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SEVERAL TRUCK AND CAR WRECKS IN PAST FEW DAYS

Johnnie Jones Is Seriously Injured in Truck Wreck Near Jamesville

Automobile and truck accidents were again in the spotlight in numbers in this county over the week-end, the wreckage being reported from one end of the county to the other. While none of the wrecks cost the lives of any one, two or three people were critically hurt. Probably one of the worst wrecks of the past few days was reported between Jamesville and Dardens about 4 o'clock this morning. Johnnie Jones, young Washington County negro, suffered a skull fracture when the truck in which he was riding, ran off the road. The driver of the machine and other passengers were not badly hurt, according to reports reaching here. Jones was removed to a Rocky Mount hospital just before noon, but there was little hope for his recovery, reports indicated.

Saturday evening, Frank Rollins, Bethel man, suffered a broken arm and other injuries when his car crashed into that of Mrs. Ernest Mobley in Robersonville. No one else was hurt, and Rollins was entered in a hospital for treatment.

Sunday afternoon two cars, one driven by Jas. M. Mizelle, of Jamesville, and the other by H. J. Chesson, of Elizabeth City, crashed in Everetts. No one was hurt and very little damage was done to the cars. Mr. Chesson was taking his wife to a Durham hospital for treatment.

John Griffin and his wife, Victrola, riding with Wm. Chance, all colored of Everetts, were badly but not seriously hurt last night about 9 o'clock a few miles from Everetts on the Williamston Road when their car was struck by another said to have been driven by Thos. Spencer, Edenton man who works in a logging camp in Cross Roads Township. The driver of the Spencer car ran from the scene of the accident, and the owner reported to Williamston police about 1 o'clock this morning. He claims some one stole his car and that he was not driving at the time of the wreck. Griffin suffered a dislocated hip and his wife was cut on the knee and leg and suffered an injury to her shoulder. Others in the two cars were not badly hurt, but the machines were wrecked.

Short Session of Board Last Night

Holding a brief session last evening, the local town commissioners, in addition to handling routine matters, ordered the town delinquent tax list advertised next week for sale the second Monday in November. A special session of the board is expected within the next few days, when the new budget is to get consideration, it was learned.

No definite report on tax collections is available just at the moment, but the treasurer reports that town property owners have been making payments rapidly during the past few days, and that indications point to the best collections and the smallest number of delinquents in several years.

Local Tobacco Market Has Best Sale of Season Monday

With 179,796 pounds of tobacco on the floors, the Williamston market reported its best sales of the season yesterday, the offerings bringing to farmers \$42,742.34, or an average of \$23.78 per 100 pounds. The better types of tobacco were in greater demand here yesterday than at any time this season, and there were numerous averages above 40 cents, with some as high as 57 cents a pound. New orders were noticed for all the better grades, causing the prices to reach the highest point of the season.

Tobacco was on the floors here yesterday from a larger territory than at any time since the market opened, and farmers were well

pleased with their sales. There was a large quantity of the inferior grades offered, and the prices for those particular grades remain about the same, some observers believing that it would pay the farmer to leave them at home for use as fertilizer in the fields. These types of tobacco seem to be in demand nowhere in the belt.

Sales today are holding up well, farmers offering between 100,000 and 115,000 pounds on the three warehouse floors. The market is nearing the 3,000,000-pounds mark and is maintaining a sales record that compares favorably with that of last season, considering the crop reduction.

FARM PICTURES

Arrangements are now under way for the filming of farming activities by the United States Department of Agriculture in this county, according to information coming from the office of Agent T. B. Brandon. Special representatives of the department are expected here the latter part of this or early next week to take moving pictures of peanut and potato digging and cotton picking. Pictures of peanut pickers in operation will also be made if any of the machines are running when the movie men reach the county, it was said.

No Term of Court Is Likely in December

With no judge available during the first week of December, it is likely that no special session of the Martin County Superior Court will be held at that time in accordance with instructions or recommendations by Judge H. A. Grady, who recently completed a regular term of court here. It may be that some arrangements can be made to get a judge for the court, but just now the term is uncertain, it was unofficially learned today.

The commissioners are expected to discuss the situation further before filing another request for the special term. While the county authorities are likely to hold a special session some time during the month, no further action in connection with requesting the court term is expected before the first Monday in November, it was said.

Locals Hold Elizabeth City Team To 13 to 0 Score Here

Coach Larry Wade's football boys held the strong Elizabeth City eleven to two touchdowns here last Friday afternoon, scoring a moral victory, even though the 13 to 0 score was against them. The members of the Green Wave offered some good defensive ball, and had the visitors 6 to 0, when a pass was intercepted for the other touchdown. The locals engineered a long drive with Roberson leading, but failed to score.

Next Friday Roanoke Rapids sends its strong team against the Green Wave here.

CHANGES LIKELY REGULATING N. C. SHAD INDUSTRY

Curtailment of Season For Taking Fish Is Being Considered Now

According to reports from Raleigh recommendations that the shad fishing season be sharply curtailed will soon be made to the State Board of Conservation and Development as an initial step in the program to rehabilitate the industry in this State. At present the season starts more or less at will when the shad begin running in for spawning late in January and has had a closing date of May 1. Under the new recommendation, however, the season will be definitely limited from February 15 to April 15, about a month's cut from what has been allowed.

The greatest drop in the shad catch in years has led the special committee at work on the subject to suggest the curtailment, the belief being, according to reports, that a shorter season will give the shad more time to reach their spawning grounds. The United States Bureau of Fisheries, cooperating in the formation of the program, has suggested the season be cut even more, with a week-long closed period midway of the season.

Other drastic features in consideration by the committees work in collaboration and which may ultimately become recommendations have to do with the setting aside of natural spawning areas as fish preserves and closing, on a rotating basis, of entire rivers for whole seasons against shad seining.

Members of the special state committee on the shad program include J. L. Horne, jr., Rocky Mount; James L. McNair, Laurinburg; E. S. Askew, Windsor; R. Bruce Etheridge, Mantoloking; Capt. John A. Nelson and Dr. H. F. Prytherch, of Beaufort.

Williamston Fair Operates at Loss

Closing last Saturday night, the Williamston Fair reported an operating deficit of approximately \$2,000, it was reliably learned here today. The management did not carry rain insurance, and there was unfavorable weather during a greater part of the week.

Handling the last details in connection with the fair today, Manager Harvey Walker said that plans will be advanced shortly for another exhibition next fall. The manager explained that he had enjoyed splendid cooperation from the people of this section in handling the fair and expressed his appreciation.

Premiums amounting to approximately \$1,000 have been paid, most of the money going to exhibitors in this county. All other accounts have been or are being settled this week by the management.

Pupils Gather Books for Local High School Library

More than 3,000 second-hand books were donated to the local high school library last week, when pupils in the several grades canvassed the town for discarded editions. Teachers are classifying the books this week, Principal L. W. Anderson stating that most of the books could be used to advantage in the library.

Missionary To Preach In Local Church Wednesday

Rev. W. H. Turner, recently returned missionary from China, will preach in the Pentecostal Holiness church on Houghton Street here Wednesday night. The public is cordially invited to hear him in his last message before returning to China to continue his work there.

SHORT MEET OF COUNTY BOARD HELD MONDAY

Only Pressing Business Is Considered In Regular Session by Authorities

The Martin County Commissioners held a short meeting Monday, and recessed subject to call by the chairman. Only those matters of pressing importance were handled by the authorities, much business being postponed to await the attention of the board chairman.

Commissioner Joshua L. Coltrain, in the absence of Mr. John E. Pope, was made chairman pro-tem, and he led the discussions. Louis and Fannie Moore, Bear Grass Township citizens, were allotted \$3 each monthly. Recommendations were made for state maintenance of a road leading from the residence of N. T. Tice to the home of W. Hardy Hardison in Griffins Township.

Current monthly bills were inspected, and reports filed by the home and farm agents, superintendent of county welfare and others were reviewed.

Just when the commissioners will meet again could not be learned, Commissioner Taylor explaining that the chairman was empowered to reconvene the body any day to handle business postponed at the short session yesterday. It may be that the business will be continued until the next regular meeting the first Monday in November.

Commissioners V. G. Taylor, of Cross Roads; Joshua L. Coltrain, of Williams; C. C. Fleming, of Jamesville; and R. L. Perry, of Bear Grass, were present for the meeting.

List of 4-H Club Winners at Fair

Martin County 4-H club boys made a very creditable showing at the Williamston Fair last week. Assistant Agent M. L. Barnes, in charge of club work, stating that the young farmers earned \$102.50 in premiums and apparently enjoyed the competition. The boys had 58 entries in the several departments.

Corn winners: Leighton Croom, Robersonville club; Herbert Cullipher and Clarence Modin, Everetts club; Joseph Daniel and Thomas Daniel, Farm Life club; Slade White Hamilton club; Milton Malone, Bear Grass club.

Poultry winners: Cleo Griffin, of Jamesville club; Garland Warren and Forest Stator, Robersonville club; Benjamin Daniels, Farm Life club; Norwood Bailey, Everetts club.

Calf Club winners: Joe Powell and Leslie Taylor, Robersonville club; Leo Smith, Everetts club.

Swine Club winners: Earl Roberson and Bernice Rogerson, Bear Grass club.

Sixteen Cases On Docket For Trial in County Court

After suspending activities during the past two weeks while the superior tribunal was in session, Judge H. O. Peel convened the county recorder's court this morning. Sixteen cases awaited action, the number being considered quite small, considering an accumulation of charges during two weeks and fair week coming in the period.

Although his condition is much improved, Solicitor W. H. Coburn continues in bed and his brother and law associate, Senator R. L. Coburn is prosecuting the docket in the county court today.

Local Woman's Club To Meet Tomorrow at 3:30

Holding the first meeting of the fall season, the local Woman's Club is expected to have a large number of members present tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the club hall. Mrs. C. W. Beasley, of Cole, rain, president of the 15th club district, will address the meeting.

The club is planning a busy season ahead, and the organization of officers are urging the support of members and the public in general.

School To Present Play At Bear Grass Friday Night

Sponsored by the Bear Grass school patrons, the play, "Here Comes Arabella," is to be presented in the school auditorium there Friday night of this week at 8 o'clock. There are 39 characters in the play and all of them are people of the community. Rehearsals are now being held, and a large crowd is expected to witness the performance.

County Claims for Refunds Will Be Argued Thursday

Attorneys E. S. Peel and Robert L. Coburn will press Martin County's claim to \$562,260.09 road refund money in Raleigh Thursday of this week. The representatives of the county will go before the road debt commission, of which Carl L. Bailey, of Plymouth, is chairman. The commission was appointed by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus several months ago.

A number of other counties in this section of the state will also send representatives to appear before the commission and press claims for a return of money ad-

vanced the highway commission for the construction of roads. Hearings have been held in Asheville during the past week or two, a number of counties presenting claims to road money refunds.

While there is little hope that this and 43 other counties making grants to the commission 15 or 16 years ago will ever recover a penny, it is believed by some that the lawmakers will allow a cent or two tax on gasoline to the counties. It has been argued that the counties make the state, and that it is foolish to have a rich highway commission and poor counties.

Local Men in Battle With Windsor Negro

19 LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED IN PAST MONTH

Issuance Among Largest in Any Month This Year, Bureau Reports

Nineteen marriage licenses were issued in this county last month, the issuance being numbered among the largest reported by the license bureau for any one month so far this year. The 19 licenses were issued, 7 to white and 12 to colored couples, as follows:

White
Johnnie Edward Martin, jr., and Margaret Louise Ramsey, both of Greenville.

William L. Gufgan and Sudie Louise Peel, both of Martin County.

Paul A. Nelson, of Stokes, and Jesse Bell Swain, of Williamston.

Harvey Gardner and Mrs. Lula Moore, both of Martin County.

Warren Farmer and Lillian Terry, both of Martin County.

Emmet Willard Dodson and Florence Elizabeth Pascal, both of Norfolk.

Joe Ashley Jones, of Pitt County, and Annie Elizabeth Bryant, of Washington County.

Colored
James Davis and May West, both of Williamston.

Louis Jones, of Winston-Salem, and Lillie Bell Moore, of Martin County.

Willie Outlaw and Alice Spivey, both of Windsor.

Isaac Grimes and Rebecca Spruill, both of Roper.

Brock Roscoe and Maggie Barnes, both of Williamston.

Nathaniel Bonds and Sarah Mercer, both of Plymouth.

Rev. Claude Winstead, of Washington; and Ethel Johnson, of Jamesville.

Charlie Butler and Annie Mildred Hardison, both of Martin County.

Nathaniel Stokes and Katie Mae Cromwell, both of Martin County.

William Arthur Baker and Beulah Bell Mitchell, both of Martin County.

Milton Godard and Katie Cooper, both of Martin County.

Crazed Black Shoots 11 Persons During 6-Hour Gun Fight

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, One Of Victims, Escapes With Slight Injury

Eleven persons were shot, one seriously, by a crazed negro near Windsor Sunday morning, the affray attracting a crowd estimated to number nearly 2,000 people. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, called from this county by Bertie officers, was hit by several shots, but they barely penetrated the skin, and he is getting along all right. J. M. Waters, Windsor chief of police, was shot and his condition is critical. His lung was punctured by four of the shots. Sergeant A. W. Welch, of the Highway Patrol, was struck by several shots and suffered a fractured jawbone and the loss of several teeth. Others struck during the several-hour siege were not badly hurt.

Going home that morning about 3 o'clock Dennis Thrower, 30-year-old negro, ran his mother and brother away. Several hours later Officer Smallwood was called, and he was fired upon by Thrower. Several shots were exchanged before the officer returned to Windsor and secured help. Chief Waters was the next victim and Sheriff Dunstan was peppered a few minutes later. Another call was made for help, members of the highway patrol and officers from here and several other counties responding. Machine guns, tear gas and dynamite were used without success in the attempts to rout the man, and about 2 o'clock the house was fired by J. C. Johnson, daring Windsor youth, who crawled to the back porch with several bags saturated with gasoline, officers firing a volley of shots into the windows of the house during that time.

Thrower continued to hold his fortress as the fire gradually cut its way into the house. Just as the structure started to fall in, he ran out with a pistol in one hand and a shotgun in the other. Officers opened fire and brought him down with more than 60 shots in his body. Thrower fell so near the fire that his clothes ignited and the skin on his body was burned off.

Traffic on the highway was turned off a short distance this side of the Thrower home and routed around the battleground. Several cars traveling the highway early that morning, were fired upon by Thrower, but as far as it could be learned no car drivers or passengers were struck. The car of Officer Smallwood was battered by shot.

Waters continues in a Windsor hospital, reports from there today stating that recovery is possible if pneumonia does not develop. Welch, after receiving treatment, was discharged from the hospital late Sunday.

Hamilton School To Give Play There Friday Night

"Glad Rags", a 4 act musical comedy, will be presented Friday evening, October 9, at 8 o'clock in the Hamilton School auditorium. The play, given under the auspices of the school, is being directed by Miss Eugenia Good, of Greensboro.

"Glad Rags" is a new and entirely different musical comedy full of laughs from the very beginning. The cast, chosen from local amateurs, is supported by old maid stenographers, new stenographers, who are also chorus girls, and ten models.

MRS. JNO. E. POPE DIES IN HOSPITAL AT WASHINGTON

Funeral Services Held Here Yesterday Afternoon In Episcopal Church

Mrs. Nannie Biggs Pope, highly esteemed local citizen, died in a Washington hospital Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock following a period of declining health of nearly six months' duration. A heart attack was given as the immediate cause of her death. Experiencing failing health, Mrs. Pope was operated on about six months ago, and while her condition apparently improved after that, she never fully recovered, and spent much of the time in the hospital. She reentered the hospital a week before her death.

The daughter of the late Samuel Romulus and Sallie Smallwood Biggs, members of this section's most prominent families, Mrs. Pope was born in Williamston on March 14, 1885. She attended the local schools and completed her education at the State Normal College in Greensboro. She taught in the local schools for several years, her cheerful and kindly disposition endearing her to her pupils. Hers was a sweet life, one that was lived for others and marked by unselfishness. In the home she was a thoughtful wife and a good mother, devoting her time and energy freely for the comfort of others. She complained little during her illness, but had until the last a cheery greeting for her friends and acquaintances.

On October 4, 1916, she was married to Mr. John E. Pope, chairman of the Martin County Board of Commissioners and local insurance man, death coming to her on their twentieth wedding anniversary and marking the close of a useful life.

Mr. Pope, with two sons, John, jr., and Warren, survives. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Robert Bogart, of Washington, N. C.; and five brothers, Messrs. Warren H. Biggs, S. Rome Biggs, Jack W. Biggs, and Robert Biggs, all of Williamston; and Charles Biggs, of Raleigh.

When a young girl, Mrs. Pope joined the Church of the Advent, Episcopal here, and the funeral services were conducted there yesterday afternoon by the rector, Rev. E. F. Moseley, and Rev. R. R. Grant, Methodist minister. Interment followed in the family plot in the local cemetery.

Negro Struck by Car On Fill; Badly Hurt

John Henry Rascoe, employee of the Saunders and Cox mill here, was critically hurt when struck by a small truck as he walked the highway toward Windsor late last Saturday night, reports from a Windsor hospital stating that little hope was held for his recovery.

Walking on the river fill, about one mile from the bridge, Rascoe was said to have stepped from the side of the road into the path of a pick-up truck driven by M. W. Britt, Merry Hill farmer. Turner Gilliam and Arthur Miller, walking with Rascoe, warned him to look out for the truck, but he paid little attention to the warning and staggered into the road. Patrolmen investigating the accident, exonerated the truck driver.

Rascoe, about 30 years old, was on his way to his home in Indian Woods.

Plan Series of Services In Church at Poplar Point

Beginning next Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m., a week's meeting will get underway at the Poplar Point Mission of the Presbyterian church. The meeting will be conducted by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff and Rev. John C. Whitley, recently ordained minister of the Presbyterian church, and co-worker with Rev. Z. T. Piephoff in Martin County. The services will begin each evening, beginning Monday at 7:30 p. m. The meeting will come to a close on Sunday night, October 18.

Miss Mattie Whichard Dies In Rocky Mount Hospital

Miss Mattie Whichard, sister of Mrs. J. A. Everett, of this county, members of a prominent Eastern North Carolina family, died in a Rocky Mount hospital Sunday night at 11 o'clock.

Funeral services are being conducted from the home of her brother, J. R. Whichard, at Bethel, this afternoon. Interment will follow at the old home place in Pitt County, near Bethel.



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