

FRED CHESSON IS BADLY HURT IN WRECK MONDAY

Turns Ford Car Over Three Times at Underpass On Main Street

Fred Chesson, young white employee of the Williamston Motor Company, here, was badly, if not seriously, hurt yesterday morning shortly before noon in an automobile wreck at the railroad underpass on West Main Street. Rendered unconscious for more than two hours, Chesson was unable to describe the wreck at that time, and when last questioned his attending physician was unable to tell how badly the young man was hurt.

Two colored women, witnessing the wreck, stated that the car turned over once before striking the center support to the railroad trestle, and that it turned over twice more before it came to a stop.

The car, a Ford coupe belonging to Richard Smith, local man, apparently left the road 40 feet or more from the underpass and began turning over as it started climbing the railroad embankment. A short distance up the hill, the front part is believed to have struck an old piling which caused the car to somersault. On the half turn the rumble seat struck the center support of the bridge, flattening the rumble seat on the chassis and tearing the back from the driver's seat.

Chesson, testing certain parts of the car, was traveling out of town, and as the car hit the left bank of the road, it is believed the steering wheel broke or he lost control of the machine when he attempted to adjust the carburetor.

He was examined at the Biggs drug store and was later removed to his home on West Main Street, a few blocks from the scene of the wreck.

NEAR 200 ATTEND FIRST SESSION OF CHURCH SCHOOL

Held at Baptist Church; To Continue Each Night Through Friday

Last night the community church school got off to a good start in the Baptist church, with nearly 200 present.

The sessions began promptly at 7:30, with the Rev. James M. Perry, pastor of the Christian church, leading the congregational singing, and Mrs. Flonnie Watts at the piano.

There were five divisions. The primaries were taught by Mrs. Pattie Edmondson Taylor, assisted by Miss Beasy Harrell. The juniors were in charge of Mrs. D. E. Darden, assisted by Mrs. McKel. There was a class of young men, led by the Rev. Z. T. Piephoff; and a class of young women taught by Mrs. C. T. Rogers, of the local Methodist church; while the pastor of the Baptist congregation had a class of adults in the auditorium.

The school is to run on through Friday night, closing up with a big community church social. It is felt that the attendance will be even larger tonight. One big bus came in from the country last night with a load of young people; and from the town proper all of the churches were represented in the school.

Mr. Perry will be present again this evening to conduct the singing. This is a community school, and is open to all who care to come. The sessions are short, not seriously interfering with any of the other community and school activities.

The spirit pervading the several classes was very fine. And it is believed that this common effort in church and Sunday school work will make a notable contribution to the religious life of the town.

Tennessee Tobacco Price Drops 8 Cents a Pound

The Greenville, Tennessee, tobacco market, this season, sold 16,500,000 pounds of tobacco at an average of 10 cents a pound as compared with 21,000,000 pounds sold last season at an average of around 18 cents a pound," Mr. J. E. Griffin, who has been employed on that market during the past several years, said upon his return home last week. The price average would have been much lower had the crop been larger. Mr. Griffin believed.

The market there had one of the highest averages of any in the belt.

Fourteen Cases To Be Tried in Court Today

Holding its first session in two weeks, the recorder's court opened today with fourteen cases on its docket. Six of the 14 cases charged nine men with violation of the liquor laws, five with manufacturing, three with possession and one for being drunk and disorderly.

Assault cases were next in number on the docket.

IS HONEST MAN, BUT HE LOOKS CROOKED

Stringent times on the "outside" this week forced one colored farmer in this county into striped trousers, commonly worn by convicts. Second-hand clothes have been readily accepted by hundreds of less fortunate in this county this winter, but yesterday was the first time that convict trousers were introduced as regular wearing apparel by a civilian.

N. S. GODARD AND J. D. WARD GIVEN 4-7 YEARS IN PEN

Sentenced Today for Connection with Roxobel Wholesale Robbery

J. D. Ward and N. S. Godard, local white men, and Joe Vick, of Roxobel, Bertie County, were each sentenced to the State prison for a term of from 4 to 7 years by Judge Henry A. Grady in Bertie County Superior Court in Windsor today for the theft of a large number of cigarettes from the Peele Wholesale Grocery Company in Roxobel six weeks ago. Godard's mother and sister, carried into the court this morning in connection with receiving the stolen goods were released under suspended sentences.

Ward and Vick, pleading guilty to the robbery charge, told a complete story of the plot and the actual stealing. Godard pointed out that he did not enter the store, but when Judge Grady reviewed the evidence, that fact amounted to little in his sight.

In connection with the case, the Ledger-Advance, Windsor newspaper, said:

"The trial of J. D. Ward, notorious in the county (Bertie) already as the husband of the keeper of the more notorious brothel 'Blue Heaven' before it was closed last year, and for his recent acquittal of holding up two Windsor filling stations, is the principal case on the light docket."

Godard was arrested in Wilson as the three attempted to sell their loot at greatly reduced market prices, but the other two men were released at the time. Ward was arrested here a short while later and Vick surrendered to officers a few days after that.

STATE POLITICAL POT IS STARTING TO 'BILE' AGAIN

New Names Are Now Being Added To State List With Regularity

While state politics have been and are centered around the governorship, announcements are being made with almost regularity. Mr. Clarence E. Mitchell, of Raleigh, this week announcing himself for the nomination as commissioner of labor.

In announcing himself for the nomination, Mr. Mitchell said: Many people who do not know the duties of this office are under the impression that it is only a "rubber stamp" job, created for some selfish purpose, but there is a great need for a strong labor department in this State which will carry out the fundamental principles for which the department was created, and it now appears that during the period of readjustment just ahead this department will be more important than ever. If I am elected I will endeavor to bring about a more satisfactory understanding between capital and labor without partiality to any class of citizenship."

Mr. R. R. Lawrence, of Winston-Salem, has also announced himself for the department of labor nomination. Four aspirants, Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte; Frank D. Grist, present commissioner of labor; Tam Bowie, of West Jefferson, and Bob R. Reynolds, of Asheville, are in the race for the United States Senate.

Mr. J. A. Hartness is out in the interest of the secretary. Messrs. David P. Dellinger, of Cherryville, and A. H. Graham, of Hillsboro, are out for lieutenant governor.

Marion, Feb. 15.—A press story was carried Monday morning about D. F. Giles' announcement of his candidacy for lieutenant governor is just exactly two years behind time.

In February of 1930, Frank Wood, also of Marion, announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor in the 1932 primary. The next day Giles countered with his announcement of similar political aspirations.

Both men said at the time that it was then far too early to state their platforms or go into detail about the matter. To date neither of them has given out his platform. But Giles has promised to do so within the next few days.

MANY TRYING TO BORROW MONEY FROM VETERANS

Griffins Township Veteran Invests Large Part of \$9,000.00 Received

Unusual and interesting stories have followed in those cases where disabled war veterans received large insurance sums, according to information reaching here.

"Has any one approached you for a loan since you got your \$9,000," was a question asked of Mr. Labon Lilley, Griffins Township farmer, this week. "Begorra, as soon as the news got out, the gatharin 'round my house reminded me of Coxey's Army," Mr. Lilley replied.

Mr. Lilley was wounded many times during the World War, losing one leg and carrying bad scars on all parts of his body. When questioned if he wanted to go to China if the United States should happen to engage in war there, Mr. Lilley said, "I don't want to go, and, furthermore, I ain't a go-in."

With his \$9,000 insurance money, Mr. Lilley is said to have purchased a \$5,000 government bond, paid up his debts, bought a Ford, and placed the rest on deposit, and it is understood that \$1 of the \$9,000 has been lent by him.

From up Raleigh way comes the following story:

"John B. Ford, negro world war veteran, who recently received \$9,000 in insurance money from the government, was arrested today on a charge of assault with intent to kill.

"Ford told police he emptied his pistol in the direction of M. L. Avery, another negro, to protect his interests. Now that he is rich, Ford said, he must keep a pistol and shotgun in his newly acquired home to keep off 'invaders.'"

MUCH POULTRY IS SOLD LAST WEEK

Farmers Receive \$3,314.81 For 23,910 Pounds of Barnyard Fowls

Loading their second cooperative poultry car last week, Martin County farmers sold 23,910 pounds of barnyard fowls, and received \$3,314.81, it was learned from County Agent T. B. Brandon. The shipment last week was smaller by 4,432 pounds than the initial one in January, farmers receiving \$1,043.30 less for their offerings than they did for those in January.

Loading records at the four stops:		
	Pounds	Amount
Jameville	3,622	\$ 487.09
Williamston	11,801	1,656.66
Robersonville	6,068	824.15
Oak City	2,419	346.91
Totals	23,910	\$3,314.81

JOHN R. GARDNER DIED SATURDAY

Funeral Services Held In Williams Township Sunday Afternoon

John R. Gardner, middle-aged white man, died at his home in Williams Township last Saturday morning following an illness of nearly two months duration. Suffering a severe attack of pneumonia the latter part of last December, Mr. Gardner was unable to overcome it and finally died after the prolonged illness.

Mr. Gardner, a farmer all his life, was the son of the late Robert B. Gardner and wife, his mother still surviving. In early manhood, he married Miss Annie Moore, who with one child, Delcia, survives.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Sunday afternoon by Rev. Edgar Harris, of Washington. Interment was in the family cemetery near the home.

Full Schedule of Games For Basketball Teams

Local basketball boys and girls have a full schedule of games this week. The local All Star five plays Columbia's town team here tonight at 8 o'clock, and the local high school boys and girls go to Ahoskie to play the two teams of that town tonight. Thursday afternoon the local high school boys are scheduled to play Oak City at Oak City, and the following afternoon they are scheduled to play Farm Life at Farm Life. Coach Bouknight, of the local schools announced this morning.

Halifax Man Kills Hog Weighing 1,136 Pounds

The largest hog ever butchered in Halifax County was killed recently by C. M. Cotton, of Scotland Neck. The animal was nearly three years old, was a big-boned Poland China and weighed 1,136 pounds. It dressed out 1,007 pounds of pork.

BACK TO FARM MOVEMENT IS GAINING FORCE

More Than 200,000 Have Left Cities In Michigan During the Depression

With little hope of getting aid from the various farm organizations and Congress, the American farmer is turning to his early plowing with a far greater spirit of self-reliance this year than ever before, a national writer up in Washington wrote yesterday. And as the farmer enters upon his 1932 tasks, thousands of men and women are leaving the industrial centers to take out a living on the farm, the writer continued. More than 200,000 men have left Michigan cities for the land during the winter, Senator Couzens, of Michigan, was quoted as saying.

In 1930, the first year of the depression, there was an actual increase in the number of persons living on farms for the first time in 20 years. It was small—208,000 persons, according to the Department of Agriculture—but indicative. It halted the long tide of migration which in the last generations cut down the large majority of farm population and brought the urban population abreast of the rural.

Persons out of work are taking up small farms, especially around large cities. At points 75 miles from Kansas City, mortgage bankers report an increased demand for farms, government experts say. The Dakotas report farms well occupied despite a devastating grasshopper plague last year. A demand for "part-time" farms is reported around some cities, the kind of small places which will enable families to obtain food and shelter to tide over hard times.

Values Wrecked
Farm values have been wrecked by the large drop in crop prices. Net income from farm production dropped 31 per cent in 1930. It has probably been greater in the year since. But, this situation, serious as it is in individual cases, has its bright side, according to government farm experts.

Farm values are lower than in 20 years. That means that when the possibility of improved prices on farm products is taken into consideration, the country is full of good farm buys. Correspondence to the Department of Agriculture mentions that inquiries for farms are numerous and that prospective buyers are waiting for a turn in the market.

"It is no secret that qualified observers have focused their attention squarely on the prospective developments in the prices of farm products," one expert reported. "Frequent indications that farms in 'strong hands' are not for sale are evidence of confidence in the future of agriculture. The agricultural depression has served to focus attention on the relatively strong position, in times of adversity, of the farmer who has a substantial equity in his farm and can, if necessary, become almost entirely self-sufficient. The industrial depression, further, has contributed to the first net increase in farm population in years, and appears to have resulted in an increased rental demand."

Tobacco Stocks on Hand Greater Than Last Year

The United States stock of tobacco on January 1, last, was 2,012,780,000 pounds against 1,855,476,000 pounds on January 1, 1931, a gain of 157,304,000 pounds.

The Eastern North Carolina stock was about 27,000,000 increase over a year ago, while the Georgia-Florida stock was 23,000,000 pounds less.

All flue cured types showed about 25,000,000 pounds more this past January than in January, 1931. The greatest gain in stock of any type was Burley, an increase of 83,000,000 pounds.

With the foreign buying power decreased, the poverty at home cutting the local consumption of tobacco products, and a big surplus on hand, farmers generally look for very low prices this fall.

Local High School Boys Win Third Series Game

Playing their third game in the county basketball series, the local high school boys won over the Jameville five here last Friday night, 18 to 13. Coach Bouknight's five remains undefeated in the series so far. Next Friday the locals are scheduled to play Oak City at Oak City.

Everetts Camp To Show Free Movies Tonight

The Everetts camp of the Modern Woodmen of America will give a free motion picture show at the Everetts school auditorium tonight, February 17, at 7:30 p. m.

This is a new picture and shows the progress the Modern Woodmen are making in various works, especially hospitals and charity. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Josephus Daniels Decides Not To Be Candidate for Governor

BLINDING LIGHTS ARE CONCERN OF HIGHWAY PATROL

Motorists Are Urged To War Against Glaring Headlights

"In making an analysis of the situation with respect to blinding and glaring headlights on our highways, the State Highway Commission has found that these points stand out clearly," stated Chairman E. B. Jeffress today.

"First the motormaufacturers have made little or no improvement in headlight equipment within recent years, in so far as the blinding effect experienced in meeting vehicles at night is concerned.

"Second, it is a well recognized fact that only a small percentage of motorists make use of the light tilting and dimming devices provided by the manufacturer."

"Third, it would be very expensive for the state and for the motorist to undertake the periodic testing and adjustment of headlights in an effort to make them comply with the statute."

For over two years the State Highway Commission, through its various agencies, has been conducting an investigation to determine whether there was some practical and economical means whereby automobile headlights might be rendered permanently non-glaring without affecting the vision of the driver. After many months of careful consideration it has been decided to recommend to the motorist a permanent dimming device. One of these has been selected and authorized at a uniform nominal price, and it has now been placed in many hundreds of service stations and garages throughout the entire state.

For months past highway authorities have been besieged with complaints about the fearful loss of life and property arising from the steady mounting number of automobile mishaps. The State Highway Patrol, according to Captain Charles D. Farmer, has received many messages of commendation for its efficient handling of traffic matters. With these words of praise is almost always coupled the plea to do something about the blinding and glaring headlight situation.

In keeping with a special ordinance, which has been published throughout the state, it is now the duty of the members of the State Highway Patrol force to direct motorists to garages and service stations to have the headlights of their automobiles made non-glaring and to advise motorists the best and most economical method of having this done.

The State Highway Commission now desires to call on the public to lend its whole-hearted support in this effort to improve the night driving conditions on our highways. The motorist will save himself and members of the Highway Patrol much annoyance by immediately having headlights put in order.

HUNTING CASE IS CONTINUED

Trial of Youth From This County Is Put Off in Bertie Court

The case, charging Russell Godard with hunting on posted land in Bertie county several months ago, was continued in the Superior court of that county in Windsor yesterday when one of the main witnesses, J. G. Staton, of this place, was unable to attend court on account of illness.

Godard was arraigned before Judge F. D. Winston in Bertie General court some time ago, and was fined \$5 and taxed with the costs. His attorney, A. R. Dunning, appealed, and Judge Winston then changed the sentence to a year on the roads. It was later changed again by the Judge, who this time imposed a \$10 fine on the Martin County boy. The appeal was not withdrawn, and now the case is on the docket for trial at the next term of Bertie Superior court.

Young Windsor Man Is Arrested for Speeding

Lewis Byrd, young white man of Windsor, was arrested here early Sunday night for speeding. Trailing him on the river fill, Patrolman Jackson followed Byrd into town and made the arrest.

The young man explained that he was on his way to see his girl in or near Everetts, and as he was a little late, he was trying to make up for lost time. He was recognized by officers, and released until court convened here this morning.

TWO CHANCES

If you drink polluted water, there is one chance you get the germ; and there is one chance you don't.
If you get the germ, there is one chance that you become ill—and one chance that you don't.
If you get ill there is one chance you recover and one chance that you don't.
If you die—well, you still have two chances!—Exchange.

SEVERAL RAIDS MADE IN COUNTY LAST SATURDAY

Federal and County Officers Arrest Seven Alleged Violators in Day

Raiding in various districts of the county last Saturday, Federal, county, and town ship officers arrested seven men, destroyed one liquor plant, and confiscated a few gallons of liquor and 12 bottles of home brew.

S. M. Whitaker, Arthur James, and S. W. Whitaker were arrested by Constable Clarence Sexton and Assistant William Gaylord at a still in the Free Union section. James, having tasted of the "spirits" too freely, was unable to run, and the other two were so busy firing the plant that the officers effected the arrests without trouble. The still, an 80-gallon copper one, was destroyed along with about 800 gallons of beer and manufacturing equipment.

Armed with warrants, Agents Coats Roebuck, and Gibbs, with officers C. B. Roebuck and others, searched the homes of Josephus Cordon, Claude Davis, and Jasper Smith, all colored, and found four quarts of liquor.

John A. Grinn, young white man, operator of a local barbeque stand, was arrested for transporting a dozen bottles of home brew. He was released under bond.

Entering Hassells that afternoon, Deputy S. H. Grimes is said to have upset the profits in the liquor trade there during the afternoon. Alleged dealers are said to have bombarded the back lots with pints and half-pints, one old colored man stating yesterday that he picked up three pints of the "stuff" without cost to him.

FOUND GUILTY STEALING HOGS

Martin County Man Convicted of Theft Charge In Bertie Court

A. J. Flannagan, young white man of this county, was found guilty yesterday afternoon in the Bertie County Superior Court of the theft of hogs in Bertie last August. J. F. Flannagan, his father, and A. B. Flannagan, his brother, and Charlie Raynor, facing a similar charge in the Bertie court, were found not guilty. Sentence had not been passed on A. J. Flannagan this morning, Judge Grady withholding judgment for a further study of the case.

The four men were arrested at their homes in Goose Nest Township on the 19th of August last year in connection with the theft of hogs from W. B. Phelps, Bertie farmer, the Sunday before.

It was reported following the arrests last August by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, of this county, that Albert Flannagan, farmer on the old Leggett plantation, crossed the Roanoke at Palmyra Landing and went to Phelps' home on the Devereaux farm in Bertie. It was alleged that Flannagan, with a quantity of shelled corn, lured from the Phelps' pen 14 nice-sized hogs weighing about 140 pounds each. Over a course of 5 miles, the hogs followed their charmer, eating a grain or two of corn dropped as bait by the man. At the river, Flannagan was said to have penned the hogs, and sought aid from his relatives and Charlie Raynor in ferrying them across the stream. They were landed on this side, five miles from the spot where they were penned on the Bertie bank, and then carried to the Flannagan pens.

Missing his hogs, the Bertie farmer trailed them to the river and saw where they were loaded on a boat. With his own boat, the farmer paddled down the stream to the old Burnette landing where tracks indicated they had been unloaded from the boat and placed in a wagon. Over an eight-mile land route he trailed the wagon, and finding the hogs in the Flannagan pen, he had warrants issued for the arrest of the four men.

EDITOR THINKS PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE OFFICE

Many Regret That Raleigh Editor Will Not Be In Governorship Race

In a statement released early this week, Josephus Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, and Secretary of the Navy under the Wilson administration, said that he would not be a candidate for the office of governor, his announcement coming after he had been urged to run for the office by thousands of people throughout the State, and virtually all those in Eastern North Carolina.

In announcing his determination not to seek the governorship, Mr. Daniels said:

"To all those who have urged my candidacy, I must say with solemn conviction that my duty to them as a fellow worker in a common cause is to discharge my obligation in the manner my earliest inspiration, my training and my present sober judgment direct. I shall, therefore, not be a candidate for the office of Governor. I am convinced that I shall render through the News and Observer and through joint counsel with them a larger and more effective service than I could hope to perform in an office which, along with its great opportunities, imposes duties foreign to what we all conceive to be the supreme and immediate need of the state in this crucial period."

Mr. Daniels' refusal to enter the contest leaves three active candidates in the nomination race for the governorship, and gives rich to the possible candidacies of several others. Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain, of Rocky Mount, and J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of Elizabeth City, with their almost opposite platforms, and Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, of Raleigh, with his curtailment platform, are still in the race. Angus D. MacLean, of Washington; Solicitor T. A. McNeil, of Lumberton and General Albert L. Cox, of Raleigh, have been mentioned as possible candidates.

Mr. Daniels' announcement has not been made long enough for reaction, but is generally believed that the people, especially those in Eastern Carolina will regret his not being in the race for the governorship.

TUBERCULOSIS IS LEADING FATAL DISEASE IN STATE

Vital Statistics For State Show Marked Variation In Death Causes

Tuberculosis resulted in more deaths than any other one disease in North Carolina last year, a recent issue of the State Health Bulletin stating that 2,073 people died during the year from the disease. Typhoid fever claimed 155 lives, three more than it did in 1930. Lobar pneumonia was second in the list, claiming 1,750 lives during the period, or 112 more than it did the year before. Influenza, claiming 1,085 lives in 1931, or 332 more than it did the year before, was third in the list of diseases resulting in death. Broncho-pneumonia was fourth with 95 more than in 1930.

Of the 23,295 deaths reported provisionally for the year 1931, 6,591 were among children under two years of age. About 5,589 children died at birth or before they were one year old, the report shows. The number of deaths reported among children among two years of age during last year was considerably less than the year before, there being 943 more such deaths in 1930.

Thirty-four people, or 19 more than in the year 1930, were killed by lightning last year. The suicide total last year was 305, compared with 281 the year before. The number of homicides was decreased from 347 to 329. Violent deaths, nature unknown, increased from 23 in 1930 to 53 in 1931. Conflagration or accidental burns caused the death of 227 people last year, as compared with 242 the year before.

Malaria resulted in 38 deaths during the period, as compared with 46 in 1930. Measles claimed 103 lives, as compared with only 2 in 1930, the largest increase of any one disease reported.

Four people lost their lives in the State in airplane accidents, and 638 others, an increase of 7, were killed as a result of automobile accidents. Maternal mortality numbered 586 in 1931, as compared with 645 in 1930. Pellagra deaths tumbled from 1,015 in 1930 to 678 last year.