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ARREST 5 YOUNG NEGRO BOYS FOR SERIES THEFTS

Rob Standard Station and Store Here During Past Ten or Twelve Days

Charged with a series of robberies here during the past ten days, five young negroes, Albert Wilson, Willie James Manson, J. D. Wiggins, King David Carson and Jake Edwards, were arrested late Wednesday night by Chief of Police W. B. Daniel and Officer Allbrook and placed in jail.

Wilson and Manson are charged with entering the filling station operated by Mr. Joe Gregory, near the warehouses, last Sunday night a week ago. When questioned last Wednesday night, the two admitted they entered the filling station and told that they stole approximately \$10 worth of goods. The other three boys, when questioned by the officers, said they entered the store of the Mutual Investment Company on the Washington Road the same night and stole a quantity of goods.

Officers had been working on the case and were planning to make an arrest when Wiggins and Edwards with Carson acting as an intermediary, broke into the Standard Filling Station on the Jameville and Washington Roads fork. The two boys stole a pistol and several dollars in cash. They gave it to King David, who was to establish contact with the owner, Mr. Jodie Barnhill. The boy asked too much reward, \$5, for the return of the pistol, and Mr. Barnhill reported it to the police. Details surrounding the three thefts were given in full, each one describing every activity. The boys were questioned until early yesterday morning, and while they remained silent when questioned about the robbery of the Harris filling station near the river, officers think they know something about it. The five are now in jail awaiting trial.

Edwards, a thief and robber of reputation, has been in jail most of the time since he was 12 years old, and has been out of the penitentiary only a few weeks. He was held in the county jail here for some time on several occasions, and hardly before he was out of sight of the housewife he would rob somebody or steal something. He is only 17 years old, and to review his criminal record it would require a column or more of anybody's paper.

RETURN STOLEN CAR TO OWNER

Goods Found in Car Belong To Party Unknown To Owner of Car

The Chevrolet cabriolet, stolen in Roxboro April 30 and recovered here last Sunday morning, was turned over to its owner, J. B. Phoms, this week. It was learned that the merchandise found in the car did not belong to the car owner, but that it was apparently stolen from some small store between here and Roxboro. It was first reported here that the goods were stolen from a store in Roxboro.

Inquiring of store owners in this section, local officers have been unable to find where the goods came from. Chief Daniel is advertising for the owner, and unless the goods are claimed and identified within the next few weeks they will be turned over to local welfare agencies, it was said.

More Than 100 Register In County for Primary

While fair-sized registrations have been reported in one or two precincts in this county, it is estimated that hardly one-third of those entitled to register have recorded their names on the books. It is generally believed that the number of newly registered voters will hardly offset the losses resulting from death and removal to other sections.

Up until yesterday, five precincts reported 112 new names as follows: Cross Roads, 18; Robersonville, 35; Goose Nest, 9; Bear Grass, 5; and Williamston, 75. Complete reports from the other seven precincts could not be had, but it is understood that comparatively few have registered for the primary of next June 4.

Former Resident Returns for First Visit in 18 Years

Milton D. Cooper, former resident of this place, returned this week for his first visit in 18 years, finding so many changes he could hardly recognize the place. Mr. Cooper was employed by the Martin and Biggs Furniture Company here a number of years ago, going from here when the factory burned down, to Jameville, where he worked in the Astoria mills. Since that time he has been engaged in the lumber business in parts of Virginia, Wilmington, and Mount Olive. During the past four years he has lived in Whiteville.

Little Tax Money Is Being Received by Collector Now

Inactivity surrounds the tax situation in the county, according to a report released this week by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck. Since the first of the month, the office has collected approximately \$6,000, but during the past few days only a few accounts have been paid, involving very small amounts, the sheriff stated.

Despite the slow collections just at this time, it was reliably learned this week that the county is in a position to meet its obligations and maintain its credit during the coming summer months.

Three of the counties adjoining Martin have already defaulted in meeting their obligations, and, according to a published report re-

leased by State Treasurer Stedman this week, several thousand dollars are being withheld from the school allotments and applied on indebtedness due and unpaid to the state by the three counties.

The postponement of tax sales in the county is only temporary, more definite action in that connection to be taken in the next regular meeting of the county board of commissioners, it is understood. If the sales aren't deferred the next first Monday, advertising of the delinquent lists will be in order the early part of June preparatory to the sales that will automatically follow the first Monday in July, it is further understood.

RECORDER HAD NINE CASES HERE LAST TUESDAY

Fair-sized Crowd Spectators Hear Proceedings At Session Here

Calling nine cases here last Tuesday, the county recorder's court, with Judge Jos. W. Bailey presiding and H. O. Peel prosecuting, attracted a fair-sized crowd of litigants and spectators even though there were no cases of any great interest scheduled for trial.

John R. Whichard, Robersonville man, charged with driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor, pleaded not guilty, but, after hearing the evidence, the court adjudged him guilty and fined him \$50 with the costs attached. He appealed his case, bond being required in the sum of \$150. Whichard was driving out of the Poplar Point road into the Hamilton road Thursday afternoon of last week and ran into a car driven by Cleveland Mitchell, of Aulander. The case will be called again the 20th of next month.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Lester Keel with disposing of mortgaged property, the court suspending the judgment upon the condition that Keel pay the cost of the action between now and next October.

The case charging Pete Fowden, jr., with operating a car under the lawful age of 16 years was referred to the juvenile court.

Charged with an assault, J. F. Flanagan was fined \$35 and taxed with the costs. Notice of appeal was given by him.

James C. Rogers was sentenced to the roads for a term of three months, and Ettam James was sentenced to the roads for four months, when they were found guilty of manufacturing liquor.

Finding no probable cause against the defendants, Dennis Barber and C. M. Barber, the case charging them with housebreaking and larceny was dismissed.

When the prosecuting witness failed to appear, the case charging Arthur Lilley with an assault on a female, was continued.

Edward Harrell, of near Robersonville, was sentenced to the roads for a period of 12 months, when he was declared guilty of assaulting Walter Gainer, colored, last Saturday. He appealed to the higher courts.

James Rodgers, found guilty of being drunk and disorderly, was sentenced to jail for a period of 30 days.

Curb Market Activities Reported by Home Agent

With the 2 per cent commission received from each seller here on the curb market the sellers have paid for all tables used for selling at the market and will soon complete payments for all bills incurred. The commission then will go to improve the market for the patrons and further the sales of the market to benefit all sellers. A partial list of our prices follows:

Eggs, 11 cents dozen; spinach, 3 cents pound; butter, 22 cents pound; radishes, 2 cents bunch; garden peas, 5 cents pound; strawberries, 7 1-2 cents quart; kale, 2 cents pound; cabbage, 2 1-2 cents pound; cream, 25 cents pint; carrots, 5 cents bunch; new potatoes, 6 cents pound; asparagus, 20 cents bunch.

Robersonville Advertisises Its Delinquent Tax Lists

The Town of Robersonville and the Robersonville Good Roads District are advertising delinquent tax lists preparatory to sale of properties next month, according to information received here. Collections there are said to compare very favorably with those made last year, it was learned. In May of last year, 81 per cent of the taxes had been collected, as compared with 70 per cent up until now for the 1931 levy.

SUMMER SCHOOL HERE THIS YEAR

Pupils Will Register Next Tuesday for Term To Last Six Weeks

Arrangements for holding a summer school here during the next six weeks have been made complete, and registrations will be handled next Tuesday preparatory to beginning classes the following day, it was announced by Principal William R. Watson this week.

The faculty for the school has not been announced, the list depending upon the number of pupils enrolling for the term.

The primary purpose of the summer school, Mr. Watson said, is to afford an opportunity for pupils to remove conditions on regular school work. In this way pupils may keep up regular grades without falling behind in difficult subjects. With the increased teacher load during the regular school term it is difficult to arrange courses for irregular pupils. The summer school makes it possible for irregular students to catch up on conditioned classes. The secondary purpose of the summer school is to give an opportunity for review and special work in subjects that have caused worry in the past.

The summer school is planned and operated according to the regulations of the State Department of Education. The length of the term is six weeks or 30 class days. Credits earned are acceptable to any high school or elementary school.

Courses in all high school and elementary school subjects will be offered provided there is sufficient demand for them.

Pupils wishing to take advantage of the instruction are asked to get in touch with Principal W. R. Watson not later than next Tuesday.

WILL GRADUATE AT WAKE FOREST

William A. Greene, of Robersonville; D. M. Price, of Williamston

Wake Forest.—Two sons of Martin County citizens are among the 133 Wake Forest College seniors slated to receive degrees in June. They are Darrell M. Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Price, of Williamston; and William A. Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Greene, of Robersonville.

These Martin County boys have made a definite contribution to college life during their stay here. Mr. Price, although in his first year at Wake Forest, is editor of The Student, literary and humorous magazine of the college. He is a member of Delta Tau Delta and Pi Delta Upsilon. Mr. Greene is a member of the Pan-Hellenic Council, the governing body of social fraternities, a member of the William Edgar Marshall Medical Society and of Theta Kappa Psi, medical, and Chi Tau, social, fraternities.

Mr. Price is a candidate for the Bachelor of Science Degree. He ultimately plans to undertake the study of law. Mr. Greene is a candidate for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Medicine. Next fall he will enter a senior medical college to complete his training.

Wake Forest is the oldest and largest Baptist college for men in the United States. This session it has 800 students enrolled from 95 North Carolina counties and foreign areas.

Eleven Children Ready for Legal Adoption In State

Eleven babies, nine boys and two girls, are ready for legal adoption into approved foster homes in this state, according to a letter received here this week from the Children's Home Society of North Carolina, Greensboro. The ages of the children vary from 4 to 24 months, it was stated. Interested parties are invited to make application at once.

FORMER COUNTY GIRL IS SHOT BY BROTHER-IN-LAW

Frank Smith Ends His Own Life After Killing Mrs. James R. Smith

An inexplicable tragedy was reported in Wilmington last Wednesday when Frank Smith, 18 years old, shot and fatally injured his sister-in-law, Mrs. James R. Smith, and then took his own life.

Before her marriage Mrs. Smith was Miss Varina Smith, of Robersonville, a sister to Mr. Hubert Smith, an employee of the Williamston Motor Company here. Mrs. Smith, very attractive and well known in this county, was only 22 years old and had been married only a few months.

Mrs. Smith was shot without warning. She was going to the front door of her mother-in-law's home when the youth stepped into the hallway, leveled a shotgun and shot her in the back. Young Smith turned, ran to the landing of a stairway and shot himself in the body. He died instantly, but Mrs. Smith lived for an hour, dying in a hospital while a blood transfusion was being given here. She died without making any statement.

Her husband, Sergeant James R. Smith, State Highway patrolman, who is stationed in Wilmington, was with her when she died.

Mrs. Kate Smith, widow of a Wilmington policeman and mother of Frank and James, was sitting on her front porch when her daughter-in-law was shot. She said she knew no reason for the slaying and Frank's suicide.

Funeral services were conducted in Wilmington yesterday afternoon, interment following in a cemetery there.

METHODISTS TO HAVE REVIVAL

Series of Services Beginning Next Monday To Last Through Week

By C. T. ROGERS, Pastor

Who is praying and working for the salvation of souls during this season of evangelistic services? So much depends on the church members. Is your friend or loved one safe? Don't miss a service at the Christian church this week. Then next week all the folks are to meet at the Methodist church. Will any one be left unsaved at the close of these meetings? If so, why? Think seriously, friends, for some of us will not be here 12 months from today. People of Williamston, prepare to meet your God and remember today is the day of salvation.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching service, 11 a. m. No service in the evening, as we all are to worship with our friends at the Christian church.

Remember, members, Sunday is our pay-up Sunday for the second quarter. All members are urged to see the church treasurer and help make a good report. Six months have passed. You will be sent a report for the whole church by June 1. We hope no one will draw a blank.

Program for Week

For women only, from 14 on up, Monday, 9 a. m. To continue through the week.

Monday afternoon at 2, for children.

Monday night at 8, Rev. T. W. Lee, of Windsor.

Tuesday night at 8, Rev. C. H. Dickey, of Williamston.

Wednesday night at 8, Rev. J. M. Perry, Williamston.

Thursday night at 8, Rev. Ernest C. Kolb, of Windsor.

Friday night at 8, Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, Williamston.

Saturday night at 8, Rev. A. E. Brown, Robersonville.

Rev. Miss Hosford will have charge of all the day services and direct the music at the night services. Only a few more days. Don't miss a service. All are welcome and urged to attend.

Miss Sleeper Announces Dates for Girls' Camp

By Miss LORA E. SLEEPER

The annual encampment for the girls will be held this year the week of July 5 at Neuse Forest, near New Bern. Five counties will come together for the encampment during the week, and it is possible this will be the largest camp ever to be held in the Northeastern district. The following counties are planning to have girls in camp: Pitt Beaufort, Martin, Edgecombe, and Northampton. Plans are being made by the home agents of these counties to make this the very best camp ever held for girls. The fee will be \$2 this year, which includes transportation down and return, rent, and materials used in instruction. This year a trained nurse will be secured and two life-savers. Details will be given to the press later concerning the program for the days, etc.

LISTED VALUES IN GOOSE NEST OFF BUT LITTLE

Three Percent Decrease Is Reported In Values By List-taker Rawls.

A surprisingly small decrease in property values for 1932 was reported in Goose Nest Township by Mr. J. A. Rawls, list-taker, who completed the work there yesterday, it was learned from Tax Supervisor C. Ben Riddick here this morning.

The \$37,469 decrease reflects a valuation loss of only 3 per cent, Mr. Riddick pointing out that 100 head of team were sold and carried out of the district during the period. In 1931, the total property values there were \$1,469,112, divided as follows: White, \$1,224,563; colored, \$244,549. In his list, the first one completed in the county, Mr. Rawls shows the 1932 values to be \$1,431,643, divided \$1,185,978 among the whites, and \$245,665 among the colored people of the township.

Marked decreases have been predicted in 1932 property values, but it is certain that if the other districts show a report as favorable as the one in Goose Nest, there won't be much of a change after all.

PAINFULLY HURT IN AUTO WRECK

Willie Whitley Recovering From Injuries Received In Jameville Wreck

Mr. Willie Whitley, prominent Griffiths Township farmer, was painfully but not seriously hurt in an automobile-truck wreck at a highway crossing in Jameville shortly after the noon hour last Wednesday. Mr. Whitley was given first aid treatment by Dr. J. E. Smithwick and later removed to his home in the Farm Life section.

Mr. Whitley, riding in the truck with his colored driver, had started across the highway when a Chevrolet, driven by Mrs. C. E. Layton, of Perquimans County, ran into it. The colored driver escaped without injury, and only one of the occupants in the Chevrolet, a colored woman, was cut but not seriously.

The truck was wrecked and considerable damage was done to the car.

Mrs. Will Griffin Died at Her Home Near Everetts

Mrs. Will Griffin, of near Everetts, died at her home there last Saturday of cancer. She had suffered from the disease for some time.

Before her marriage she was Miss Annie Cooper, of Williamston. Surviving are Mr. Griffin and three daughters, Mrs. Lizzie Mae Clark and Misses Allie and Carrie Griffin, all of near Everetts. She also leaves one brother, Milton Cooper, of Whiteville.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by Rev. R. A. Phillips, of Everetts, and interment was in the family burial ground on the home farm.

District Meet Episcopalians at Hamilton Next Week

The regular annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Eighth district, which consists of the Episcopalians in Bertie and Martin Counties, will be held next Wednesday, May 25, at St. Martin's, Hamilton, N. C.

The meeting will begin at 10 o'clock and close at the lunch hour, 1:30 o'clock.

Those ladies using their cars will please have them at the church door promptly at 9 o'clock. All those desiring to attend the meeting will also meet at 9 o'clock at the church.

Seine Fishing In Roanoke About Over for the Season

Fishing activities in the Roanoke are about over for the season, the seines operated by C. C. Fleming at Camp Point and at Jamesville having been removed from the stream yesterday and today.

The season, as a whole, has not been a very successful one, it is understood.

POLITICS

Uncertainty surrounded the political situation in the county today as the time for filing is fast drawing to a close. Chairman Sylvester Peel, at noon today, talked as if he was expecting a visit or two by office aspirants yet unannounced in the county.

No new developments were reported by Mr. Peel at noon today other than a race for constable in Cross Roads Township, H. O. Daniel being the second to file there.

A complete roster of candidates will be announced next week.

Plan Distribution of Flour to County Poor

VETERANS' NAMES

Many World War veterans, at the request of Adjutant W. E. Dunn, of the John Walton Hassell post have forwarded their names, addresses, and service records for permanent filing, Mr. Dunn said yesterday. However, there are many who have failed to comply with the request, the adjutant making a second appeal in an effort to make complete the roster for this county. The adjutant urges the veterans to give complete records of their service, including race.

REVIVAL BEING WELL ATTENDED

Series of Services in Christian Church Here To Close Sunday

Starting last Monday night, the series of services being conducted at the local Christian church have been well attended, all indications pointing to a successful meeting. Services will continue through Sunday evening.

In addition to the regular evening services, meetings have been held each morning and afternoon by Miss Carolyn Hosford, who has done a splendid work with the younger people. Tonight the children will occupy the choir and lead the song service.

Only one service will be held tomorrow and that will be at the evening hour.

A splendid spirit of cooperation has prevailed among all the people of the community since the beginning of a meeting which was held in the Church of the Advent last week.

Presbyterians Announcing Revival At Bear Grass

Sunday, May 22, 1932.

The usual services will be held in the Williamston church Sunday morning, church school at 9:45 and worship service and sermon at 11 a. m.

Bear Grass

Church school will be held at 9:30 a. m. and preaching at 8 p. m. Beginning Monday morning at 9 o'clock the children of the community will meet at the church each day for two weeks to study the Bible, memorize Bible verses, learn new songs, engage in various kinds of hand-work, learn the catechism, have stories told to them, and enjoy themselves in play and recreation. The hours between 9 and 11:30 will be divided into various class periods as they are in the daily schools. This school will be called a daily vacation Bible school. Children between the ages of 4 and 15 are urged to attend. The school will be in charge of Miss Jane Grey, of Bedford, Va., and Rev. W. Payne Brown, of Eden.

Beginning Monday night at 8 p. m. and continuing for two weeks Rev. F. M. Dick, of Ahsokie, will hold a series of services in the Bear Grass Presbyterian Community Chapel.

Roberson's Farm Chapel

Church school at 4 p. m. each Sunday and prayer meeting every Thursday night at 8 p. m.

These are your services—take advantage of them.

Thieves Steal 600 Gallons of Sinclair Gasoline Here

A gasoline robbery on the wholesale plan was effected at the storage tanks of the Sinclair Refining Company on Roanoke River here some time last Tuesday night, according to reports reaching the sheriff's office on Wednesday. Approximately 600 gallons of gasoline were drawn from one of the big tanks, according to an estimate made by one of the company officials.

It is believed the thieves used bolt cutters in removing the locks to open the pipeline valves. No tracks were found, as a rain had fallen before the theft was discovered, and officers are without clues to continue the investigation.

American Legion Square Dance A Success Here

The square dance sponsored by the county post of the American Legion here last Wednesday night was well attended and greatly enjoyed. Legionnaires and their friends were here from all parts of the county, and a well-mannered and orderly group added to the success of the event.

Approximately \$30 was raised, the post planning to use the amount in opening permanent quarters here, it is understood.

Continue Efforts To Form a County Ball Club Here

Efforts to organize a baseball club are still under way here, approximately \$200 having been pledged already, according to Mr. Mayo Grimes, who is taking an active interest in the undertaking. If a subscription can be obtained sufficient to finance a club, a connection with the Albemarle League will be made, according to present plans.

ORGANIZATION IS COMPLETED FOR EACH TOWNSHIP

Name Representatives To Investigate Requests for Free Flour

Beginning tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, local welfare workers will distribute government-furnished flour to needy families free of all cost, it was announced yesterday afternoon following a meeting of the committee in charge of the distribution. Two representatives will give away the flour to the needy each Saturday afternoon between 2 and 5 o'clock at the store adjoining the J. O. Manning Grocery Company on Main Street.

Those applying for flour will find it necessary to see the representative in their respective township and get an order blank. No flour will be given out unless the claim of the applicant is proven and accompanied by a written order from the person in the township or district where the request originates. The committee yesterday named representatives to issue the written requests for the needy, and it is hoped they will support the committee in its effort to perfect an effective distribution system.

In Jameville Township, J. R. Manning has been asked to consider the requests at first hand and in those cases where he considers the applicant worthy, to prepare a draft upon the committee here, where it will be honored with a 24-pound bag of flour. Other representatives have been asked to serve as follows: Williams Township, Joshua L. Coltrain; Griffiths Township, W. B. Harrington; Bear Grass Township, Bennett Rogers; Williamston, John E. Pope; and Poplar Point Township, Van G. Taylor. A quantity of the flour is being carried to Oak City for distribution in Goose Nest Township by the welfare committee there. Flour for the needy families in Robersonville, Hamilton, and Cross Roads Townships will be distributed by the Red Cross committee in Robersonville, making complete a county-wide distributing system.

The Red Cross flour is being provided for families in actual need, and dead-beats who prefer begging rather than scratching for themselves are warned to go slow in their requests. Delayed distribution was considered by the committee at one time, but fearing the flour would be damaged by the fall, the welfare workers decided to start handing it out immediately.

NUMBER TIRES STOLEN HERE

Extra Tires and Wheels Lifted from Several Cars Here in Past Few Days

They, the scoundrels, will steal to ride and ride to steal, but several local car owners believe they will come nearer stealing first. Thieves have stolen several spare tires and wheels from automobiles here during the past day or two, and while officers are now investigating the thefts, no arrests have been made.

A traveling man lost a tire and wheel from his car parked in front of the Atlantic Hotel last night. Mr. B. E. Elks lost a wheel and tire from his Ford parked on Haughton Street last night, and Dr. J. S. Rhodes lost two spare tires and wheels a few nights ago. Mrs. Annie M. Elks, who lives on Hutton Street, reported the theft of a tire and wheel from her car night before last.

Only One Preaching Service at Baptist Church Sunday

The pastor will occupy the pulpit at the Memorial Baptist church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour.

And following a well-established custom prevailing in the church and community, there will be no evening service in this church, thus giving to the members and attendants upon this church's services an opportunity to participate in the closing service of the series of meetings which have been in progress at the Christian church this week.

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