from the peanut belt of North Carolina and Virginia were represented at the third of a series of peanut meetings being held in the belt at Rich Square Tuesday night of this week. Chairman W. A. Taylor, of Aulander, presided over the meeting and N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, the sponsoring organization of this campaign for better prices for peanuts, acted as secretary. In responding to the welcome address of Mayor James A. Worrell, of Rich Square, Mr. W. R. Hampton, of Plymouth, stated that the peanut growers of Washington County are heeding the advice of the leaders of this movement and are storing their peanuts instead of selling them at the very low prices now prevailing. A sumptuous supper was served by the ladies of Rich Square.

The county chairman made their reports as to the amount of peanuts being sold in their respective localities. M. O. Blount, of Bethel, chairman for Pitt County, stated that the section around Bethel, had put into storage all the peanuts that room could be found for, and several cars had been shipped to Suffolk for storage there. He said that not over 25 per cent of the peanuts there had been sold. H. H. Taylor, of Harrellsville, chairman for Hertford County, made a similar statement, with the percentage about the same. C. J. Shields, of Scotland Neck, for Halifax, estimated about 30 per cent of peanuts already sold; J. T. Bolton, chairman for Northampton, reported about 35 per cent of the crop in his county already sold. A. L. Alexander, of Washington County, put his county at 10 per cent sold, the remainder being in storage. Thos. N. Peele, of Lewiston, reporting for Bertie, said that Bertie County farmers are holding rather satisfactorily in most sections of the county.

C. W. Pond, of Pond-Bros., shellers and cleaners, of Suffolk, made the principal talk of the evening, in which he said that the holding movement had already been worth a great deal to the peanut prices and that if it is kept up he saw no reason why the price should not advance.

The majority of the discussion centered around the matter of the effect the unsold peanuts going to market on trucks is having on the prices. This means that peanut that are loaded on trucks and carried to the markets without ever having made any arrangements with the cleaners and shellers in advance as to the sale of such nuts. This, in the opinion of the cleaners present at the meeting, has a very damaging effect on the market. There is no objection to delivering peanuts by truck after they have been sold, the buyers said.

A committee was appointed to confer with the cleaners at an early date to talk matters over that are of mutual interest to all parties, and a resolution was unanimously passed endorsing the matter of holding section-wide meetings, and it was agreed to hold another within the next two weeks at some central point, either Aulander or Ahoskie. The date and place of the next meeting will be announced later. It was stated that the meeting Tuesday night showed more determination to hold the peanut crop than any yet held.

Baptists Announce Their Schedule Sunday Services

The regular schedule of services will be carried through at the Baptist church Sunday: Sunday school at 9:45, morning worship and sermon at 11; the B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 in the evening, and the 7:30 o'clock preaching service.

The people are asked to attend whatever of these services they can. Strangers and new-comers are always quite welcome. The church is for service in the community and is always happy when opportunity is given it for rendering worth-while service and help.

The first Sunday in December which is the sixth, is the day set aside for the subscription of next year's church budget. The pastor is asking all the membership to be present at that service, and make their subscriptions in the church service as a part of their regular worship.

GET 48 BALES COTTON FROM 35 ACRES LAND

M. S. Rudisill, of Crouse, Lincoln County, produced 48 bales of cotton on 35 acres of land this season.