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BIG AMOUNT IN CHECKS STOLEN AT SNOW HILL

Clayton Freeman Accused of Taking $1,687.45 From The Pockets of a Snow Hill Man.

Snow Hill, N. C., December 21st.—Thursday night of last week Clayton Freeman, colored, according to the charges filed against him here, entered the home of Harry Suggs here and took $1,687.45 in checks out of Mr. Suggs' pocket while Mr. Suggs slept only a few feet away. Freeman was suspected and taken into custody by Sheriff Rasberrywhen it was learned that he attempted to pass one of the checks at the Citizens Bank of Farmville. The cashier later identified Freeman as the one presenting the check for payment.

Freeman admits taking the checks, but denies entering the home. He claims that he found the checks in Suggs' automobile.

Other than the check presented at the Farmville bank the folowing checks were in the lot stolen: Payable to Suggs and Freeman or bearer, $200.60; Suggs and Frizzelle or bearer $115.15; Suggs and A. J., or bearer, $56.90; Suggs and Foss or bearer, $143.45; Suggs and Oscar, or bearer, $25.25; Suggs and Jones or beazer, $245.55; Rouse and Suggs or order, $693. All checks were made on the Center Brick Warehouse of Wilson. The check presented at the Farmville bank was for $204.55. Mr. Suggs has circuated as widely as possible the news of the theft of the checks forbidding anyone to cash them.

DIVORCES DECREASED IN IN WILSON COUNTY

Wilson, December 21.—According to record books in the office of the Clerk of Court, J. L. Bardin, show that during the year, December 1 to December 1, 24 divorces were granted in this county. These figures compare with [illegible] for 1925 and 71 for 1924.

LOW LEVELS FOR SEASON

With decidedly descending tendencies exhibited shortly after 9 o'clock Friday night when the mercury dropped to 24.2 degrees, as compared with a minimum for the official ray of 25 degrees set at 8 o'clock, the thermometer was expected to reach a new level for the season during this cold snap. The official forecast, issued by the U.S. Weather Bureau, was for fair weather, marked by dropping temperature, during the night, increasing cloudiness and slowly rising temperature predicted.

The negro janitor of a church in a town not far from here had a violent temper. He was converted, but sometimes his temper would get the best of his good resolutions. On one of these occasions when he was repenting of one of his lapses, he made this prayer after he had asked the Lord to forgive him: "O Lord prop me up on the leaning side."

Portion Two Blocks Burned At Mt. Airy

Mount Airy, Dec. 21.—Portions of two city blocks in Mount Airy's principal business district and portions of two other blocks presented an appearance of ruin and desolation today not unlike that which follows in the wake of an earthquake. They were swept Saturday night by one of the most destructive fires in the history of the city, caused by an explosion of dynamite in the rear of Brannock & Midkiff's hardware store.

About 11:30 Saturday night, just after the throngs of gay Christmas shoppers, who had crowded the stores and streets early in the night, were getting well settled in their homes, a terrific explosion shook the city. Flames followed the explosion immediately. In a short time the flames had spread over the entire block.

Four firms in this block were completely destroyed.

Judge Ward Is On Trail Of the Whisky Sellers

Three Convicted At Pitt Term of Court For Making, Selling or Transporting Liquor.

Greenville, December 18.—Judge D. L. Ward handed out many road sentences and fines in liquor cases tried at the special term of Criminal Court held here this week.

Abner Stepp, convicted on a charge of having whisky for sale, was sentenced to six months on the road. He was permitted to give bond for $1,000 until January 1st, at which time he must begin the serving of the sentence. Stepp pleaded guilty in two other cases, but judgment in these were suspended upon payment of the costs.

Tommie Boyd, colored, was found guilty of manufacturing liquor and was sentenced to serve four months on the road.

Lafayette Edwards was fined $100 and costs and given a suspended sentence of six months on the roads for possessing liquor. He must appear at once.

Wilson Leaf Sales Are Nearly 68,000,000 Lbs.

Wilson, December 21st.—Tobacco sales on the local weed market spurted again last week and the season's total sales made a thirst upward bounds the 68,000,000 mark for the year. The average price of $23.03 per lb. was and increase of $3.00 per hundred over any price paid the preceding week.

Dear teacher, wrote little Johnny's mother, kindly excuse John's absence from school yesterday afternoon as he fell in the mud. By doing the above you will greatly oblige his mother.

The Teapot Dome bob is the very latest haircut now, but very few people like it because it is the oily thing.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR READERS

Music Memory Contests Stimulate Youths' Interest

The underlying idea of a Music Memory Contest is to stimulate interest in good music, not merely for the time being, but for the future as well.

The boys and girls of today will be the men and women of tomorrow. Throughout the country hundreds of thousands of youngsters are learning the fundamentals of good music in this way.

They are being broadly educated to interpret the great composers, almost as they are instructed in history and in arithmetic. Good music is essential to the well-being of a nation.

It makes for happiness and contentment, just as does good music in the home.

It means something to the future of Farmville to-day so many boys and girls and women of its tomorrow obtain an [illegible] growing appreciation of the [illegible] of music.

Music Memory Contest books [illegible]. Next week we will print interesting articles on the compositions and composers we have studied since the contest began. These articles can be clipped and pasted in the scrapbooks.

A prize will be given for the best scrapbook at the close of the contest.

"Children should know music as an art, full of beauty and of dignity; full of pure thought and abounding joy."

—Thomas Tapper.

"The listener is as necessary as the composer or performer."

"A child thinks of what he hears."

"Music for every child. Every child for music."

Government Finally Pays For Shoals Site

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 21.—Although the United States Government has been trying to dispose of its Muscle Shoals power project for several years, it did not pay for the site of the Wilson Dam until this month.

In 1918 the Alabama Power Company agreed to donate the dam site and flowage lands to the Government to forward the production of nitrate for war uses, and drew up two deeds conveying the lands for the consideration of $1.

Payment of $1 was made April 6, 1926, but it was recently discovered that the consideration called for in the deed covering the dam site had never been paid. A check paying $1 to the Muscle Shoals Hydro-Electric Power Company for "land in Colbert county" was drawn on the treasury of the United States November 20, completing the transaction.

Urges Wise Use Of Evergreens For Christmas

State Forester Calls Attention To Law; Would Protect the Roadside Scenery.

Care in the observance of the State law and consideration of the preservation of natural growth in gathering Christmas greenery was urged today by J. S. Holmes, Chief of the Forestry Division of the Department of Conservation and Development.

In urging caution and judgment in the use of Christmas decorations from the State's forests, Mr. Holmes points out that the law provides a penalty of a fine of not more than $50 or imprisonment of not more than 30 days for persons damaging or injuring any trees or natural growth on the lands of another, without his permission, within 100 yards of any State highway.

From a viewpoint of public benefit, the forester appeals for conservation of the natural growth where the law does not prohibit its use. "Conserve [illegible] that the [illegible] your own or your neighbors' property, are [illegible] injured as little as possible.

"There is no need to destroy the holly tree to get one year's crop of leaves and berries. Do not take more than one-fourth of the twigs leaving the rest to enable the tree to recover the following season. In cutting the Christmas trees take one here and there, leaving plenty to fill up the open spaces.

"The use of natural greens for decorations is just as justifiable as the use of trees for lumber or woodpulp. It should be remembered, too, that trees and shrubs are private property and do not belong to the public. However, the public has an interest in the wild growth insofar as it affects the scenery. This is the thought behind the act of 1924 which prohibits the injury to trees, shrubs and other plants within 100 yards of the State highways, except one's own land, without permission from the owner. This act, while a step in the right direction, does not go far enough, for all a man's property should be protected from spoliation and the special interest of the public in the scenic value of wild growth should be still further protected."

FARMVILLE HAS BEST SEASON IN MARKET HISTORY

With the Season Not Yet Completed, Farmville Market Is 2,000,000 Lbs. Ahead of Last Season.

The Farmville tobacco market is way ahead of its last year's record, so far this season and it is expected that with the remainder of the season yet to go, that the year's sales will be boosted still higher.

The market closes last Friday, December 17, and will reopen Tuesday, January 11. Sales for the week ending December 18, 1926 were 826,330 pounds, for an average of $25.48. Sales for season so far were 14,251,566 pounds, with an average of $28.08, as against 12,129,508 pounds sold in 1925 with an average of $26.11. The gain over last season was 2,129,058 pounds, and a average gain of $1.97.

Nothwithstanding the fact that this season has been the shortest in several years this market has outdone itself in sales, and in prices. When sales are resumed after the holidays it is expected that the season's record will be extraordinarily large. The other markets in this section are all reporting extra large sales and good prices, and taken all in all the tobacco crop has been fairly profitable.

Frenchmen May Don Knee Breeches Again

Paris, December 18.—The French, who popularized long pants, during the revolution of 1793, now are discussing a proposal to put the male species back into knee breeches—not "plus-fours," but fancy silk breeches such as Beau Drummells of the eighteenth century wore.

Ever alert for feminine charms, the Gallic male has observed through recent years how inch by inch well [illegible] to ask why men should not be equally free to display whatever charms they may think they possess between ankle and knee.

Proponents of the shorter, snappy breeches argue that masculine wear has become too dull, standardized and colorless in recent years.

A word to the wise is sufficient.
A glance to the dunce is enough.
But what shall I say?
To the fool who will will say,
"Where do you get that stuff?"

Hard eggs are yellow at heart. When a job requires rea courage the braggart and the chance taker can't qualify.

SOMETHING YOU SHOULD REMEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY

Santa Claus Taking Last Minute Requests

It would be a good thing if we could stop taking Christmas for granted, for about five minutes, and think what a strange, wha[illegible] really is.

We [illegible] it a holiday, decorated as present giving, [illegible] family festivity, [illegible] and climaxed [illegible] part of the year.

Reminding St. Nick Not To Forget Them.