

Tenant Victim Of Shot Gun Attack Saturday Evening

Isaiah Brown Plants Over 100 Shot In Body Of John Bryant, Jr.

Johnnie Bryant, Jr., colored tenant on the Everett farm in Poplar Point Township, was painfully but not seriously hurt about 8:00 o'clock last Saturday evening when his brother-in-law, Isaiah Brown, "planted" over 100 small shot in his body. Using a 12 gauge shot gun, Brown peppered Bryant from the top of the head to his waist. The planting job was so effectively handled that hospital doctors decided it advisable to leave most of the shot in the man's hide.

Said to have been drinking, Bryant went to his home that evening and quarreled with his wife. Seeking refuge she went to the home of her father, R. C. Brown, on the same farm. Bryant followed her there and his father-in-law with the help of a son, Robert Brown, got him out of the house and started the son-in-law back home. Bryant returned, broke open the door and, according to reports reach here, started a wrecking party of his own, smashing furniture and knocking over lamps. The father-in-law called to another son for help, and Isaiah Brown, who lives two or three hundred yards away, answered, taking his shot gun along.

When Isaiah moved toward the front porch, Bryant told him if he ventured closer he would kill him. Without further ceremony, Isaiah raised his gun, drew a perfect bead on his brother-in-law and fired. The shot took effect in Bryant's face, neck, arms and body. The victim quieted down. Brown returned to his home and retired.

Bryant was treated in the hospital here and released Sunday afternoon.

No hearing was scheduled immediately in the case, officers explaining that the attack would be aired in the county court next Monday before Judge J. C. Smith.

Add New Teachers To Local Faculty

Four new teachers were recently added to the local school faculty, leaving only two positions—one eighth grade section and science—to be filled.

Miss Marian Rogerson of Aulander has been elected to teach one of the sixth grade sections. She was recently graduated at East Carolina Teachers College.

Mrs. Beecher Patterson of Scotland Neck will teach public school music. She comes here from a 5-year stay in the Snow Hill schools.

Miss Peggy Hopkins, a 1947 graduate of East Carolina Teachers College, will head the commercial department. She is from Oak City.

Miss Ida Roberts who has been with the Farm Security Administration as home economist for seven years, will head the home economics department. Miss Roberts, a native of Shawboro, has had one year of experience in the teaching profession, and is returning to the school room since the Republicans are curtailing the agency's work and eliminating throughout the country positions similar to the one held by Miss Roberts.

ROUND-UP

Persons interested in more information regarding the following local job openings should contact the State Employment Office on the third floor of the City Hall in Williamston: Salesman, stenographer, clerk, engineer, cook, sawyer, lathe operator, truck driver (logging), fireman (stationary boiler), laborers (construction, logging, highway, railroad, and sawmill). The latest list of Civil Service and State-wide openings also may be inspected by individuals interested in employment outside the immediate area.

Gets 5-7 Years In Manslaughter Case

BOOSTERS

Meeting at the courthouse last Thursday evening, approximately forty civic leaders and other interested citizens laid the ground work for boosting Williamston's tobacco market this coming season. Tentative plans were made for an extensive advertising campaign, including the mediums of signs, newspapers and radio.

The big gun in the boosters' program is to be fired on Thursday, June 26, at a big mass meeting in the courthouse.

Lions Club Hears Visiting Minister

At their regular dinner meeting, held last Thursday evening, members and guests of the local Lions Club heard Lion Rev. Paul B. Nickens of Plymouth deliver a most inspiring talk, using as the topic, "Gung Ho", which the speaker interpreted as meaning "forward together." The Rev. Nickens pointed out that in any group, progress could be made much better if all the members worked together, whether it be in civic or church work.

In addition to having the speaker as a guest, the club was host to twelve members of the School Boy Safety Patrol, along with Director Jack Butler. The Lions Club is sponsoring the safety patrol in the local schools. Mr. Norfleet Whitfield was also a guest.

A report on the recent State Lions Convention, held in Asheville a few days ago, was made by club delegate Wheeler Manning. It was voted that this cup be placed in the home of the man that had served as president of the club during the year for which the cup was awarded, this being immediate past president John Henry Edwards.

Another cup, presented to Lion Manning at the recent convention, for having been chosen as the best Zone Chairman in Region 3, was shown by the recipient.

Members of the club voted in favor of raffling off another car, to be given away this fall, with any and all proceeds going to the Boy Scout fund. In addition to the first place drawing of a car, there will be a second place drawing of either a refrigerator or an electric stove and a third place drawing for a table model radio.

Thursday evening's meeting was presided over by President H. P. Mobley, and Lion Asa J. Manning led the singing. Lion E. L. Ward, Jr., pronounced the invocation. A delightful meal was prepared and served by the ladies of the Vernon Methodist Church.

Child Badly Hurt In Road Accident

Virginia Wiggins, 6 years old, was painfully but believed not seriously hurt last Thursday afternoon at 5:40 o'clock when she was struck by a truck driven by Roger A. Critcher, Jr., on the River Road between Palmyra and Hamilton. Knocked unconscious, the child was immediately brought to the local hospital where her condition was described as much improved this morning. Apparently no bones were broken but she complained with severe headaches.

Driving toward Hamilton, Mr. Critcher saw the child meeting the truck and walking almost in the middle of the road. Just before the truck, holding well to the right side of the road, reached the girl she darted to her left, the bumper knocking her down. The vehicle passed over her but the wheels did not touch her. Cpl. W. T. Simpson investigated the accident.

Youths Crowd The Docket In Early Session Of Court

Five Youthful Defendants Placed On Probation By Judge Frizzelle

Opening a one-week term of the Martin County Superior Court here yesterday morning for the trial of criminal and civil cases, Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill tempered justice with mercy when one youth after another was called before him on serious charges. In other cases he meted out justice, calling for terms in prison and on the roads, one defendant going to prison for manslaughter and another to the roads for violating the liquor laws. Probation Officer Gay received four or five cases the first day.

Seven or eight cases were left on the docket late yesterday for trial today, including the murder case against Sam Reddick. A true bill of murder was also returned by the grand jury against Laverne (Mutt) Roberson and that case is slated for trial today. Solicitor George Fountain said early today that the criminal docket would likely be completed late this afternoon and certainly by tomorrow noon.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case charging David O. Bowen and Ethel Dail with fornication and adultery. In directing the defendants to pay the costs of \$54.30, Judge Frizzelle told them that their marriage was the only thing that saved the man from getting the longest term the law allowed, and the judge remonstrated with him. The defendant told the court, "I did not marry this woman to cover up anything. I married her because I loved her."

Hearing the breaking and entering and larceny and receiving charges against Whit Moore Donald and John Earl Edmonds, Judge Frizzelle encountered his first decision on the fate of youthful law violators during the current term. He heard all the evidence after the lads had pleaded guilty and then delayed judgment until just before recessing late in the day. The boys, answering the judge's questions, said they had been drinking, Donald explaining that he started drinking when he was in the Navy. Edmonds said they were drinking, that they broke into the Lester Rogers home near Williamston, not knowing what they would steal. "We found some liquor and drank it," the boy said, adding that they were so drunk they did not recall where they hid one of three watches stolen. Edmonds was alone in court, reports stating that his father was busy with tobacco. "Tobacco is important, no doubt, but a son is more important," Judge Frizzelle commented, talking to the boys and stressing the seriousness of the crime they had committed. It was fairly apparent that the judge knew a prison term was in order when measured against the crime. He weighed their youthful appearance, evaluated their reputations and expressed his confidence in the lads when he suspended the three- and two-year sentences, the first for breaking and entering and the second for larceny. The sentences are to run concurrently. Placing the boys on probation for three years he explained to them that their conduct will help determine their

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IMMUNIZATION

The last special typhoid immunization clinics will be held in this county at Oak City on Friday afternoon of this week and on June 27 from 3:30 to 5:00 o'clock in Oak City. Mrs. Chas. Ross, nurse with the county health department, will be at her home in Oak City to handle the special work, it was announced.

Says There Is No End To Problems Facing Tobacco

Suggests Federal Commission For Handling The Growing Problems

By Rep. Harold Coohey

There seems to be no end to the problems of the tobacco industry. Problems affecting tobacco farmers, tobacco warehousemen, the buying companies and communities in which tobacco is grown and sold are constantly arising. Markets must be opened and closed and regulated. New markets must be opened and old markets must be expanded. Markets must open and close in the different belts at different times. Established markets must have an opportunity to expand and there is a constant demand for additional sets of buyers. Many communities in which markets once operated are anxious for such markets to be re-established. Frequently there is great contention between warehousemen regarding the proper division of selling time. As a result of these controversies, there is great likelihood of a warehouse building boom which may well result in an over-expansion of auction warehouse marketing facilities and a necessary waste of both money and material.

At present there is no committee, commission, bureau or agency, either public or private, which has authority to deal with and to determine the many problems which arise in the tobacco industry. There is no forum available to interested parties in which petitions may be filed, hearings conducted and decisions made. No officer or agent of either state or federal government is authorized or empowered to even make recommendations, to say nothing of rendering decisions, which might affect the tobacco industry. Communities or persons desiring relief have no one to whom they can turn for advice or assistance. It is unfortunate that one of the great industries of America, and especially one upon which so many people depend for a livelihood, should find itself in this unfortunate situation. We have stumbled along from year to year but always in great confusion, and the time has come when it appears that unless the industry or the states affected can devise some workable method which will bring order out of chaos it might be well for us to consider the advisability of creating a federal tobacco commission to be fully authorized to deal with these important problems as they arise. On such a commission the public and all interested segments of the industry could be represented and all problems could be fully discussed and decided.

As evidence of the fact that farmers, warehousemen, buyers, bankers, merchants and professional men are all affected by the tobacco problem, it is suggested that a federal commission be created to deal with these important problems as they arise. On such a commission the public and all interested segments of the industry could be represented and all problems could be fully discussed and decided.

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Liquor Law Violator Gets Two Years On The Roads

After drawing heavily on his financial resources, the law finally overtook Milton James here yesterday when he was ordered to serve two years in a road prison camp for allegedly violating the liquor laws. A helpless invalid, James did not appear in court in person, but was represented by counsel at the bar of justice.

With a liquor law violation record, literally a yard long and equally a yard wide, James was on the spot before his case was opened in the court Monday. He had been fined several hundred dollars in the county court some years ago for allegedly violating the liquor laws. Two years ago, this month, he was up before Judge Q. K. Nimocks in the Martin County Superior Court. He was sentenced to the roads for two years, but on account of the man's helpless physical condition, Judge Nimocks suspended the sentence upon the payment of a \$250 fine, and on the further condition that he violate no liquor law during the next five years beginning as of June 18, 1945. A few weeks ago, James was caught with a gallon of illicit liquor on

W. T. Simpson Elected Chief Of Local Police Department

Club Members Enter Contest

A total of 18 boys and 14 girls, members of 4-H Clubs in Martin County, are participating in the Better Methods Electric Contest being sponsored in 16 North Carolina counties served by the Virginia Electric & Power Company and conducted by the North Carolina Extension Service, according to a joint announcement by Garrette Crocker and J. W. Sumner, County Extension Agents.

Each of the 32 boys and girls of Martin County entering the contest is making a detailed study of a farm chore and is preparing a report and recommendations on how this chore can be simplified, especially by the use of electricity. The contest, a part of the nation-wide 4-H Club Better Methods Contest sponsored nationally by the Westinghouse Educational Foundation, is designed to stimulate the use of more modern farm methods for better production at less cost in time and effort.

4-H Club members of Martin County who are participating are: Celia Stokes, Madolen Hudgins, Jeanette Vallard, Jean Cargile, Dessie M. Leggett, Sallie M. Biggs, Myrtle Scott, Anna Lane Barnhill, Dorothy Clark, Pat Mollory, Margaret Whitehurst, Edith Rogerson, Janice Cox, Virginia Woollett, Bee Hanning, Raymond Bennett, Stanley Peel, Curtis Knox, Joseph Edwards, Charles Edwards, Pet Brown, Jr., Larry Edmondson, Dallas Vernon Purvis, Franklin Roberson, William Durand Manseau, John David Etheridge, Jr., Edward Earl Smith, Dency Briley, Albert Thompson, and Jack Woolard.

Two winners, a boy and a girl, will be chosen from each of the 16 counties to attend a 4-H Club Electric Congress scheduled to be

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Potatoes Going To Dump Heaps

Although the current Irish potato crop is 40 percent less than it was last year, carloads of the best spuds are being dug and dumped on trash heaps. Production in the nation is about sixteen million bushels below the 1946 harvest.

Possibly the reduced production will still be enough to go around, but it is considered likely that there'll be a shortage after marketing glut is cleared.

While no market is available to the grower, potatoes last week were selling retail at almost five cents a pound.

GOOD SEASON

Experiencing an unusually dry period during the first half of June, this section had a very good season last weekend when 2.20 inches of rain fell, offering general relief and greatly enhancing the crop outlook.

Tobacco farmers are still resetting tobacco, the work possibly setting a record for lateness. Crop conditions have been improved 100 percent, and the whole section is more optimistic even though the tobacco crop rates hardly 75 percent of a stand.

New Oil Company To Locate Here

The Howell-Holding Oil Company, newly formed by Messrs. Bill Howell and Edwin (Toodley) Holding, will open for business here within a short time, it was announced by the partners last week-end.

A site for the company's bulk plant has been purchased from the Standard Fertilizer Company and bulk tanks will be erected between the old prisoner of war camp and the Williamston Packing Manufacturing Company plant near the river shortly.

Handling "Amoco" products, the new company has been named distributor for all of Martin, parts of Bertie, Washington and Tyrrell Counties.

"We are working to get ready in time to serve tobacco farmers this summer from our local plant," one of the partners said this week, adding that a formal opening date would be announced soon.

Both of the young men are well known in this section and have had experience in the business.

Farmers Excused From Jury Duty

Explaining that the labor shortage was still acute with them, Farmers Henry A. Johnson, E. C. Stevenson and J. L. Coffield were excused from jury duty by Judge J. Paul Frizzelle in superior court Monday.

"Your honor," farmer Johnson said in voicing his plea to be excused, "the entire load is on me. Two or three of my tenants are attending the June German in Rocky Mount," he explained. Asked by the jurist if the German lasted all week, the hard-working farmer answered, "No, sir, but it will be a week by the time I get 'em out of jail and they get over the experience."

Completes School And Goes To Work

Graduating from the Eccles School of Mortuary Science in Philadelphia last Friday, Billy Biggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Rome Biggs, returned home immediately and went right to work. He is associated with his father in the operation of Biggs Funeral Home.

Entering the school following his discharge from the nation's armed forces, Mr. Biggs was graduated cum laude.

JOB OPENINGS

Eight persons were rounded up and pailed by local and county officers last week-end, most of them falling into the hands of the law on Saturday. Four of the eight, including three white men, were detained for public drunkenness. One each was booked for larceny and receiving, assault, operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and breaking and entering. The ages of the group ranged from 19 to 51 years.

Baseball Officials Handle Plans For District Tourney

Opens In Washington Saturday And Come Here For Games Sunday

Plans were virtually completed at a meeting of baseball officials in the office of the Lindsley Ice Company here last evening for opening the Northeastern Carolina District Semi-pro baseball tournament in Washington at 8:00 o'clock on Saturday night of this week. It was first planned to play the Saturday and Sunday games here, but it was decided last night to play only the Sunday games here and schedule all the others in Washington.

Fifteen teams have entered the tournament so far and others are expected to compete in the first round of the national contest. Everetts drew a bye in the pairings determined last night. The first round line-up follows:

Washington: Saturday, Oak City vs. Beckwith at 8:00 p. m.

Williamston: Sunday, Hamilton vs. White Post at 1:30 p. m. and Farm Life vs. Bear Grass at 4:00 p. m.

Washington: Monday, Hassell vs. Bath at 6:00 p. m. and Cross Roads vs. Belhaven at 8:30 p. m.

Washington: Tuesday, Williamston vs. Chocowinity at 6:00 p. m. and Stokes vs. Robersonville at 8:30 p. m.

District Commissioner Lynwood Taylor announced that he expects one more entry to fill out the desired sixteen teams. In this event Everetts will play the new entry in Washington Saturday night at 8:30 and the Oak City vs. Beckwith game will be moved ahead to begin at 6:00 p. m.

The Farm Life-Bear Grass game promises to be the feature game of the first round for people of this immediate section. Tournament officials decided it would be wiser to bracket teams of the Martin County League against outsiders, therefore, Farm

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Former County Resident Dies

Mrs. Lizzie Congleton Roberson, 76, a former resident of this county for about thirty years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hattie Hardy, in the Oak Grove Community of Pitt County last Friday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock following a long period of declining health.

A native of Pitt County, she was married when a young woman to James Ed Roberson and located in Everetts where he was employed by the Coast Line Railroad until his retirement in 1923. Following his retirement they moved to her native county, where Mr. Roberson, a native of this county, died in 1924.

Besides her daughter with whom she made her home, Mrs. Roberson is survived by a brother, W. H. Congleton, and three grandchildren.

She was a member of the Baptist Church at Everetts for a long number of years and the pastor, Rev. E. R. Stewart, assisted by Elder A. B. Ayers, conducted the last rites at the home Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Burial was in the family cemetery near her home in the Oak Grove section.

NO ADDRESS

Opening the regular term of the Martin County Superior Court Monday morning, Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill did not address the grand jury. Jury addresses have been eliminated to a great extent since the body was given a more or less permanent standing, but it was the first time that the jurymen were called and directed to report to their room without entering the petit jury box for instructions.

Nine members are finishing a full year on the jury soon. Foreman Henry Johnson called for a recess Monday afternoon after completing work placed before his group.