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It's Not The Size, But The Spirit That Counts



Last Friday the official weatherman at Charlotte made the unhappy mistake of issuing a flat statement that there was absolutely no chance of a snowflake hitting North Carolina during the Christmas Season. Friday night the weather contradicted the weatherman as a freakish combination of warm moist air and cold dry air collided over Eastern North Carolina. It snowed beau-

tifully several hours but quit at about sun-up Saturday, leaving behind in sheltered spots enough of the fleecy white stuff for such snow sculptors as those in the Henry C. Watkins Home at 1103 Meadowwood Drive, whose artistry turned out this Littlest Snow Man of them all, and the little fellow lasted just about long enough to have his picture taken.

Recorder's Court Has Light Session Prior to Christmas Holiday Season

The Friday, December 22, pre-holiday session of Recorder's Court held in Trenton by Judge Joe H. Becton was relatively short and sweet as Judge Becton dismissed two of the four cases that came before him for judgment.

Dismissed were Moses Aaron Hall, of Route 2 Trenton, and Joe Louis Price of Richlands. Hall was charged with assault on a female, and Price with non-support.

Wiley Washington Jones Jr. of Route 1 Seven Springs was found guilty of speeding 70 mph in a 60 mph zone. He was given a prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Melvin Sharp of Maysville was charged with injury to personal property. The State took a nol pros in the case and Sharp was committed to Cherry Hospital in Goldsboro by the Clerk of Court's office.

Five defendants waived appearance before the court and paid a total of \$127 in fines and costs. The three defendants paying off speeding tickets were: Isaac Gary Strawbridge of Pollockville, \$36 for speeding 80 mph in a 60 mph zone; Ronald Whitaker Pollock of Trenton, \$31 for speeding 70 mph in a 60 mph zone; and, Kenneth Wells Eason of Route 2 La Grange, \$1 for speeding 75 mph in a 60 mph zone.

In two other cases, Paul Johnson of Jacksonville paid \$16 in costs for passing a worthless check and paid restitution directly to the plaintiff, and Raymond Carmine Banks Jr. of Route 1 Maysville paid \$13 for not having an inspection certificate on his automobile.

Dance Friday

The Teenagers of the Moose of Jones County are having a dance at the Jones County Moose Lodge Friday, December 29, from 8 p.m. until midnight. According to Billy Smith, club president, The Summitts will be playing for the dance. Admission will be \$2 for couples and \$1 for singles. Smith reminds all members that they and their guests are cordially invited to attend the dance.

Unexpected Snow is Brief Jones Visitor

Jones Countians went to bed Friday night, December 22, on the heels of several unusually warm mid-winter days and awoke Saturday morning to find that a thin but extensive blanket of snow had descended during the night.

The snow was a surprise — if not a pleasant one — to everyone, including the weatherman. Although it brought no guarantee of a White Christmas, the snow did manage to brighten the landscape a few hours before the sun broke through the snow-cloud overcast and melted the crystalline whiteness into muddied wetness.

Holiday Classic

This week the fifth annual Holiday Classic basketball tournament is being held in Kinston Recreation Center in Kinston with four teams from Kinston, two from Goldsboro, one from Washington and another from Wilmington taking part in the play. Games start at 7:30 each night through Saturday, with two games being played each night. Paschall's team from Kinston is the defending champion. Many former outstanding college and high school basketball stars are included on the eight teams.

Miracle in Survival After Hitting Train

Mrs. Melva Whitfield Holmes of La Grange route 3 was the happy result of a miracle after her car rammed a freight train at about 8:45 last Thursday night in Falling Creek Township.

The eastbound freight was struck by Mrs. Holmes car as she drove northwardly on the Trinity Methodist Church Road west of Kinston. Fog made visibility poor and she didn't see the train until it was too late to avoid striking it.

Her car was dragged 675 feet down the right of way, but she suffered relatively minor injuries and was able to walk to a nearby farm house, where she had to wait almost two hours for someone to bring her to the hospital.

At the hospital she was treated and released for superficial injuries.

Her car, of course, was a total loss.

EXPLOSIVE THEFT

Last Wednesday night thieves took an explosive bundle of booty from the warehouse of T. A. Turner Company at Pink Hill, in the form of three cases of dynamite. This is the second time this month this business has been hit by thieves.

Three Relatively Minor Accidents on Jones Highways During Holiday Season

According to senior Jones County Highway Patrolman C. W. Oakley of Trenton only three traffic accidents occurred in the county during the Christmas Holiday period that began at 6 p.m. Friday night, December 22, and lasted until midnight on Monday, December 25.

There were no traffic fatalities or serious injuries in any of the accidents, Oakley said in describing the holiday traffic as "very light".

In an accident that occurred just after midnight Saturday morning, Neva Ray Whitfield of Trenton wrapped the 1955 Mercury in which he and Shad Randolph and George Walker were riding west through Trenton around one of the large oak trees in front of the Board of Education's office on Jones Street.

Jimmy Hargett, who rushed to the accident scene from his residence across the street said that Whitfield's only comment was, "My battery is broken." Seeing that apparently no one was hurt, Hargett went back to bed.

Whitfield explained the mishap by saying that a car had run out in the road in front of him and that he applied his

brakes and skidded into a tree. The car Whitfield was driving had knocked over a speed limit sign on the opposite side of the street, 120 feet from the car's final resting place wrapped around the tree.

Trooper Oakley said that Whitfield had been drinking before the accident and that it was pouring down rain at the time that the accident occurred. No charges were brought against Whitfield.

A second traffic accident involving James Walter Phillips and Marjorean Nelms took place on Christmas Day at the junction of Highways 58 and 17 near Pollockville.

The accident, which took place about 2:30 in the afternoon, came about when Phillips rammed into the rear end of Mrs. Nelms' automobile as she was waiting to make a left turn at the intersection. Patrolman Oakley said that witnesses saw Mrs. Nelms giving a proper turn signal and that he had charged Phillips with following too closely.

A third traffic incident that Oakley termed "very minor" happened when two cars ran together at the stoplight in Maysville and did less than \$20 dam-

Trenton Sewers are Getting Repairs

For the last couple of weeks there has been a lot of activity in and out of the sewer system of Trenton.

Town Clerk Glenn Spivey said that the Public Works Department of Kinston had been assisting in cleaning the sewer system of sand and other debris that had broken into some of the sewer mains.

The Trenton Volunteer Fire Department's water truck was used in the operation to flush the sand and roots that were cut from the sewer lines.

ages to both vehicles. No charges were brought in that incident.

Patrolman Oakley related investigating a pre-holiday hit-and-run accident last Tuesday, December 19, at Earl Bell's Lane around 6:15 in the evening.

According to Oakley, Loyal Franklin of Pollockville was drunk and stopped in the wrong lane with his lights off and was run into by Allen Brown, also of Pollockville. The impact apparently woke Franklin up and he drove off; however, an out-of-state truckdriver ran Franklin down and caught him about a mile from the accident scene.

Franklin was charged with hit-and-run and drunk driving.

Guide Available

Interested persons may secure a copy of the 1968 Farmers Tax Guide by visiting the County Extension Office. This was prepared to assist farmers in preparing their 1967 tax returns. Explanations of tax rules of importance to farmers are presented in everyday language. Many examples are used to show how the rules apply to actual farming situations. This guide should help farmers who prepare their own returns and to persons who assist farmers in the preparation of their forms.

Caught At Still

Last Thursday afternoon ABC officers Clarence Bland and Paul Young raided a tenant house in the Hugo section and caught Clarence "Red" Frazier of Ayden in the house with two brand new 500-gallon stills and 2000 gallons of mash ready to run. They said the still had not yet made its first run. Frazier was charged with possession of materials for the manufacture of whisky as well as possession of an unregistered distillery.

THREE-CAR TANGLE

Saturday morning three cars tangled at the corner of Vernon and Pollock, and Leroy Aasen, driver of the car caught in the middle, suffered a chipped vertebrae. Sam Brown of Atlantic City, N. J. was charged with following too closely. Damage to the cars was estimated at \$1000. The third driver was Pat Creech of La Grange route 3.