

CRESWELL CHIEF POLICE WAYLAI, SERIOUSLY HURT

Seaton Davenport Still in Hospital After Assault Last Week

What will be done about the assault of an officer by ambushers who left their victim lying in a road unconscious exposed to the mercy of the elements and speeding motorists?

That is what the people in Washington County are asking today. Eight days ago the battered and bruised body of Seaton Davenport, 25, chief of police of Creswell, was taken from Highway No. 64, 100 yards from the home of Rev. Roy Respass.

Raymond Bateman, white man, was driving a car by the spot and found the unconscious man lying with his bruised and bloody head on the center stripe of the pavement, and he called at the home of Rev. Mr. Respass in whose arms the officer regained consciousness.

Dr. W. H. Harrell rendered medical aid. Then he was taken to Chaplin's hospital in Columbia and then rushed to Parkview hospital in Rocky Mount where he lies with both legs broken, one in two places, abrasions of the forehead, a black right eye and bruises.

Dr. Battle told him there were no internal injuries and that his broken legs were his principal injuries. How long he will remain in the institution is problematical. But it is known that it will take weeks before he can walk on his feet again without supports.

Chief Davenport was last seen on Friday morning about 1 o'clock, leaving a dance on his way home, a short distance down a side road from Davenport's filling station. He was brought out of the stupor from the blow at about 5 o'clock, having lain on the road for more than three hours.

From his hospital bed he told of leaving the dance alone and started on his way home. While in the darkness an automobile's headlight shown in front of him. After the vehicle passed, he walked on his way when suddenly he felt a blow over his right eye with a blunt object and then was hit on his forehead, the blow ripping the skin.

The force of the blows blotted out his memory of any further details of the happening. He does not know whether he was taken in an automobile and further attacked and his legs broken when he was pushed out or whether he lay there with autoists running over him in maybe more than one car.

He remembers that on his person was a pistol loaded with six bullets. He never shot it. When he was revived and his mind returned, he found that the bullets had been taken from the gun and that six other bullets that he had in his pockets were missing, leaving him with an empty gun.

The pistol was handled carefully that a study of the fingerprints might be made. He had been working for the Town of Creswell for 32 days. In his pockets were \$12, and the money was missing. However, he stated from his hospital bed that he believed robbery was not the motive of the assault.

His friends have contributed money to secure an outside detective to help run down the assailants. Sheriff J. K. Reid and other officers are working on the case, and it may be that the reliable sheriff will find the culprits without aid.

There are persons under surveillance. There have been two threats reaching the policeman orally that he was on the spot. The surprise was in that it was so early and caught the cop unawares. Connections of two of the persons he has arrested have been reported to have made threatening remarks about the young officer who averaged one arrest each day he was employed.

Young Davenport took the job with the impression that the law was to be enforced. This annoyed the offenders in that section. He has been hauling them in and Mayor J. A. Combs has been meting out justice in a good manner in an effort to clean up the Scuppernon section of its law violators.

The cop learned from his father that law breakers should be brought to account for their actions. His father is a Free Will Baptist minister and a justice of the peace. And he made an effort to clean up the town with the backing of the officials who hired him.

Some are afraid that on account of the political differences that the proper efforts will not be made to bring Davenport's assailants to justice, but fears on this line were allayed by persons here who know

Democrats and Republicans to Finish Campaign This Week

Finals plans for the battle of ballots, which reaches its climax here Tuesday, is underway today.

Congressman Lindsay Warren, speaking at Cherry Friday night and at Plymouth Monday night, closes the campaign for the Democrats while John Wilkinson, of Washington, N. C., speaks at Roper school Thursday night and concludes the campaign at Cherry school Monday night.

Mr. Wilkinson is the opponent of Mr. Warren for the United States Congress. On Monday night at Cherry he will reply to the speech made by Mr. Warren at Cherry Friday night. "Word for word" is the way the circulars read. Ladies are especially invited to attend these meetings.

Observers predict that the total

number of votes cast in this election will be about the same as in 1932, when the Democrats counted 1,562, while the Republicans marshalled 755, making a total of 2,317. This, of course, was a presidential year.

In 1934 the total votes cast by both parties dropped from 2,317 in 1932 to 1,770, with 1,146 for the Democrats and 624 for the Republicans. If the vote this election reaches 2,000 the Democrats are of the opinion that it will be good voting.

Despite division and controversy among forces of the majority of Democrats, none here fear that this will result in any appreciable decrease of votes for the party as a whole against the Republicans. However, the Republicans as well as the Democrats have waged a vigorous campaign.

WPA Recreational Project for School Here Is Approved

Cecil Beasley Will Direct Program of Physical Education

A recreational project has been approved for the Plymouth school which includes the services of Cecil Beasley, who will have periods every school day afternoon in body building and healthful exercises.

This program is under the direction of the WPA, which is bearing the expense of part of the program, but citizens of Plymouth and this section will be asked to help in securing the much-needed equipment for the gym.

It will take a little over \$50 to purchase the punching bags, gloves, stands, swivels, skipping ropes, head guards, tape for bandages, athletic supporters, chest expanders, and grip developers. Later will be added horizontal bars, mats, and rowing machines.

Mr. Beasley will start the program with calisthenics devoted to body building and will gradually work in to boxing and other activities. He plans boxing tournaments with the teams in surrounding towns. Off- periods for the students will be used for this purpose.

Roper Teachers and Parents Hold Meet

Roper.—The Roper Parent-Teacher Association met Tuesday night at the school, with Mrs. Jim Leary, vice president, in charge in the absence of Mrs. W. E. Blount. In the short business session Mrs. D. E. Poole, chairman of the program committee, announced that this year's program would be studying character building.

The dramatics department, under Miss Cordelia Lanier, English and French teacher, were in charge of the program. Papers were read on homes and parents, and two one-act plays were given on the same subject. The plays were written by the dramatics department.

About 50 were present. Next meeting will be held November 17 at the school.

Southern Root Rot Causes Damage To Peanut Crop

Southern root rot is affecting the peanut crop of Northampton County with one farmer reporting that he will lose 20 percent of his crop.

that officers will do their best in handling the case. It was reported at the time that the cop was drinking on the night in question, but friends who saw him at the dance hall aver that this is untrue, and that he was not lying in a drunken stupor on the highway so that autos ran over him, but that he was struck by assailants and left to die in the roadway.

It may be that efforts will be made to secure information on the assailants and to establish their identity and procure the needed evidence the nite grand jury will have the opportunity to investigate further the case and then recommend whatever action it thinks best.

While all of this is being done, a young man, crippled probably for the remainder of his life, is lying in a hospital ward, smoking cigarettes, greeting friends pleasantly, and wondering who will be able to walk again. In the mean time the little town of Creswell will need a new cop to assist Deputy Sheriff Peal in preserving peace and order.

Farm Notes

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

The Elizabeth City cotton mills wrote me a letter about a month ago stating that they would pay 1.2 cent above the average spot cotton market for cotton of 1 inch staple. Now there are a number of varieties of cotton which grade this well or better, among them, and the one which seems best suited to the soil and weather conditions in our county, is the Farm Relief strain. During the past three years we have imported about 700 bushels of certified and pedigreed seed of this strain for seed purposes. A study of cotton graded by the Cotton Grower's Association shows that about one-third of our cotton still grades 7-8, while another third goes on up to an inch, and practically the other third will go 1-1.6. This is about 50 per cent improvement on the quality of our cotton produced in the past three years. There are a number of counties in the cotton-producing territory which have agreed among themselves in the planting of only one variety of cotton. In each case this has been very easily brought about with the cooperation of ginners and seed dispensers. This could easily be done in our county and would be a very profitable undertaking.

Sheep are very little trouble and should be raised on more farms throughout the county. The production of pure-bred sheep is a very profitable industry and is an opportunity for one or two good farmers in our county. It is impossible at this time to buy a pure-bred ram lamb, so far as I know, east of Raleigh. There is a flock of pure-bred Hampshire ewes in Virginia which can be bought reasonably. I have orders at the present time for eight of these lambs. Anyone interested is advised to get in touch with the county agent at once.

We have a new bulletin on sweet-potato growing, curing, and storage free for the asking. Sweet potatoes fit better in a tobacco rotation than anything we know of unless it be rye.

Mr. L. I. Case, Extension animal husbandman from State College, wrote me a few days ago that high-grade heifers were available to farmers who wished to establish a breeding of beef cattle at very attractive prices. There are some wonderful opportunities for the production of beef cattle on waste land, cut-over land, and in some of our burned-over areas throughout the county. Information and particulars will be furnished anyone interested by calling at the county office or through correspondence.

Sunday Services at Christian Church

All members of the local Christian church are expected to be present Sunday, November 1st, to answer present when the church roll is called. This day will be known as "Home Coming," which is an annual occasion designed to bring all members together to enjoy a family fellowship and to make for a stronger work in the kingdom of God.

There will be a basket dinner on the grounds and a program that will extend into the early afternoon. The guest speaker will be the Rev. J. M. Perry, pastor of the Williamston and Robersonville Christian churches.

This day will mark the beginning of the pastor's third year with the local church, and he with the cooperation of all the members, expects the greatest work in the future.

Jamesville Is Leader Among Five Classes In Agriculture Work

Has Total of 1,304 Points; Creswell Is Second With 1,168 Points

Jamesville, with 1,304 points, leads the five departments of vocational agriculture in schools in Washington, Martin, and Tyrrell Counties, which are grouped in the Tri-County Future Farmers of America Association for an average monthly scoring for the first five months of the year.

There are 252 students in the five schools which are located in Jamesville, Roper, Creswell, Columbia and Plymouth. The other four schools, according to their rating in the scoring, are Creswell, 1,168; Roper, 1,102; Columbia, 949; and Plymouth 708.

Full rating is not given the first year, as part of the program is incomplete. This applies to Plymouth, which has not had the course long enough to fully comply with the equipment and to secure the necessities for the library, as is the case of the farm shop, which is not ready.

A. H. Guy, Columbia, leads the teachers in the total hours worked during the average month, with 249, and in miles traveled with 539; with the others trailing as follows: C. H. Floyd, Roper, 247, with 462 miles; J. O. Cooper, Plymouth, 228 hours worked, 456 miles; A. H. Tucker, Creswell, 224 hours and 499 miles; J. C. Eubanks, Jamesville, 188 hours and 421 miles.

The report gives number of hours conference, professional work, field work, spent in preparation, teaching, total hours worked, and total miles traveled as relates to the teachers.

In regard to the schools the reports indicated the points scored by the classes in supervised practice, farm shop work, preparation for lesson, publicity, professional improvement, Young Tar Heel Farmers' activities, physical equipment, knowledge of community needs and the total scores.

Free Movie at Local Church Next Week

"The Trail of the Circuit Rider," a sound motion picture, will be presented at the Plymouth Methodist church Wednesday, November 4, at 7:30 p. m., according to Rev. C. T. Thrift, pastor. This picture was produced by Pathe News for the trustees of the Duke Endowment.

This picture portrays the influence of the early church on the solution of pressing problems of today and shows the origin and the work of the Duke Endowment for orphanages, hospitals, rural churches, and universities. Every scene is from real life in the Carolinas.

Appropriate music will accompany the picture opening with "The Bells of St. Mary's" and closing with "I Love To Tell the Story," played on the Duke University Carillon by Anton Brees, of the Bok Tower. No admission charge.

Services at Saints Delight Changed

Preaching services at Saints Delight church will be changed from third Sundays to first Sundays, beginning first Sunday in November, which is the first day, it was announced by Rev. M. L. Ambrose, the pastor, this week.

Bible school every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend all of our services.

Preaching services at Zions Chapel will be changed from first Sunday back to second Sundays, beginning second Sunday in November.

Bible school every Sunday at 10 a. m. Everybody is invited to attend all of the services.

New Chevrolet To Go On Display 7th

The finest Chevrolets in the company's quarter century of automobile manufacture will make their bow here and throughout the country on November 7, Mr. Dan Satterthwaite and V. E. Everette, of the Satterthwaite Chevrolet Company, Chevrolet dealers, announced this week, upon their return from Charlotte, where 1,500 dealers, sales managers, and salemen from North Carolina obtained official news of the new product from Mr. T. D. Hunter, manager of the Charlotte zone, and members of his staff.

ABOUT TOWN

Young men who wish to enlist in the army can now fulfill their desire as there are jobs open for 1,800 young men in this area as the enlistments go forward under the War Department orders to bring the Army up to full authorized strength of 165,000 men. Recruits can enter either the infantry, tanks, or coast guard artillery. White to headquarters Fourth Corps Area, Atlanta, Ga.

Bob Wells, Eastern district organizer, and Merrill Evans, district chairman, of the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina, of Ahoskie, were here Tuesday in the interest of fully organizing the young voters for the election next Tuesday.

Adults are easier to fool in some things than are children. Mrs. W. B. Chesson tells of the little colored boy down in Pleasant Grove section who was against Landon. "When Hoover was President I made 25 cents a day. Now I get \$1," he answered when asked whom he favored in the campaign.

Election shorts: Challenge day Saturday for those who oppose the registration of some person. 4,000 official ballots printed, 500 absentee and 500 sample ballots are ready. J. Dewitte Davenport, Republican candidate for commissioner asked that his name be erased from the ballots. Almost 2,000 voted in the Democratic primary. Will the amount be doubled in the general election? Same precinct officials will be at the polls next Tuesday. About 200 registered before the recent primary, and 40 before general election with Registrar J. T. McNair in Plymouth.

Washington County has three students attending the East Carolina Teachers' College at Greenville, which, with an enrollment of 1,708 students, has reached a new all-time attendance record. The institution has now 113 men in its student body. Students are from 75 counties and eleven other states.

W. E. Blount is soliciting subscriptions for the Roanoke Beacon. So is Mrs. A. B. Davenport. When either of these come around, be sure to renew your subscription. It is the desire of the management to give you a good paper and to give the advertisers a good medium through which to meet you.

Observance of "Childhood and Youth Week" will feature the program at the Methodist church Sunday. The pastor, Rev. C. T. Thrift, will preach an appropriate sermon. Fathers and mothers are asked to attend the morning service with their children.

Mrs. C. W. Tyree (Miss Athalia Gardner) was at home Wednesday from Raleigh, where she has been staying for some time. She is now supervisor of the department of check certification with five employees in her force. She is not working as hard now as formerly, when she was operating a tabulating machine. Her first WPA job started here.

Mrs. T. L. Bray will entertain the United Daughters of the Confederacy Friday evening with Mrs. J. K. Reid as joint hostess. Mrs. Abe Adler, president, urges all the members to attend.

Merrill Evans, of Ahoskie, acting chairman of the first district; Robert C. Wells, Kenansville, organizer for the eastern district; Robert L. West, Warsaw, leading work, in the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina were here Tuesday visiting leaders and were related to find that the Washington County Young Democratic club had affiliated with the state organization and was moving along well.

Next meeting of the 15th district of the Federation of Woman's Clubs will be held in Plymouth, and Mrs. B. G. Campbell was named district chairman of the committee on junior woman's clubs, according to information brought back from Farmville by the following from the local clubs: Mrs. T. L. Bray, president, senior woman's club; Mrs. J. K. Reid, president Thursday Afternoon Literary Club; Miss Mary Frances Misenheimer, president juniors; Messames B. G. Campbell, H. A. Blount, H. S. Midgett, W. C. Jones, Mrs. Abe Adler, president of U. D. C.; R. H. Lucas, H. A. Liverman, Sam Lucas, W. L. Whitley, Hubert Allen, Dick Alexander, E. G. Harrison, Sadie Henderson, T. F. Connors, Byron Hawkins, T. P. Sanderson, and Miss Emily Gray Ambrose.

Among those visiting Seaton Dav-

enport, chief of police of Creswell, who is in the Park View Hospital in Rocky Mount convalescing from injuries received when he was assaulted last Thursday night, on Sunday were: T. F. Davenport, P. J. Davenport, L. W. Davenport, D. H. Furlough, Creswell; Floyd Spencer, Columbia; Walter H. Paramore, Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Tankerton, Rocky Mount.

Don G. Davis, local jeweler, is back at work today after suffering serious injuries in an automobile wreck last week. His store is open and will be continued open even if he suffers a setback from his injuries, as Mrs. Bosie Horton is in charge when he is out. Mr. Davis' store is well stocked for the holiday season, as his ad reads on another page.

Upwards of 250 boys from Martin, Washington and Tyrrell County schools will meet in the Plymouth auditorium Friday morning at 10 o'clock for the annual meeting of this group of Young Tar Heel Farmers of North Carolina.

The group will organize as they did last year. A boy from Roper and Plymouth are being urged for the presidency of the organization. Last year the local school boasted the reporter as the only officer from this chapter.

A new song with the words by Rev. C. T. Thrift will be heard in the Methodist Church Sunday morning. The name of it is "The Greatness of Christ" with the tune the same as "The Faith of Our Fathers." Last Sunday it was rendered by the choir and leaflets of the song will be distributed among the church members this Sunday for them to sing.

Home and Club News

By Mary Frances Misenheimer

Schedule for Next Week Monday, Busy Bee Club. Tuesday, Hoke Club.

Wed., a. m., Roper 4-H club. Wed. p. m., Roper club. Thursday, Chapel Hill. Friday, Beech Grove. Saturday, curb market, 8:30. Mrs. Joe Browning is still leading curb market sales. Miss Lula Watson is second highest seller.

Pleasant Grove Club has taken on new life. One of the best meetings held this year was at Mrs. Clara Snell's last Tuesday. The club members are planning to make goals for the coming year and work to accomplish them.

Swain Club's canning report is unusually good. Several of the clubs are going to have a close race in determining which canning leader wins the free trip to Raleigh to the short course.

The secretary of the Creswell club sent in, last year, the most complete form of records. An outline of the work done during the year was given. At the last meeting each member present was giving in her report so as to make the report the best again this year.

The only way to have a good club report is for each member to do her part. Albu club had nearly 100 per cent present at the club meeting Friday. Mrs. Garney Bateman was hostess to the club. The members are still interested in their club and are working to make it larger, even though it is one of the outstanding clubs in the county.

County Bridge Club is small, but one does not find more loyal members than in that club. They will not miss a meeting regardless of what happens. They are to be praised for their loyalty.

Must Get Licenses To Hunt and Fish

J. L. Swain, game protector, is cracking down on violators of the hunting and fishing laws. He asks that those without license and who go in for either of the sports, to get them at once. Members of the cast of Robinson's Silver Minstrels here last week were escorted from catfishing to secure license. None is exempted, and Mr. Swain is especially emphasizing this part of the law.

SEEK FRANCHISE FOR TRUCK LINE IN THIS SECTION

Hearing To Be Held on Application in Norfolk Friday

Residents of Roper, Creswell, Plymouth, Mackeys, Columbia and other towns in this section will attend a hearing that is to be held in the Monticello Hotel in Norfolk on Friday on a petition by the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation, to operate a motor freight line through this section, that is now before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The line will run from Norfolk to New Bern through Sligo, Elizabeth City, Edenton, Plymouth and Washington. Of course, this line will come over the new bridge that is proposed to be built by the State Highway and Public Works Commission. This freight system will increase the facilities for transportation.

These citizens will testify before a commission composed of J. Wallace Winborne, chairman of the North Carolina Utilities commission and a similar officer from Virginia and a third member of the group asking that this service be allowed the people of this section. A spur from the mai route may go into Columbia and another into Belhaven.

This Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation is a division of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company and now operates passenger buses through this vicinity from Norfolk to Raleigh, New Bern, Columbia, and Williamston. It is not known now whether any other firm will bid for the franchise to operate this service in this section or not.

The Norfolk Southern firm is anxious to get this service lined up so that the minute the bridge is ready for traffic that they can start their vehicles operating. The Habit line, of Edenton, now operate a similar line between Norfolk and New Bern by Williamston.

Local Bar Favors Adding 2 Justices

The local bar association this week issued the following statement: "One of the constitutional amendments to be submitted to the electorate on November 3, which is the general election day, is the proposal to increase the supreme court judges from five to seven. The principal reason for this is to increase the efficiency of the supreme court. This court has consisted of five judges since 1889, when the litigation in the supreme court was very little, compared with the great volume that is now disposed of by the five judges. Since the number was last increased the population of the state has doubled, and the work of the present court is so very heavy that the justices are unable to dispatch the business of the court promptly and to have the necessary time to study the various appeals.

"The supreme court is a tribunal that passes upon the rights of litigants from every walk and class of life in the state, and these litigants are represented in the supreme court by lawyers. The lawyers are, therefore, in better position to realize the importance of increasing the number of supreme court judges than the average civilian, in fact it may not be of any particular benefit to the practicing lawyer, but the parties to these suits on appeal are the persons affected. Some of the leading citizens of the state that approve this amendment are Federal Judges I. M. Meekins and J. J. Parker, all the superior court judges of this state, Governor Ehringhaus and Gilliam Grissom. The local bar therefore requests the voters of Washington County to cast their ballot in favor of this amendment on November 3. This is not a partisan amendment, but it is for the benefit of all the people of our great state.

Fourth Quarterly Conference Held

Pleasant Grove.—The last quarterly conference of the Roper charge was held at Pleasant Grove church Sunday, with Rev. B. B. Slaughter, presiding elder, speaking on "Love From the Heart." The elder and F. D. Wilson complimented the ladies on their work in beautifying the church.

Next quarterly conference will be held in Roper. Rev. W. J. Watson, the pastor, and the presiding elder, were asked to serve again next year.