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## THREE MEN ARE IN AUTO WRECK TUESDAY NIGHT

S. L. Roberson, W. P. Sumner, and George Matthews Injured

Sherwood L. Roberson and Walter P. Sumner were slightly hurt and George Matthews was badly cut in an automobile wreck at the intersection of the Jamesville and Washington Roads here Tuesday night. All are from Robersonville. None was seriously hurt, however, and all are getting along very well. Thurman Matthews and Robert Coburn, also from Robersonville, who were in the car with Mr. Roberson, were not hurt.

Mr. Sumner was coming into Williamston from Jamesville, crossing the Washington road, when his car was struck broadside by that driven by Mr. Roberson, who was coming into Williamston from Washington. It was impossible for Mr. Roberson to stop his car when Mr. Sumner darted across the road intersection.

The Messrs. Roberson, Coburn, Matthews, and Matthews had been to a Junior Order meeting in Washington, where Mr. George Matthews was initiated into the order. When he reached home, and before he could explain what had happened, his family, thinking his cuts and bruises were the result of the initiation, laid the law down, telling him that he would have to stay out of the order.

The wreck was the second in this section during the night. C. D. Carstarphen and Francis Barnes having been injured when their car went off the road on a curve near the home of W. L. Taylor on the Washington road. Carstarphen was removed to a hospital, where his injuries are not considered serious.

## SEASON OPENED ON WATERFOWL NOVEMBER 16TH

Resume of Regulations as Presented; Season To End January 15

Noon November 16 marked the opening of the season for migratory waterfowl hunting on the North Carolina coast under state and federal regulations.

The season this year will be twice as long as the record short shooting period of last year, when only 30 days were allowed. Hunting for this type of game will cease on January 15. Birds which may be taken during the season include ducks, geese, brant, and snipe.

Regulations place a daily bag limit of 10 on certain species that have suffered more severely from drought and overhunting.

The species on which the bag limit is 10 are the canvasback, redhead, greater and lesser scaups, ringneck, teal, shoveller, and gadwall. The daily bag limit on eider duck is five.

Woodcock, ruddy duck, and buff-necked duck are protected at all times, and there is no open season on these species.

Not more than twice the legal daily limit of ducks or geese may be had in possession at any time. Guns used for this type of shooting may not be larger than 10 gauge; and snoring, trapping, and shooting from a motor boat or automobile are prohibited.

Cited regulations were promulgated by the federal government and are automatically part of the state law under provisions in the statutes.

## TWO CAPTURED AT STILL SUNDAY

Town and County Officers Make Raid on Plant Near Robersonville

Raiding a still near Robersonville Sunday morning, Officers Gray, Roebuck and Grimes arrested Charles Ayers, jr., white, and Ernest Andrews, colored. Two colored men escaped. The still, the steam plant type, was destroyed along with about four gallons of liquor. A few fruit jars were found at the plant.

Leaving here that morning, the officers reached the scene about Sunday school time, and within hearing of the sound of the bells the four men were busy manufacturing the "spirits".

Ayers is said to have been in some trouble over in Pitt County and was out under bond to raise a \$600 fine by last Tuesday. It could not be learned whether he would be returned to Pitt County to serve the sentence imposed upon him there or whether he would be tried in this county first.

Avery County Growers Sell Truck Load Onions

Avery county growers sold their first truck load of onions for this season last week.

## 3 Stores at Everetts Robbed Wednesday

AGRICULTURE IN SOUTH IS MUCH TOO SEASONAL

Some Progress Has Been Made, But Mixed Farming Is Still Needed

By GUY A. CARDWELL

Southern agriculture is still too largely seasonal, although considerable progress has been made towards bringing about winter farming and mixed farming—crops, plus livestock.

As long as seasonal farming only is practiced the pressing problems on such farms will be lack of income to spread over the entire year and inability to keep farm labor regularly employed.

If our banker and time merchant friends and our farmer readers agree with the views expressed, would it not be a good idea for them to get together before the start of a new year, talk things over and work out in advance plans for the betterment of income and labor employment conditions?

I am not suggesting public meetings, although they frequently accomplish great good, but private conferences between Mr. Banker and Mr. Farmer as every farm and every bank have their own peculiar problems which must be observed, with due consideration to the local situation.

To accomplish farm income spread and regular employment, plans will have to be made in advance. We frequently wait too long to make our plans and are unduly hurried in the late season—confusion results and little is accomplished in the way of beneficial change.

Farmers will soon be inquiring about credit. Credit is precious—it should be extended and accepted with the utmost care. It should be shielded against mishaps by both parties to the transaction; for only in this way can credit continue to operate for private and public gain.

Regardless of their present positions rightly handled, cotton, tobacco, and peanuts are valuable crops, and they should be given places of importance in the plans for 1933. What percentage of the cultivatable land on each farm should be planted to one, two, or all three of these crops will have to be determined when the present smoke-screen of uncertainty has blown away.

Practically all southern agricultural leaders are agreed that the cotton states need more hogs, more cattle, both milk and beef, more sheep, and more poultry—more live-at-home crops—in order to attain a balanced system of farming under which we can keep farm labor regularly employed, and spread farm income over the entire year.

Of course this radical change for numbers of farms can not be made in one season; but if we believe a change is necessary, why delay making a start? If we do not make a start, farmers will stagnate, and in the course of time become wards of county, state, and the nation.

## VITAL STATISTICS REPORT IS MADE

Sixty-four Births And 24 Deaths Reported In Six Townships

Sixty-four births and 24 deaths were reported in 6 of the 10 townships of this county last month, four districts failing to report. Cross Roads, with 18 births, led the list, Williamston and Robersonville tying for second place with 15 births each.

Robersonville Township apparently had the best report for the period, as there was only one death there. Only one illegitimate birth was reported in the county, and that was among the colored population.

The report for the six townships:

Township	Births	Deaths
Jamesville	3	8
Williamston	15	8
Cross Roads	18	4
Robersonville	15	1
Goose Nest	7	2
Hamilton	6	1
Totals	64	24

## Bear Grass Woman's Club Meets Wednesday

The regular meeting of the Bear Grass Woman's Club was held last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. B. Rogerson.

New officers were elected for the new year: Mrs. W. S. Gurganus, president; Mrs. John Roberson, vice president; Miss Selma Ayers, secretary; Mrs. A. B. Rogerson, welfare officer.

Plans and arrangements for a household holiday program were discussed.

## GET \$450 IN CASH, LARGE QUANTITY OF MERCHANDISE

Officers Are Without Clue As To Identity of Robbers

Robbery on a wholesale scale was reported in Everetts Wednesday morning when intruders entered the stores of J. S. Peel, J. S. Ayers and Company, and Taylor, Bailey & Brother there and stole around \$450 in cash and a quantity of merchandise.

The robbers committed the crime undetected and up until noon today officers had been unable to establish any clue that would lead to an arrest.

Going there between 2 and 3 o'clock, the robbers are believed to have entered the Taylor, Bailey and Brother store first. The store owners had removed the cash from the safe, and the robbers centered their attention on merchandise. It could not be determined just how much merchandise had been stolen there. At the J. S. Peel store, the robbers followed the instructions on the safe, "This safe is not locked; please do not damage it," placed there by Mr. Peel. Pulling the big door open, the robbers tore open the inside doors and removed around \$300 in cash, about \$100 of which was in gold. About \$75 worth of postage stamps, belonging to the government were removed from the safe, but the robbers apparently forgot to take them along.

In checking the losses at his store, Mr. Peel missed the following: Between \$150 and \$175 in silver dollars; six old \$1 bills; one \$20 gold piece; five \$10 gold pieces; one \$2.50 gold piece and \$18 in pennies; about \$50 in loose change; about \$30 to \$50 post office money; \$10.75 Christian Aid money, and \$100 worth of clothing.

Everetts residents heard an explosion about 3 o'clock, and the report is believed to have been that coming from the J. S. Ayers and Company safe when the robbers blew it open. Around \$175 in cash was stolen there, and a quantity of merchandise was missed. Those hearing the explosion thought it was the backfire of a car and did not make an investigation.

A shot gun was taken from the J. S. Ayers stock and loaded by the robbers. It was found near the front door of the store, indicating that the robbers would have offered battle had they been trapped there.

Every effort possible is being made to establish a clue to the three robbers, but officers have little evidence to work on.

## TWO LOCAL MEN HURT IN WRECK

C. D. Carstarphen and Francis Barnes Injured Last Tuesday Night

C. D. Carstarphen and Francis Barnes were painfully but not seriously hurt when their car turned over on a curve near the home of Mr. W. L. Taylor, about 4 miles from here on the Washington road, last Tuesday night. Mr. Carstarphen suffered several cuts about the head, hands, and leg. He was removed to a Washington hospital immediately following the wreck. He is expected home late this afternoon. Young Barnes, badly shocked when the big Buick coupe turned over, is recovering at the home of his parents here.

Driving toward Williamston, Mr. Carstarphen was blinded by the lights of another car and was forced off the road. The car was badly damaged.

## Honor Rolls For School At Macedonia Published

The following Macedonia children made the honor rolls for the second school month:

Scholastic roll—First grade, Audrey Coltrain, Susie Revels, Bill Peel, and Fred Bennett.

Second grade: Emma B. Ward. Third grade: Hattie G. Ward. Fourth grade: Ethel Bennett. Fifth grade: Susie P. Ward, Mary Revels.

Attendance roll, First grade: Bill Peel, Elbert Smith, Cecil Whitehurst, Audrey Coltrain, and Susie Revels.

Second grade: R. J. Rodgers. Third grade: Hattie G. Ward, Slade Revels.

Fourth grade: Lester Ward, Otis Coltrain.

Fifth grade: Mary Revels, Mary S. Ambrose, Deward Smith, J. D. Ausborne.

Sixth grade: Sarah G. Holliday, Mildred Ward, and Clarence Revels.

## PROCEEDINGS IN SUPERIOR COURT HERE THIS WEEK

Fourteen Cases Disposed of Before Court Stops For Holiday

After clearing fourteen cases from the civil docket, Judge Moore ordered a recess in superior court here last Wednesday noon until next Monday morning when the Smithwick Creek Church case is scheduled for trial. The proceedings during the first three days of the week were of no great importance and attracted very little attention from the general public. The cases disposed of:

In the case of Farmers and Merchants Bank against Wheeler Martin and H. H. Cowan, it was shown to the court that the case had been settled previously, and the issue was removed from the docket.

The plaintiff asked for a non-suit in the case of Williamston Agricultural Credit Corporation against C. G. Gurkin.

J. E. Edmondson was awarded approximately \$129 in his suit against W. W. Griffin.

Plaintiffs took a non-suit in the case of Bailey and Barnhill against W. J. Keel.

Vada Ange, Ella Ange and Romulus Ange were each awarded a judgment in the sum of \$450 against Eliza Bullock, administratrix.

In the case of D. G. Matthews and W. S. Rhodes against Calvin Jones, the two plaintiffs were declared owners of a certain piece of land in dispute.

A judgment in the sum of \$60 was granted V. G. Taylor against Roy Gurganus and wife et al. and W. J. Taylor, surety.

A \$67.50 judgment was awarded R. C. Davis in his case against T. V. Davis.

The court ordered a deed made by the defendants set aside in the case of Harrison Brothers and Company against H. E. Lilley and wife.

Plaintiff took a voluntary non-suit in the case of Planters and Merchants Bank against F. J. Roebuck and wife.

A judgment in the sum of \$300 was awarded Louis H. Peel in his case against the Greensboro Fire Insurance Company.

Judgment in the following amounts: \$1,157.34, \$519.40, \$470.56 and \$1.50 with interest, was granted the Standard Fertilizer Company against J. Paul Frizzell and Nina Frizzell.

Judgment in the sum of \$380.47 was granted the Standard Fertilizer Company against L. G. and Mollie Brady.

A \$427.45 judgment was also granted the same company against H. L. Koonce and Maude Koonce.

Findings in need of a ride, Theodore Lawson, 20 year old colored man, stole Judge Jos. W. Bailey's Chevrolet sedan from in front of the Watts Theatre here, last night about eight o'clock. Driving to Greenville, Lawson attempted to hide the car on a back street near the river. Officers saw the car and became suspicious. A man was stationed to watch the parked car, and a short while later Lawson returned and was arrested by Chief George Clark. Finding several papers in the car with the name of Judge Bailey on them, the officer called the judge and told him the car had been recovered.

Chief W. B. Daniel went to Greenville this morning and brought the car and Lawson back. The man is being held in jail awaiting a preliminary hearing before Justice J. L. Hassell. The trial will be held at the December term of Martin Superior court.

Lawson talked freely following his arrest, stating that he caught a ride from Norfolk to this point and wanted to go on to his home in New Bern. Unable to get a ride with anyone he stole the judge's car.

## First Motion in Church Case Ends in Wrangle Over Jury

COTTON REPORT SHOWS COUNTY IS AHEAD OF 1931

Larger Yield Believed Due To Decrease in Tobacco Acreage

Martin County farmers went in for the growing of cotton on a large scale this year as compared with their last year's operations, according to a recent report released by the United States Department of Agriculture. Up to the 14th of November, 4,065 bales of cotton had been ginned, as compared with 2,504 bales ginned last year up to the same time.

While the season is further advanced this year than it was last, it is now believed that the crop will be from one-half to three-fourths larger this year than it was last when the final reports are made.

Reports from the cotton growing sections indicate a gradual decrease in acreage planted to the crop. However, there was a marked increase this year in Martin County. The turn to cotton resulted when the tobacco acreage was substantially reduced in this county.

Land in cotton in 1922 totalled 30,500,000 acres, with prices at 16 cents a pound, the statement said. Under the stimulus of a 22 cent per pound price the acreage during the next five years by a total of 16,500,000 acres, ending with the record-breaking crop of 18,000,000 bales, which brought the price down to 11 cents a pound, the report said.

More than 10,000,000 acres have been taken from cotton, but 6,000,000 more must be taken out if the acreage is returned to the level of 1921, it was reported. The cotton crop records do not indicate the deflation process will carry the acreage down to the 1921 level, as the 1921 acreage was below normal, but they do indicate a likelihood of continued decrease for at least one more year.

## BEAR GRASS HONOR ROLL

Thirty-Eight Students Are On Select List for Second Month

The names of thirty-eight pupils of the Bear Grass school appear on the honor roll for the second month of school, recently closed. The honor roll, by grades, follows:

Grade 1-A: Cortez Hopkins, Rudolph Hopkins, Naomi Croft. Grade 1-B: Dallas Cowan, Haywood Mabley, Jack Roberson, Vernon Roebuck, Ruth Terry.

Second grade: Edward Bullock, Rufus Gurganus, Naomi Brown, Evelyn Brown Cowan, Bessie Harrison, Laura Leggett, Sybil Peele, Daisy Mae Webb.

Third grade: Dennis Marion Bailey, William Ward, Nina Lee Britton. Fourth grade: Rachel Hardy, Carrie Dell Terry, Mildred Harrison, Magdeline Harrison, Anita Wheelless, Rachel Ayers, Ronald-White, Clarence Modlin.

Seventh grade: Elizabeth Bailey. Eighth grade: Hilda Roebuck, Susie Gray Harris, Rehta Griffin, Evelyn Mabley, Josephine Gurganus, Marjorie Terry, Lucille Rogerson, Lois Mae Bailey, Dan Peele, Virginia B. Whitehurst.

## Transfer Manager Of Telegraph Office Here

Miss Sylvia Turner, who has been manager of the local Western Union Telegraph office for the past two years was recently transferred to the Western Union office in her home town, Abbeville, S. C.

It can be truly said of Miss Turner that her company has no more faithful employee in its entire system than she is. While here, she has made friends of all with whom she has come in contact with—and has performed her duties with diligence and in such a pleasing manner that not only she but her company are both held in the highest esteem by our people, who regret to see her go.

She is succeeded here by Mr. Walter Kennedy, of Kinston, but who has recently been stationed at Clinton.

Gets More Corn After Planting Lespedeza

An increase of 8.5 bushels of corn an acre was secured by Vanhoy brothers, of Brooks Cross Roads, in Yadin County as a result of growing lespedeza on the land during the previous year.

## THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day here was quietly observed, the day passing without any automobile wrecks or mishaps. All business houses were closed, and the day was patterned closely after a regular Sunday.

One of the largest congregations to hear a Thanksgiving Day sermon here in a number of years heard Rev. J. M. Perry at the union service held in the Methodist church that morning.

## SAYS SENTIMENT IS GROWING FOR SALES TAX PLAN

Expect Bill in Next Legislature for 1 or 2 Per Cent General Sales Levy

Already there is much talk about prospective tax legislation. The next session of the North Carolina General Assembly will consider at its next session, the latest reports indicating a growing sentiment for a general sales tax.

A recent report sent out by a Raleigh correspondent reads: "Sentiment seems to be increasing over the state, certainly in the eastern part of the state, for a general sales tax similar to that now in effect in Mississippi, according to reports reaching here. It is also generally conceded that a bill proposing either a 1 per cent or 2 per cent general sales tax on gross sales and incomes as well, will be introduced early in the 1933 general assembly. The Mississippi general sales tax imposes a 2 per cent tax on all gross sales and incomes, in addition to the state's regular income tax."

"I believe that most of the people in North Carolina, certainly in eastern North Carolina, are perfectly willing to have a general sales tax, and I am finding more and more who believe that it is the best tax that can be levied at the present time," said John L. Skinner, of Little Warren County, secretary of the State Association of County Commissioners and in close touch with sentiment throughout eastern North Carolina. "Two years ago most of the people in the east favored a so-called luxury tax that placed most of the tax on cigarettes and tobacco instead of a general sales tax. But these now see that the so-called luxury tax would tax still more heavily their principal crop, tobacco. So they are now turning over to the general luxury tax as the better of the two."

"Most observers here, however, believe that in order to get anything like the new revenue needed, the 1933 general assembly will have to enact a combination of both the general and luxury tax, since neither alone will provide anything like the new revenue desired. For even without attempting to pay the accumulated deficit of \$11,865,000 out of income, it is agreed that the 1933 general assembly will have to find approximately \$10,000,000 in new revenue in order to remove the 15-cents property tax and maintain the various state departments and institutions on anything like their present basis."

## HOME AGENT AT MEET OF GRANGE

Miss Sleeper Takes Seventh Degree at National Convention

Miss Lora E. Sleeper, Home Agent, went to Winston-Salem Friday to the National Grange convention to take the seventh degree (the highest offered) as a grange member. This was the 66th annual convention which met for the first time in twenty years south of the Mason and Dixie line.

The National Grange is an organization for farmers and their families organized for the promotion and furthering of agriculture and everything worthwhile. The idea of the Grange was conceived in the South in 1866, and it has returned to the South for its 66th meeting.

Kenn Scott, Haw River is the North Carolina Grange master. He has done a wonderful work in the Grange and as a farm agent in his county of Alamance. Up until this year, North Carolina had seven seventh degree grangers; it now has 1,403.

## Curb Market Will Be Held Saturday Morning

The curb market will be open Saturday at the regular time, from 8:30 to 10 a. m., it was announced this morning by Mrs. Lora E. Sleeper, county home demonstration agent.

## JUDGE DANIEL TO DECIDE GETTING OUTSIDE VENIRE

Motion for Out-of-County Jury Withdrawn After Argument Wednesday

The first motion offered in connection with the retrial of the Smithwick Creek church case ended in a wrangle here Wednesday afternoon when opposing counsel in the suit failed to agree on a motion asking for a jury from out of Martin County to hear the testimony in the suit.

Argument was offered for more than one and one-half hours before Judge Clayton Moore, whose rulings favored first one side and then the other. The judge stated as his belief that it was advisable to call a special venire from Edgecombe County. He later agreed with the defense counsel and suggested a motion that 60 Martin County men be called and have ready 40 from Edgecombe in case a complete selection could not be made from local county men. But the afternoon argument amounted to nothing, the motion for a foreign jury dying before it was hardly created.

Next Monday at 9:30, the hour scheduled for Judge Frank A. Daniels, of Goldsboro, to convene the court, the 18 men selected in this county by the Martin Commissioners will be examined, and if 12 of them are found suitable, the trial of the case will be in order. That, it is generally believed, will not come to pass, some stating that not one of the 18 will be chosen to hear the case. When the regular list is exhausted, Judge Daniels will make his own rulings. He might call for a special venire of 60 or even 100 Martin County men, and then he may call for that many from another county, probably Edgecombe, and not even bother to have any Martin men summoned other than the 18 already scheduled to appear for examination.

It is believed that it will require two and probably three days to select a jury, that the case will drag along through the remainder of the week and into the next. Then, there is the probability that the case will be continued, but who knows?

While the case was referred to as a church row carrying little interest other than in the Smithwick Creek community, there is some prominent court appearing for the litigants. Quietness surrounding the activities of the opposing factions in the little church community of Griffins Township is said to be fast disappearing and both sides are getting "het up" for another round in the courts.

The failure to pay the costs of the foreign jury was called to the attention of the plaintiffs by the defense. To this the plaintiffs answered that the case had not been settled and that they would be willing to accept the cost just as soon as the case is settled, regardless of who wins. The plaintiffs argued that it would be difficult to find 12 men in Martin County who were not related to one or more of the 98 litigants either by blood or marriage, or that it would be possible to find 12 men who had not heard the case discussed and who would find it embarrassing to occupy a seat in the box. The defense centered its objection to the foreign jury around the costs that would be incurred by the selection of an outside body of men. The jury costs in the last case were approximately \$400.

The names of the eighteen men scheduled to appear next Monday morning for jury duty:

Jamesville: W. C. Sexton, H. B. Barber, C. H. Ange, H. L. Davis. Griffins: Geo. W. Hodges, W. G. Hardison. Williamston: J. W. Watts, jr., Jessup Harrison, W. H. Gurkin, J. R. Everett.

Cross Roads: M. D. Ayers, Biscoe Biggs. Robersonville: P. N. Arrington, F. E. Cox, Joe B. Everett. Hamilton: William G. Hines. Goose Nest: J. P. Faithful, B. A. Moye.

## Will Hold Examinations For Jobs in Civil Service

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows: Senior bricklayer, \$1,860 a year; bricklayer, \$1,680 a year; senior stone-mason, \$1,860 a year; stonemason, \$1,680 a year, less a furlough deduction of 8 1-3 per cent and retirement deduction of 3 1-2 per cent; departmental service, Washington, D. C.

Full information may be obtained from F. E. Wynne, secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners, at the post office here.