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ROBBERY OF OAK CITY STORE PUTS FOUR MEN IN JAIL

County and Town Officers Work Night and Day in Solving Crime

Working night and day for nearly one week, Chief William Gray, of Robersonville, and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck last Friday solved the robbery of L. T. Chesson's store in Oak City on the morning of December 18.

Boring their way through the back door of the Chesson store, the four men, each carrying sacks, began rifling them up and when they left the four had cleaned the store of merchandise valued at about \$700.

The three Robersonville Township negroes were advised that they would be held until Jones was produced, an person. One of the Bland boys went to Greenville and a few hours later Jones was arrested.

Most of the \$700 worth of goods was recovered, the officers going into several sections of this and surrounding counties tracing the merchandise of all descriptions.

28 ARRESTS WERE MADE LAST WEEK

Busiest Season in Years for Town and County Authorities

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, his deputies and other officers in the county experienced their busiest season in years last week when they made 28 arrests, captured three liquor stills and banished a large number of other matters.

Despite the large number of arrests, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck referred to the Christmas season as one of the quietest in years, explaining that the people, as a whole, observed the holiday spirit in a gleeful but orderly manner.

The jail population jumped from 3 just before Christmas to 23 yesterday, several other alleged violators having gone in and out of the jail in the meantime.

Man Is Charged With Driving Mule Recklessly

Alleged law violations in this county Christmas week reached a climax last Saturday, when John Dawson Wynn was charged with reckless mule driving in Cross Roads Township.

Photographer Opens Studio in Local Hotel

C. E. D'Amours, experienced photographer, is locating a studio in the Hotel George Reynolds here during the next few weeks, he announced today.

Campaign for Peanut Control To Get Under Way Next Week

Arrangements for handling the peanut control campaign in this county will be completed tomorrow afternoon when county and local committeemen meet with Assistant County Agent M. L. Barnes for final instructions.

Several of the twelve committeemen to serve in this county have already accepted the appointments and others will be chosen today, it was learned.

New Record Is Set By License Bureau

BIG CROWDS SEE 752 SETS PLATES NEW FORD CARS SOLD IN SINGLE DAY YESTERDAY

Radical Changes Made in Body Lines; Numerous Improvements

The new Ford V-8 for 1935 went on display in the showroom of the Williamston Motor Company here last week, the most striking feature of the new creation being its body lines, which are distinctively modern and are a definite departure from any previous Ford design.

The new car also embodies a combination of major engineering development aimed at increased riding comfort, which has been called the "center poise" rule.

Two important improvements have been made in the Ford V-8 engine, of which more than 1,300,000 are now on the road.

In addition Ford has developed a new type of body, the touring sedan, with unusually sleek lines and embodying a fitted rear trunk compartment integral with the body.

Safety glass is standard equipment not only in windshields, but also in all doors and windows in all body types.

Key to the changes made in outward design is found in the relocation of the front spring and engine. This has permitted moving the body forward so that passengers ride between the axles, and the development of rear quarter panel treatment along flowing lines.

The modern design note is carried without break through the new slanting vertical grille with horizontal heading, the sweeping line of the low hood and sharply slanting windshield, the beautifully molded body and the flowing rear quarter panel.

Bodies are materially wider. Interiors are roomier, with wider seats, front and rear. Span of the front seats has been increased up to 5 1/2 inches, providing room without crowding for three persons in bodies with full-width seats.

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ARREST TWO FOR STORE ROBBERY

Negroes Admit Robbery of Taylor, Bailey Store in Everetts Recently

W. J. Spruill and George Spruill, colored, were arrested last Thursday and formally charged with the robbery of the Taylor, Bailey Brother store in Everetts on the night of December 11.

The two Spruills were returning from Bethel when the sheriff, accompanied by Officer Oscar Duell, found them. When questioned, the Spruills said they had carried the gun in their overalls to Bethel and traded it for a single-barreled gun.

The new car was viewed by hundreds during the past few days and deliveries on the new model are being made this week.

Woman's Club To Hold Regular Meet Thursday

The regular monthly meeting of the Williamston Woman's Club will be held Thursday afternoon, January 3, at 3:30 o'clock in the club rooms.

For the first time in five years, the members of the local volunteer fire department got a holiday during the holiday season. Not a single call was received during the entire time, and while the firemen are always ready to respond when necessary they fully appreciate fire prevention all the year around and especially at Christmas time.

RETIRE FARMER DIES AT HIS HOME NEAR DARDENS

William Joseph Wright, 63, Died Friday Before Christmas

William Joseph Wright, retired farmer and highly respected citizen of Jamesville Township, died at his home near Dardens Friday before Christmas from a complication of diseases.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. R. R. Grant, pastor of the Williamston Methodist church. Interment was near the home.

3 KILLED WHEN CAR HITS TRAIN

County Youth Among Dead In Crossing Accident at Enfield on 26th

John Bland, 17-year-old Martin County boy, and two of his companions were instantly killed when the car in which they were riding was struck by a northbound Atlantic Coast Line train in Enfield last Wednesday evening about 9 o'clock.

Young Bland a resident of the Oak City section of this county, was a passenger in the car driven by a young man named Waddell Lowe, of Weldon.

Funeral services were held for young Bland at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noah B. Bland, near Oak City, Thursday afternoon by Rev. Thad Cox. Besides his parents, the young man is survived by two sisters, Vivian and Fannie Bland, and two brothers, William and Abner Bland.

SCHOOL CLOSED DUE TO MEASLES

Farm Life Tries Reopening Monday, But Forced To Close Again

Forced to close several days ahead of the Christmas holiday schedule by an epidemic of measles, the Farm Life school reopened yesterday two days ahead of the schedule set for the other white schools, but when the average attendance continued far below the average, classes were again suspended and the plant will likely remain idle the remainder of this week, if not longer, it was learned from the office of the county board of education yesterday.

Only 150 of the 210 pupils enrolled reported for classwork yesterday.

White schools over the county, with the exception of the one at Farm Life, will start the new year tomorrow. The colored schools resumed their class activities yesterday.

Lenoir Negro Surrenders To County Officers Here

Fleeing from the law in Lenoir County, Charles Stanley, colored man, surrendered to Martin County officers last Sunday after he had almost frozen to death and experienced the pangs of hunger for several days.

The still found near here was of 50-gallon capacity but was cold when the officers reached the scene of manufacture.

Rev. Chas. H. Dickey To Broadcast This Week

Rev. Chas. H. Dickey, pastor of the local Baptist church, is broadcasting the Baptist Sunday school conference proceedings over WPTF in Raleigh this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Final Dividend Is Paid To Everetts Bank Depositors

A final dividend, totaling \$6,166.83, has been paid the 135 depositors having money in the Planters and Merchants Bank when it finally suspended business in Everetts several years ago.

Local Firemen Get Holiday During the Recent Holiday

For the first time in five years, the members of the local volunteer fire department got a holiday during the holiday season.

Fatal Accident Brings County 1934 Auto Death Total To 13

Christmas Happier Than at Any Time in Recent Years

The world enjoyed a happy Christmas. Everywhere gaiety ran higher than at any time since the big slump back in 1929.

In our little corner of the world down here in Martin County, happiness pervaded home after home, skipping one now and then, where hunger or want were not satisfied and in a few others where untimely passings or accidents tended to mar the spirit of the day.

As they enter the New Year, Williamston merchants are pausing to express their appreciation for the patronage afforded them and to wish them the best of everything throughout 1935.

NEW CONGRESS TO GET UNDER WAY THURSDAY

State Legislature Convenes In Raleigh Middle of Next Week

Convening next Thursday noon, the new United States Congress is expected to advance some interesting legislation during the next several months. It is the first Congress to meet with no "lame ducks."

In the national body, the bonus issue promises a bitter fight with the President opposing the measure, but likely to see his veto overridden by a Legion-conscious Congress.

Both legislative bodies are likely to pass record-breaking laws, many of which will, no doubt, effect marked changes in government.

Minister Wears Ventilated Trousers During Holiday

While car manufacturers were making preparations to announce the latest in streamlining and other modern features, a minister in this county scooped the field during the holidays when he broke out with a new method of ventilation in pants, or trousers, if you please.

OFFICERS SEIZE THREE STILLS

Williamston, Hamilton and Goose Nest Townships Scenes of Raids

Deputy J. H. Roebuck and Assistant Roy Peel interrupted the manufacture of liquor in this county to a certain extent last week when they captured three plants, one in Williamston, one in Hamilton, and a third in Bear Grass Townships.

A kettle of 100-gallon capacity was found running hot in Bear Grass on Christmas Eve with 10 gallons of the fluid ready for delivery and two large vats of beer ready for conversion.

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Colored Girl Slightly Hurt When Struck by Car Here

Martha Parker, young colored woman, was bruised on her head when she was struck by an old Model T Ford near the Atlantic Hotel Sunday evening about 9 o'clock.

Christmas is over; New Year is here and now it's safe for the leader of his flock to return.

Juniors To Install New Officers Thursday Night

Recently elected officers will be installed by the local council of the Junior Order organization here on Thursday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock, and a large attendance is urged.

Measles Now Reported Spreading in County

While the measles epidemic is subsiding in Geffins Township to a certain extent, the contagious disease is being reported in other sections of the county.

Owner Making Changes To Main Street Property Near Apartments

The New Year finds very few changes in the business line-up here, the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company and J. S. Holliday groceries having surrendered their leases to constitute the only definite business variations.

POCKETBOOK AND MONEY ARE STOLEN FROM COLORED WOMAN MONDAY

Gladys Moore, Local Colored Woman, Said to Have Lost \$61 When Her Purse Was Snatched From Her Hands in a Store Here Yesterday

Gladys Moore, local colored woman, was said to have lost \$61 when her purse was snatched from her hands in a store here yesterday.

According to the woman's statement, her attention was attracted by another colored woman by conversation, and while talking the purse was snatched by a colored man.

Mr. Wynne, driver of the third car, said that he saw the Allen car going toward Everetts and the Thomas car traveling rapidly toward Williamston, that he turned to the right and continued on the shoulder of the highway toward Williamston.

CHILD KILLED IN ACCIDENT NEAR HERE THURSDAY

4-Year-Old Girl Is Instantly Killed; Several Others Are Badly Hurt

Little Thelma Allen, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Allen, of Rocky Mount, was instantly killed, her sister, Mary, and mother and father were badly hurt in an automobile accident at the intersection of Highway No. 64 and the old Greenville road, near the county home, late last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Wynne, driver of the third car, said that he saw the Allen car going toward Everetts and the Thomas car traveling rapidly toward Williamston, that he turned to the right and continued on the shoulder of the highway toward Williamston.

Thomas was released under a \$250 bond pending further investigation of the accident by Patrolman Archie Rodman.

FEW BUSINESS CHANGES HERE

The death of the little girl was the thirteenth and last on the highways of this county during the year just ended.

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