

Hail Storm Does Considerable Damage to Crops on Sunday

In Martin and Other Eastern Counties, Three Separate Storms Running in the Same Direction

Williamston, June 23.—The most destructive hail storms ever known in this section visited parts of Martin, Bertie, Gates, Chowan, and other counties in the north-eastern section of the state Sunday afternoon.

In Bertie county a cloud gathered and made up over the town of Windsor where hail and rain poured down in great torrents. The hail covered the ground until it was about four inches deep. Many of the stones were almost as large as goose eggs, Sheriff Cooper declared, and some were even as large as his fist. In its path the hail destroyed automobile tops, pierced house tops and even knocked out the glass in many homes.

The hail fell about 5:30 and on Monday morning wagon loads of the hail could be gathered up, many of the stones were then almost the size of hen eggs.

From the most reports available, the hail reached about two and one-half miles in all directions from the town of Windsor and passed down the Gaule river going southeasterly.

At the county farm, two miles south of Windsor, the first real signs of the storm were noticed. On this farm most of the corn was beaten to a stubble, sustaining not less than 99-1-2 per cent loss. The peanut crop was not damaged so badly, but far from the expected crop will be harvested. In cotton fields the only way to tell what had been planted was to walk in the field where a short stubble might be seen occasionally. In the main parts of the hail a thousand acres of cotton will not produce one lock of cotton.

Birds, small animals and fowls that were not well sheltered were all destroyed.

Fortunately there was not much wheat. Had there been the destruction to trees and homes would have been

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The storm from here winded its way, heading its straight southeasterly course to Hobboken in Pamlico county. In the path of this storm the damage cannot be estimated by any method, but it must reach much above the million mark. No crops of any kind left any fruit. Damage to fowls, buildings, thousands of windows, cream houses and other buildings was done.

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A third hail storm originated in Gates county and passed through Sunday and on into Perquimans county.

It appeared that such storms were independent of the other, each covering a space ranging from two to five miles wide and all moving in the same general direction from northwest to southeast.

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Solicitor General



Wm. D. Mitchell, prominent lawyer of St. Paul, Minn., is the new Solicitor General of the U. S., succeeding James M. Beck, resigned.

EASTERN CHAMBER'S WEEVIL DRIVE NOW ON

There Will Be Eighth Full Time Experts Put on the Job for Ten Weeks

If there are any sections of the territory covered by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, with headquarters in Kinston, that have not yet heard of this organization, this will not be the case very long. For June 15, eight full time full time experts were sent to the communities that put up the necessary support to the

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MINUTE MEN

Not with mere words—or through repetition can we ever add to the glory of the Minute Men who took their stand at the Concord - Lexington bridge that April morning, 150 years ago. Americans forever will thrill at that courage—and would gladly give all to have been there and to have been in the thick of the fray—in our first blow for Independence. Looking back is always easy. Once the objective is won and honor for the achievement bestowed, man has always thought he would not have hesitated in throwing his strength to the cause.

There is need for Minute-Men today — right here in Farmville. It is to join in and try to make Farmville and this section all that it should be as a big, thriving and prosperous community, an asset to North Carolina.

Decision on your part to add your mite to such worthy effort does not require one-tenth the courage and sacrifice that Minute-Men of 1775 recorded in history. True, theirs was an extreme call—and permitted the spectacular. It was the day of war. Ours are constructive days of peace. Be grateful for that. Help build and further develop the country those Minute-Men gave to us—by being a Minute Man today.

There is no better place to begin—than right here at home. Do all you can for Farmville.

LOST 2 CATS IN SWAMP

Woman Was Then Led Out By Trusty Little Dog Companion

Elizabeth City, June 21.—Led by a little dog out of Dismal Swamp in which she had wandered for two days and nights after being lost was the trying experience of Mrs. Bailey, of Gates county, according to information reaching here from C. F. White, of Beasley station. Mr. White said Mrs. Bailey was lost in the swamp on Friday afternoon and it was 4 o'clock on Sunday when she emerged from the swamp with the little dog barking encouragement as it showed her a path to safety.

Mrs. Bailey was looking after a cow and when it came in from the swamp its pigs were missing. She decided she would go in and bring the pig. She left accompanied by a little dog who pranced about with the usual doggie antics of joy at a trip with its mistress.

Absorbed in her search for the pig Mrs. Bailey did not watch the direction in which she was going. When she finally decided to give her search up she turned about to return and it was then that it dawned upon her that she was lost in Dismal Swamp.

Lost! There was nothing but a howling wilderness on all sides and the hours rolled slowly by as she tossed her clothes and searched her feet and legs against the limbs of the trees and lower undergrowth.

On Saturday night Mrs. Bailey slept by a tree and the little dog kept watch. Although a wild animal passed near by and did not add to Mrs. Bailey's joy, it did not harm her.

During Sunday afternoon Mrs. Bailey was becoming restless to get out of the swamp. She decided to go back to the dog and follow him back and forth from a path. She followed him and in a short while he was trying experiments with her.

Mrs. Bailey went to bed after her trip and was reported improved, although she was in an exhausted state when she staggered out of the forest.

COUPE WRECKED BY A BEE

Driver Tried to Expel Insect and Car Went Over an Embankment

Albemarle, June 24.—Early Tuesday morning as R. L. Sibley was going to the mill that is cutting lumber for his plant, a humble bee entered his coupe, and while trying to get this unwelcome visitor to leave, Mr. Sibley for the first time in 20 years took his eyes off the road, and his car tumbled down an embankment near Long Creek bridge, and did considerable damage to the running gear, says an article in the Albemarle News-Record.

Mr. Sibley was the only Stanley coupe citizen to own an automobile and some of the pessimists of that year had predicted that he would be killed in two months. While he has been in a number of wrecks, this is the first one wherein he was playing a leading role, and yet it cannot be said that he was playing the leading role here, for it is very evident that the bee was doing most of the playing. It is strange that this has never happened to any of the other Stanley coupes in the town.

It is reported that the News-Record reporter who was with Mr. Sibley at the time of the wreck, believes in superstitions. An extra gallon of gasoline, a half gallon can of motor oil, a quart of water, and a run were found in the compartment for tools, and when asked why all this extra equipment, Mr. Sibley replied, "I never know when my car will give out, or when I take a long traveler out of gas, or when I will have to be pulled in or can pull someone else in, and then my oil may give out, and the water, as I am always prepared for these emergencies."

Mr. Sibley was not injured in any way, neither was any of the passengers in the car, but his nerves were rather shaken. It may be that he has changed the way he goes to work on an extreme way, that he had the time of his life this morning.

If a bee gets in your coupe, you cannot get it out any other way, but the car will give out and you will be stuck. Mr. Sibley will be going.

WILSON COUNTY TO SELL \$25,000 ROAD BONDS

Wilson, June 23.—At a special session of the Wilson county commission held in the court house this morning, the board was authorized to sell \$25,000 of bonds for the purpose of financing the road improvement program.

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Pitt Countians Have a Narrow Escape From Being Killed

Achievement



Mrs. Bruce Buchta is an electrical wizard. Union college at Schenectady, N. Y., conferred an earned degree, the first to a woman in 129 years. She took a post-graduate course while working in the General Electric Co. Engineering Dept.

Automobile and Its Occupants Hurled into Lake Near Chicago

Greenville, June 24.—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Winslow and Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Outland, of Greenville, miraculously escaped death early Monday morning on the crowded Dunes highway leading into Chicago, when their automobile was struck by a reckless motorist and tossed headlong into the waters of Long lake, lying along the narrow, 20 foot roadway, says a special from Gary, Ind., to the Greenville Reflector.

The car sunk nearly out of sight in the marshy waters of the lake with members of the party forced to break out a rear window in the Winslow's closed car to get to safety on the roadway.

They were unable to open the doors because of the pressure of the water. When a wrecking car arrived from a Gary garage only the extreme top of the car at the rear was above the water and several hours were required before the machine could be pulled out of the lake. Water in the lake is approximately 20 feet deep and had the Winslow car gone a foot further into the lake the machine would have dropped into the deepest part with escape practically impossible, highway police said.

Mr. and Mrs. Winslow and Dr. and Mrs. Outland had attended the Rotary convention at Cleveland and were on their way home, intending to drive through Illinois and Kentucky and Tennessee on their way back to Greenville.

They were on their way west to Gary from Michigan City with Dr. Outland driving Mr. Winslow's new Hudson coach when the accident happened. The southside of Dunes highway was a steady stream of motorists that have given the highway its name as "The Cross Roads of America." There wasn't an opening for its driver, W. Bellisle, of Chicago, to get back into line when he saw the Winslow car.

Dr. Outland turned out as far as he could to avoid the car, but he was struck by the car and after hearing all the evidence to be produced, the jury finds that Willie Barrett was justified in shooting the deceased, and we exonerate him for the deed.

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NEGRO KILLS HIS FATHER

Jury Finds That Willie Barrett Killed Father in Self Defense and Exonerates Him for the Deed

Ivy Barrett, negro, residing near Farmville, was shot and killed Sunday night by his son, Willie Barrett, when in an intoxicated condition he went home and proceeded to "wage war" on his entire family. The coroner's jury returned the verdict that Willie Barrett was justified in shooting the deceased, and we exonerate him for the deed.

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LOCAL FIRM WINS PRIZE

The Farmville Furniture Co. has just been advised by the Heywood-Wakefield Co., of Baltimore, that they were among the prize winners in a nationwide window dressing contest displaying baby carriages and wicker furniture.

This progressive concern is proud of the fact that they won seventh place in a field of over five hundred. And they were more than proud of the fact that they were the only firm in North Carolina to appear among the prize winners.

For years the Farmville Furniture Co. has enjoyed the reputation of having one of the best furniture stores in Eastern North Carolina.

They carry the most up to date line of home furnishings that can be had and as this recent honor comes to them, we are sure that they can give the real city store service and keep pace with the last minute thoughts in home furnishings and decoration.

Give them your business.

5,000 DEATHS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES IN 53 CITIES, 1924

Washington, June 24.—The department of Commerce has announced that during 1924 there were, in 53 of the principal cities, 5,000 deaths by automobiles and other motor vehicles. Totals in the same cities during the previous years were: 1923, 4,908; 1922, 4,326; 1921, 3,986, and 1920, 3,602.

The corresponding death rates per 100,000 population were, respectively, 19.12; 16.9; 15.7 and 14.6.

In 1924 New York had the largest number of deaths, 1,001; but the corresponding death rate of 16.6 in New York was exceeded by the rates of 45 of the 60 cities showing rates for 1924. The highest 1924 rate was 34.5 for Paterson, N. J., and the lowest was 8.8 for Eastport, Me.

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FOUR LADIES' GOLD WATCH OWNER CAN GET SAME HERE BY CALLING AND DESCRIBING THE WATCH

Four ladies' gold watches were recently found in the possession of a woman in the city of Greenville. The owner can get the same here by calling and describing the watch.