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WILLIAMS MAN IS ROBBED OF \$40 FRIDAY NIGHT

Buck Gardner Held Up by Three White Men; Life Is Threatened

Buck Gardner, Williams Township farmer, was robbed of \$40 and had his life threatened by three white men at his home there at 11:30 o'clock last Friday night. Officers have been working on the case extensively but no clues that would lead to an arrest had been established up until this morning.

Parking their car in a side road near the home, the three men walked to the door and asked Mr. Gardner if he could let them have enough gasoline to run their car to Williamston. The farmer, about 70 years of age, dressed and went to a barn to get a can and was there demanded to raise his hands, two of the three men remaining out of sight while the other, a stranger to Mr. Gardner, handled the robbery. A search of his clothing revealed nothing, one of the two men behind the barn instructing the robber to take Mr. Gardner into the house, that he would find money in a safe. The farmer had \$40 in his pocketbook and he surrendered that to the robber, but he refused to open the safe, telling the robber that he could shoot and kill him but that safe would not be opened. The gun was flashed all around Mr. Gardner and in full view of Mrs. Gardner, an invalid for five years. But Mr. Gardner held his own, and after remaining in the house about 15 minutes threatening the life of Mr. Gardner, the robber left with just the \$40.

It was the third time the old gentleman has been robbed during the past three or four years. He was attacked and robbed by a colored man near his home about two years ago, and sometime before that a large number of hides were stolen from his barn.

Officers believe two of the men live in this section, that the third one is a stranger as he made no effort to conceal his identity.

Mr. Gardner said he had worked hard all his life and saved his money, and that he just made up his mind that he was not going to give it up, that he would die first. Early Saturday morning, Mr. Gardner is said to have opened the safe and sent his savings to a bank.

New Officers Are Installed by Club Women Thursday

Mrs. Clayton Moore Succeeds Mrs. J. G. Staton As President

The annual meeting of the local Woman's Club was held in the club rooms last Thursday afternoon, when new officers were installed and reports on the activities of the organization during the past year were heard. The annual reports showed that much hard work had been carried on advantageously during the past year, and that the club is now recognized as one of the leading civic organizations in the community.

The reports follows: "The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand May 2 of \$284.03. This report was accepted with thanks."

"The club announced that Mrs. Wheeler Martin had been designated as club representative at the convention of the federation to be held May 7-10 at Elizabeth City. About 10 other club members expressed their desire to attend the convention for at least one day.

"Mrs. J. W. Watts proposed a rising vote of thanks to the retiring president, Mrs. Fannie Chase Staton. After this, Mrs. Staton escorted the incoming president, Mrs. Clayton Moore, to the chair, and Mrs. J. A. Ward, the retiring second vice president, escorted Mrs. F. U. Barnes, the new second vice president, to her chair. The incoming corresponding secretary, Mrs. Z. T. Piephoff, was absent from the meeting, being out of town.

"A motion was carried that the club take out five shares of building and loan stock, and pay back any dues in arrears that might have accrued since the last issue of stock.

"A letter from Mr. Hix, principal of the Williamston High School, was read by the Secretary. A motion carried to pay to Mr. Hix the sum of \$9.34, covering the balance of indebtedness on the band uniforms.

"The secretary read a letter from Sara Albritton, president of the Junior Woman's Club, of Farmville, asking us to sponsor a beauty contest, fashion show, etc. It was moved and seconded that the secretary write a letter to Mrs. Albritton, advising her that we would be unable to participate in the contest."

School Delegations Go To Legislature

BANK HOLIDAY

Mecklenburg Day, Friday, May 10, marking the signing of the Declaration of Independence, will be observed as a holiday here by the Branch Banking and Trust Company and the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, Cashiers Carstarphen and Small announced today. The holidays here will be observed by the two institutions only. Celebrations are held on a large scale in other sections, and at Charlotte especially.

CLINICS HELD IN NEGRO SCHOOLS OF THIS COUNTY

Examine 85 Children And Vaccinate 352 Against Smallpox

Conducting pre-school clinics recently in four colored schools in this county, Miss Cora Beam, State Health nurse, and Dr. Williams, local colored physician, found about the same defects among the colored children as were found among the white subjects examined a few days before. Eighty-five children were examined in the four schools, eight at Jamesville, 46 at Williamston, 14 at Robersonville and 17 at Oak City.

The most unusual feature in the finds was that there were no undernourished children in the group. Surely there are many underweight little tots, but they probably did not have enough clothes to venture far from their homes, and attend the clinics. Bad tonsils were found in 35 of the 85 cases, and 19 of the group had defective teeth. Only two were troubled with their vision. Ten had trouble with their ears and five had bad or diseased skin.

The examiners vaccinated all of the 85 pre-school children reporting for examinations, and waded deep into the ranks of the other children in the prevention of smallpox. In the Williamston school alone there were 207 vaccinated against smallpox, the total for the four schools being 352.

An encouraging report showing a greater interest in public health came from the local school. Hearing some of their friends crying who were being vaccinated, numbers of the little tots skipped out of the school building and ran to their home to be literally dragged back by parents a few minutes later. Judging from one case reported, the mothers meant business for she told her young son, "If you don't pull up that sleeve and let the doctor 'scratch' it, I'll kill you."

High School Play Jamesville Friday

"Lighthouse Nan," a comedy drama in three acts will be presented by members of the Jamesville High School, Friday night, May 10 at 8 o'clock. An admission of 10 and 20 cents will be charged. The receipts will be used to help defray commencement expenses.

The play relates the story of a girl kidnapped when a child and reared on the Carolina coast. Her struggle to attain an "education" and her final triumph arouses the sympathy as well as the laughter of the audience.

Operetta at Local High School Friday Night

Students of the sixth and seventh grade will present an operetta, "Sunny of Sunnyside," in the high school auditorium next Friday night. Approximately 60 boys and girls will take part in the program.

Junior Order To Have Fish Supper Thursday

Members of the local Junior Order Council will have a rock muddle in the legion hall here Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. A committee headed by John A. Ward, assisted by T. M. Britton and William Gurganus, is making elaborate arrangements for the event. Kingfish Harrell announced this morning.

Special Meeting of Local Masonic Lodge Tonight

There will be a special communication of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., at the lodge hall tonight at 8 o'clock. Work in the third degree. All members are urged to attend and visitors are cordially invited.

OPPOSE LAW TO REQUIRE DAILY AVERAGE OF 80

Citizens of Farm Life and Bear Grass Protest New Requirement

Their high schools threatened to be closed by a proposed law requiring an average daily attendance of 80 pupils or more in a high school, citizens from Farm Life and Bear Grass invaded Raleigh last week and pleaded with the legislators to hold the attendance requirement at 60 or more pupils. The law as passed by the House and now before the Senate places the requirement at the lower figure.

Professor T. O. Hickman and Messrs. Rossell Rogers and J. D. Wynn went before the legislators armed with a petition carrying right around 900 names, or more than half the entire population in Bear Grass Township. Apparently they got results. Farm Life had a sizeable petition also.

Established only a short time, the Bear Grass High School now had an average attendance of about 55 pupils. Professor Hickman believing the figure will be advanced well over 60 next term or certainly by the following term.

The school bill now before the Senate calls for \$20,031,000 for the schools next term and \$20,900,000 for the term after that. An increase of about 20 percent in teachers' salaries is provided in the bill.

Provisions are made in the new bill to create committees of three citizens for every school. At the present time there are six committees who handle the appointments of teachers and other school duties in the main districts in this county. The new committees will make teacher appointments, but their work will be subject to the district committee and the county authorities.

Large Crowd Hears Bishop Darst Here Last Sunday Night

Nine Are Confirmed at Impressive Service in Local Episcopal Church

At the Church of the Advent Sunday night, Bishop Darst was greeted by a large congregation, including many visitors. After the evening prayer Bishop Darst preached, emphasizing the need of this world for Christ if it expects any solution of its international, national, family, or personal difficulties. Then followed the impressive confirmation service, at which nine persons were confirmed.

The rector and vestry of the Church of the Advent wish to thank the many friends who helped make this service one that will long be remembered as not only beautiful and impressive, but as representing the cordial cooperation among the members of the various churches of Williamston.

Milton James Out Of Plaster Cast

Held in a plaster cast while an injury to his back healed, Milton James, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. James, was released today after being confined for more than two months. After the cast was removed, Milton accompanied his parents to Norfolk where a brace is being fitted to his back today. The condition of the wound could not be learned here today, but it is hoped he will be able to be out within a short time.

Slightly Hurt in Auto Wreck Near Windsor

Miss James, a member of the Westinghouse players, who appeared in a play here last Tuesday, was slightly hurt in an automobile accident between here and Windsor last week. Mr. Jack Downing, driver of the car, and others with him escaped uninjured. Mr. Downing was crowded off the road by a large truck and considerable damage was done to his car.

Vacation Days Getting Underway At Schools

Vacation days get underway in several sections of the county this week, when the white schools hold their commencement exercises. The first schools to close are those at Robersonville, Everetts, Oak City, Gold Point and Hassell.

TOWN BOARD HAS LENGTHY MEET HERE LAST NIGHT

Petitions Urge Paving of Several Streets; Action Is Deferred

Meeting in regular session last evening, the local board of town commissioners heard petitions from a number of citizens urging a number of improvements, including the opening of a new street from Haughton, Extended, to Watts, a distance of about one-fifth of a mile, and the paving of Smithwick Street from Main to the railroad, a distance of one block. A petition was also presented asking that Hassell Street from Simmons Avenue to Academy Street be paved. Other matters were discussed, including the granting of a permit for a negro dance and the operation of a negro pool room, but most of the two hours the authorities were in session was given over to the consideration of proposed improvements.

Messrs. M. D. Wilson and Jesse Whitley explained to the board that they would start an extensive home-building program on the Godard property and that several others would build there, provided the town opened the proposed street, making available water and sewage lines. It was roughly estimated that the proposed improvement could be made at a cost of about \$3,000. However, the commissioners delayed action until definite cost estimates could be made.

Mr. Charles Moore and Attorney E. S. Peel presented a petition representing about two-thirds of the property affected for the paving of Smithwick Street from Main to the railroad. The town engineer was instructed to get cost estimates immediately with the view of getting the Kline Construction Company to pave the street while its equipment is here for the widening of Washington Street. Another petition, signed by owners of all the property affected, asked the town to pave Hassell Street from Academy to Simmons Avenue.

Preliminary plans for opening a street from Washington down the railroad to Smithwick were discussed upon the suggestion of Attorney B. A. Critcher, and an attempt to handle the project with relief labor may be made later.

OLD AGE PENSION BILL IS OFFERED IN LEGISLATURE

Would Allow Dependents Over 65 Years of Age \$15 Monthly

Raleigh — A specific old-age pension bill was offered the lower house as Representative Dowtin, of Warren, introduced a measure which would, if passed, provide maximum payments of \$15 monthly to North Carolinians who are 65 years of age or older and who are without means of support. The measure would set aside \$1,000,000 from the state's general fund to be expended during the next two years.

Those eligible for the proposed pensions would be persons 65 or older who have been residents of the United States at least 20 years and of North Carolina for at least 10 years who have no children who can and will support them and who do not deprive themselves of property for the purpose of becoming eligible to receive a pension.

Maximum payments under the Dowtin bill would not exceed \$15 monthly, payable on the first Monday in each month. If a person eligible for a pension should, for example have an income of \$5 a month he would be eligible to receive from the state not more than \$10 monthly.

In addition to the monthly payments the measure provides that at death the state shall contribute a sum not to exceed \$50 for burial expenses for any pension receiver.

Jamesville Property Listing Is Validated

The practice of listing property for town taxation at Jamesville was validated last week by a special act of the legislature. No regular list taker handled the work; the officials taking the valuations from the list handled by the county.

Griffins Man Taking Pasteur Treatment

Bitten by a mad dog several days ago, Mr. N. T. Tice, of Griffins Township, is taking the Pasteur treatment. Jack Hardison came in contact with the dog and he is taking the treatment also. After attacking Mr. Tice the dog left the Tice home and has not been seen since.

Four Local People Injured in Auto Accident Sunday Night

REGULAR MEET COUNTY BOARD HELD MONDAY

Building of Several Roads Recommended To State Commission

Meeting in regular session Monday, the county commissioners handled very little business, and no great importance was attached to any of the transactions. Recommendations were made to the State Highway and Public Works Commission to complete the hard surfacing of Route No. 11 into Oak City, and the construction of a road from Dymond City to Pine-town.

S. H. Grimes was appointed tax collector of insolvent taxes. He is to receive 35 per cent of his collections for taxes due prior to and including the year 1931.

The Branch Banking and Trust Company was designated as fiscal agent for fiduciary funds of Martin County.

Bettie Hyman was allowed \$2 a month from the poor fund.

Jack Everett, Robersonville, was relieved of poll tax on account of physical disability.

The Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, Williamston, was designated as a county depository along with the Bank of Robersonville, of Robersonville, and the Branch Banking and Trust Company, Williamston.

Numerous reports were received and reviewed, including those from Agents T. B. Brandon, T. B. Slade, M. L. Barnes, and Oliver Carter, and Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home agent.

According to an unofficial report, the grand jury will hold its deliberations on the second-story of the new courthouse addition, the home agent to use the room when the grand jury is not in session.

Mrs. T. W. Revels

Died Friday at Bear Grass Home

Had Been in Failing Health For Some Time; Final Rites Saturday

Mrs. T. W. Revels, 51 years old, died at her home in Bear Grass Township, last Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock from a complication of diseases. She had been in failing health for some time, and had undergone treatment in hospitals since last fall.

The daughter of the late Romulus Lilley and wife, Mrs. Revels was born in Griffins Township, where she lived most of her life. She is survived by several children, and three brothers, Messrs. Miles, John A. and Herbert Lilley, and one sister, Mrs. Jesse Lilley, all of Griffins Township.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. D. W. Davis, pastor of the Macedonia Christian church. Burial was in the Lilley cemetery in Griffins Township.

Total of 369,160 Cars and Trucks In State

Raleigh — North Carolina citizens, including a few non-residents, owned 369,160 motor vehicles at the end of the first quarter of 1935, including 304,087 automobiles and 63,073 commercial vehicles a year ago, including 278,638 cars and 56,076 trucks, according to the cards on file in the office of L. S. Harris, motor vehicle bureau director.

Production To Determine Amount of Feed for Cow

The amount of grain that should be fed to a dairy cow in addition to good pasturage depends on the maximum production of the animal. The average cow will consume only enough grass in a day to maintain her body in good condition and produce two gallons or about seventeen pounds of milk. For those animals producing more than 17 pounds of milk, a grain mixture containing from 13 to 16 percent of digestible protein should be fed at the rate of one pound of grain to each five to seven pounds of milk produced in a day. This will maintain the animal in good flesh and permit of maximum milk production.

TOWN ELECTIONS

While quietness surrounded the municipal election here, much interest was reported at Jamesville and Gold Point, where hot contests were in progress today. Only about 30 votes had been cast here at noon today, with no break in the ranks reported or expected. Developments at Jamesville could not be learned at noon, but a capacity vote was in prospect there. Staging a warm battle to oust the old authorities at Gold Point, the opponents were here today seeking absentee ballot forms, but none could be found, it was said.

19 LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED IN PAST MONTH

Issuance So Far This Year Points To A New Record In This County

Nineteen marriage licenses were issued in this county last month, nine to white and 10 to colored couples. There have been 42 marriage licenses issued to white couples so far this year as compared with the number issued during the same period last year. The issuance is of significance in that it is the largest for the first four months of any year on record. In the first four months of last year, the colored established a record with 54 marriages, the number dropping to 59 in the same period under consideration this year.

Licenses were issued to the following last month:

White
Allen N. Roper and Dora McGowan, both of Bath, N. C.

Roland Holliday, of Williamston, and Estelle Williams, of Cross Roads.

Charlie Edgar Rodgers, of Williamston, and Gladys Boyette, of Edgecombe County.

Geo. Henry Leggett and Marie Evans, both of Bertie County.

John S. Ayers, of Hamilton, and Mrs. Mary Briggs, of Richmond.

Henry Handy and Olivia B. Lee, both of Washington.

C. Latham James and Marjorie Bryan, both of Robersonville.

James F. Leggett, of Goose Nest, and Lottie Bell Dixon, of Edgecombe County.

Wm. Stokley Elliott, of Edenton, and Mary Glenn Taylor, of Robersonville.

Colored
Herbert C. Jones and Louisiana Cotton, both of Oak City.

James Coburn and Malinda Patterson, both of Williamston.

Wm. R. Tyner and Emma Everett, both of Martin County.

James Matthews and Amanda Gurganus, both of Williamston.

Willie Gainer, of Gold Point, and Bettie Lee Outerbridge, of Robersonville.

Jim Duggins and Mittie Watson, of Martin County.

Herbert Brown and Estelle Scott, of Martin County.

Cleveland Jenkins and Pauline Epps, both of Bertie County.

Isiah Brown and Ophie Lee Hodges, both of this county.

ONE IS SERIOUSLY INJURED; OTHERS WILL RECOVER

Condition of Mrs. Robert Copeland Described As Critical

Mrs. Robert Copeland lies critically ill in a Greenville hospital and in the same institution are her husband, Ruth Ward and Sarah Cook, all of this place, all of whom suffered injuries in a bad auto wreck six miles out of Greenville Sunday night as they were on their way back to Williamston from Goldsboro where they had spent the day.

Mrs. Copeland suffered the worst injuries of all and after 18 hours had not regained consciousness. Reports coming here state that she suffered a concussion of the brain and that a test in the hospital revealed blood in her spine. It is believed that Mrs. Copeland is in a most serious condition, with her recovery in very serious doubt.

Robert Copeland, driver of the Ford car, is not in a serious condition but investigation revealed that he had a fractured knee cap with cuts and bruises. Sarah Cook sustained a bad cut across the forehead and a corresponding heavy loss of blood. In addition there were bruises and abrasions on her body. Ruth Ward has a broken ankle and an ugly cut on her nose.

According to the story brought here yesterday afternoon by Herbert Ward, brother to Ruth, who went to the Greenville institution to see his sister, the party of four were on their way home early Sunday evening and were driving at a moderate rate of speed six miles out of Greenville on the Farmville road. At the point where the wreck occurred, the local car was meeting a second car, behind which a third car was following. Suddenly and unexpectedly this third car, heading towards Farmville, whipped out to pass the car meeting the Williams-ton party when the two went together, head-on.

The offending car was a Chevrolet, said to have been borrowed, and was driven by a Negro accompanied by other persons of his race. Quickly following the wreck the occupants of the Chevrolet car left the road, took to the woods and at a late hour yesterday had not been apprehended. The Negroes were doubtless scared, especially so since their recklessness seemed to be directly responsible for the serious accident. With the damaged car left behind as damaging evidence, they will doubtless be caught at an early date.

This is one of the worst wrecks happening to any Williamston party in recent months. The car driven by the local people was very severely damaged and the Chevrolet, likewise, was banged up until its value is reduced to practically nothing. It is not known that the Negroes were drinking. Whether they were or not, the accident was evidently caused solely because their car whipped out, without warning, to pass the car it was trailing, while that car was meeting the Williamston machine.

Friends here are very apprehensive of the condition of Mrs. Copeland. That her chances for recovery are not good is said to be the opinion of one of the physicians attending her. All of the others are expected to recover soon. The cuts, fractures, broken bones and abrasions suffered by the other three are not expected to detain them long in the Greenville hospital.

Fire Damage Auto Sunday Morning

The Chevrolet coach owned by Will Ambers was partially wrecked by fire at his home on West Main Street here about 5 o'clock Sunday morning. Starting inside the car, the fire destroyed the body, but the engine and tires were not damaged. The car was parked in the yard and before the machine could be moved the fire scorched the side of the house. Call to the scene, firemen checked the blaze in a short time.

Two Suits of Clothes Stolen From Office

Two suits of clothes were stolen when a thief broke into Attorney J. W. Bailey's office on Main Street here some time last Sunday night. No other articles were missed, Officer Goodman said. A finger print expert was called here, and he took several prints, officers stating that they were hopeful of making an arrest within a short time.

American Legion To Stage Play May 16th

Miss Dorothy Graham, of Kentucky, arrived here yesterday to coach the play, "Oh, Professor," to be staged in four places in the county by the John Walton Hassell American Legion Post. The first performance will be held in the high school auditorium here the evening of May 16, Miss Graham said. A cast is being selected today, and rehearsals will get underway shortly.

Parent-Teacher Association To Hold Meeting Thursday

The Parent-Teacher Association will hold its last meeting of this school year Thursday, May 9, in the graded school at 3:30 p. m. This is an important meeting and all members are urged to be present. Officers for the coming year will be elected and the new by-laws voted on.

Band Concert Sunday Is Well Attended

A large crowd assembled in the high school auditorium last Sunday afternoon to hear the concert given by the Williamston High School band. The entire band (37 boys and 1 girl) including all the beginners, played for about an hour.