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## CONTRACT IS AWARDED FOR GRADED SCHOOL

Monday, Architect B. H. Stephens, of Wilmington, was here to meet the bidders for the erection of the new Graded School building, for which the people voted bonds last year. Contractor Toler, of Ry. Mount, J. W. Stout, of Sanford, J. J. Stroud, of Southern Pines and Rhodes & Underwood, of Wilmington, placed sealed bids, and these were opened at a later hour, and found to contain the following bids: Toler, \$24,900; Stroud, \$22,423; Stout, \$22,498. Rhodes & Underwood, \$23,900. J. J. Stroud's bid being the lowest, he was given the contract. Bids for sewerage, \$368.50; electricity \$140.00, water, \$419.50.

The building will contain ten class rooms, upper and lower hall running the width of the building, steam heat, play room for girls and one for boys, auditorium with 500 opera chairs, electric lights, toilet rooms, fire escapes, and every other requirement of the modern school building. The building will be erected on the present site, and the old building will be moved aside and will probably be used for a boarding house for pupils and teachers. As soon as the present term ends, the work for the erection of the new building will begin with the purpose of having it completed for the fall term.

### Mr. William J. Griffin Dead

After a short illness, William Jordan Griffin died at his home in Griffins Township, Monday morning at 9 o'clock. He was seventy-five years old, and a native of Martin County, where he had lived and farmed since early manhood. Several years ago, his wife died and he went to live with one of his sons, W. W. Griffin, but within the past few months he returned to his old home and there died.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist church, having united with the Church at Smithwick Creek a number of years ago. In all relations of life, he was honest and upright and a kind neighbor, father and husband. He leaves six children: William W., D. L., Chas. J., Henry G., Mrs. George Roberson and Mrs. Charles Roberson.

Tuesday afternoon, the funeral was conducted by Elder W. B. Harrington, his pastor, and the interment was in the family cemetery. A large number of friends, neighbors and relatives assembled to pay the last mark of respect to the dead.

### The Book Club

The Twentieth Century Book Club met with Mrs. Wheeler Martin on March 14th, and the following programme was rendered:

Sketch, Sarah Bernhardt, Mrs. Warren Biggs.

Selection, Some Interviews with the Greatest Women in the world, Mrs. Burrell, Instrumental solo, Mrs. Warren Biggs.

Selection, The Court Scene from the Merchant Of Venice, Mrs. S. R. Biggs.

Current Events, Mrs. Cone, Rockin' in de Wind, Mrs. Cone, Miss Mayo Lamb, Mrs. W. Biggs Mrs. Burrell.

The hostess served a salad course after the close of the programme. The next meeting will be held with the President, Mrs. A. D. Mizell.

### Williamston High School News

As Spring draws near, the high school students realize that vacation will soon be here, and then they must tell their school good bye. All will welcome vacation, but with the joy that comes with vacation sadness always mingles. There are three students in the high school who will never answer to the roll call again: Miss Carrie Dell White, Miss Sylvia Upton and Rowland Crawford, will sail out on the rough sea of life, and the Williamston High School will indeed miss them next year. We wish these three success on their voyage, and we sincerely hope that their pilot (education) will steer them safely by the rough places on the voyage of life.

The literary societies carried out a very interesting program last Friday and some interesting papers were read. The program was as follows:

1. Williamston News,
2. How to improve Williamston.
3. The men who made Williamston,
4. Williamston's advantages,
5. What I would do for Williamston if I had the power.

The pupils of the school raised a sum of money amounting to \$11.10 for the Belgian children who are starving for lack of food. This fund will be mailed to the Belgium Relief Commission at once. The children are helping these poor people, will the older people help also?

As warm weather draws near base ball seems to enter into the bones of the high school boys. They are practicing daily and we hope to turn out a school team this spring. What we need is a ball park, we have the players. The Triangular debate will take place, March 30th, 1917. Miss Musa Eure and Mr. C. D. Carstarphen will represent Williamston at Scotland Neck, and Miss Mary King Ellison and Mr. William Manning will represent the school against Tarboro at Williamston.

E. E. Bundy, Principal.

### Millinery Displays

Though the rain came down in great floods, the women were out at Harrison Bros. & Co. and Waters & White. Many earlier sales had been made of hats for the first of the season, but the more elaborate ones were not shown until Wednesday. Williamston shops always carry the very prettiest and the latest in models, colors, etc. One attractive feature of the hats this year, is the beautiful straw of which they are made. Never has there been more attractive exhibited. Then the colors—blue bird, apple green, Shadow Lawn green, rose, mustard, and others are charming to shoppers of good taste, who are ever on the lookout for something new. Miss Margaret Taylor and Mrs. Anna Belle Brown have charge of the department at Harrison's and Mrs. White and Miss Waters at Waters & White. Out of town shoppers should visit these stores when in need of anything in millinery, as the city has been brought here for the delight of the women.

### To Install Safe Deposit Boxes.

The Martin County Savings and Trust Company will install Safe Deposit Boxes about April 1st. This is another of the many things which this young institution is doing for the accommodation of the public.

### Teachers' Association

The Martin County Teachers' Association held its third and last meeting for the year 1916-17 in the Graded School building, Saturday, March 17th. On account of the bad weather, many teachers were unable to attend, but those who did attend made the meeting one of the most interesting that the Association has ever held. Every member present seemed to take a great interest in all discussions, and with Supt. Manning as leader the Association discussed some very important subjects, dealing with them wisely. The following programme was carried out:

1. Opening Exercises,
  - (a) Song by Association,
  - (b) Scripture reading by Prof. K. T. Futrell,
  - (c) Roll call by E. E. Bundy Sec'y.
  - (d) Minutes of previous meeting by Sec'y.
2. Report of work done by Edison Literary Society.

The teachers made a splendid report in regard to the work done by the society. This society organized by the Martin County Teachers Association is doing a great work in promoting education in the county, and the teachers deserve much praise for the splendid way in which they carry out the programs mailed to them by Supt. Manning.

3. How to procure better attendance.

Many good remarks were made on this subject and it is hoped that the teachers will be helped in their efforts to procure better attendance.

4. Final reports.

Supt. Manning explained fully how the teachers should make out the final reports, and urged them to be very careful in sending them in.

5. County Institute.

The necessity of attending this institute was explained and each teacher was urged to attend an institute somewhere in the State. The teachers expressed their desire that the Martin County Institute be held in June and we sincerely hope that it can be held during that month.

6. How to apply for position as teacher.

This subject was discussed fully, and the importance of knowing how to write an application was impressed upon the teachers.

Remaining at their present schools for another year. One cannot accomplish much in the first year but larger results come during the second year of hard work.

A motion was made to adjourn and the last meeting of the Martin County Teachers Association for 1916-17 closed.

The people of Martin County should feel proud of these teachers who train their children, and Supt. Manning deserves much credit for selecting one of the most intelligent bodies of teachers in our beloved State, and we sincerely hope that they will all return to their respective schools next year.

E. E. Bundy, Sec'y.

### Card Of Thanks

We desire to express our sincere thanks to the neighbors and friends, who were so constant in their attention during the illness and at the death of our father, W. J. Griffin. Words are poor vehicles by which to convey our gratitude, but it is all that is left to us, and we make this public expression, hoping that all who did us the slightest service, will feel that we will ever have them in our remembrance.

The Griffin Family.

### Martin County Banks

The statements of all the banks in the county with the exception of that of Robersonville appeared in these columns last week. It will be interesting to note that with the resources of that bank added to those published here, the amount in the eight banks in the county was \$1,391,996.86, or that sum represented the resources of the institutions. The deposits in the banks amounted to \$1,158,841.79. Of this latter sum the local banks carried more than half, or \$590,961.00, and the combined resources of the banks here were \$769,330.46.

It looks like Martin County has taken the "green" out of its "jeans" and placed it in these several institutions, and that farming pays, for much of the amount came from the sale of the products of the farms in the county. Cooperating with the farmers, these banks expect to make Martin County the very best spot that can be found on the globe, as it is now but the outside folks do not exactly realize it.

### Farmers Meeting

Prof. C. C. Logan, who has been holding meetings in the county this week, will lecture at the Court House tonight, March 23rd, at 8 o'clock. His subject will be: "Better Farming."

It is important that every one hear him, for never has there been more need for farm products which can largely be increased this year if people will learn better and more improved methods of raising money and food crops. Come out to hear Prof. Logan.

J. L. Holliday, County Agent.

### In Memoriam

In memory of my dear mother, Ida Emily Hines who departed this life March 14th, 1914

Mother, I often sit and think of you,

When I am all alone, For memory is the only friend, That grief can call its own.

Oh, the memory of the evening, As I stood with breaking heart, Seeing the one I loved so dearly, Pinned by Death's most cruel dart.

Far into the night I wander, Dreaming of the bygone years, How you used to shield me ever, And quiet all my boyish fears.

You are not forgotten, mother, Nor will you ever be, For as long as memory lingers, I will always think of thee.

From her devoted son,  
J. W. Hines.

N. S. Peel, who spent the past three months in Florida, arrived home Saturday evening.

Mrs. Parker and Mrs. John Fraley, of Tarboro, are the guests of Mrs. John L. Rodgerson.

The Peoples Bank has received the new designs of the \$1.00, 50 cents, 25 cents and dime. Call and get a few.

Everybody will want the new designs in the \$1.00, 50 cents, 25 cents, 10 cents. The Peoples Bank has them.

The Peoples Bank will open Christmas Savings Accounts on Monday March 26th. If you want to have extra money for the happy season, start with any series that you desire. It pays to save even the pennies for the rainy day, and Christmas, too. Read ad in this issue and see Cashier Godwin about the Christmas Fund on Monday.

## PERSONAL

J. A. Bennett, of Oak City, was here Monday.

J. W. Hines, of Oak City, was in town Monday.

John Martin was here from Hamilton on Sunday.

A. D. Mizell went to Fayetteville on business Monday.

Mrs. J. L. Hines, of Oak City, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. J. T. Ward, of Greenville, is visiting in town this week.

Mrs. J. E. Smithwick, of Jamesville, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Watts and little son spent Sunday here with relatives.

J. Calvin Smith, of Robersonville, has been attending court this week.

Judge Francis D. Winston has been here on professional business this week.

Mrs. E. M. Gordy and Miss Mary Gordy went to Edenton Monday to visit relatives.

Mrs. Clark and daughter, Miss Nellie Clark, of Durham, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Clark on Main St.

The ladies of the Parish Guild will hold a sale during Easter week, at which time refreshments will be sold.

W. C. Manning attended the inauguration of President Smith of the Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Hassell, Mrs. C. D. Carstarphen, Elizabeth Hassell, Bryant and Sutton Carstarphen left Monday for Baltimore.

Dr. Grover C. Godwin, who has been actively engaged in health work in Cumberland County under the direction of the State Board, is here visiting his parents, Mrs. Godwin accompanying him.

### Hassell Items

Paul Edmondson visited friends in and near Plymouth last week.

Miss Julia Salisbury spent several days in Hamilton last week.

Miss Alma Fleming has returned from a visit to relatives in Enfield.

Miss Laura Salisbury left Monday for a visit to Greenville and Rocky Mount.

Miss Mavis Thigpen with her brother-in-law was here from Plymouth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Fleming, of Aurora, spent the week-end with relatives here.

W. C. Roberson from Pine Tops is visiting his father, J. S. Roberson, for a day or two.

Miss Jefferson House, of Oak City, spent Sunday night with Miss Bessie Roberson near here.

Gordon Knight returned home from Washington Saturday to spend several days with his people.

Misses Hadley and Lamb spent last week-end at their respective homes in Williamston and Scotland Neck.

Miss Myrtle Roberson returned Monday from Pine Tops, where she has been on a visit of several weeks to relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Salisbury and Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Salisbury and children with Mrs. Johnson came out from Hamilton Sunday to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Salisbury.

## SUPERIOR COURT CONVENED ON MONDAY

The March Term of Court convened here Monday morning with Judge Harry W. Whedbee, of Greenville, presiding. The criminal docket contained very few cases, and Tuesday the docket was cleared. Judge Whedbee has received much praise for the manner in which he handles the business of the Court. Many people have said that he is the best Judge who has ever presided over a Martin County Court. He dispatches business with ease, and the criminal received everything which the law allowed. Judge Harry Whedbee is the right man in the right place, and the bar and the people of Martin, who have business in the courts, would be pleased to have him at every term.

The two negroes, who attacked and robbed Mr. Robert Keel near Everetts several months ago were sent to the State Prison for ten years each. These same men had been before the Judge before, and as their crime was next to murder, they received a long sentence. The civil docket for this and the next week will be heard.

### In Memoriam

In loving remembrance of our little girl, Elizabeth Staton Hines who departed this life, Dec. 21st 1911.

Just five years ago, on Dec. 21st, God called our little girl away Home to live with Him on high, where they never say good bye. How we miss you Elizabeth, darling.

Night seems long, and days so drear;  
Seems to me you must come back, dear,

Mama sees you everywhere.  
Shine on, little star, and shed your light,

'Twill help us on the way;  
The night will soon be over, dear,  
And then the endless day.

You have left us sad and lonely,  
Home will never be the same,  
'Tis God's will and His will only,  
He who doeth all things well.

I can see my little darling,  
There among the angel band,  
Beckoning us to come up higher,  
Holding out her snowy hand.

From her Father and Mother,  
J. W. and Belle Hines.

### Hamilton Items

Miss Minnie Joyce spent the week-end here.

John Davenport spent Wednesday in Williamston.

Mrs. T. B. Slade with friends spent Tuesday in Williamston.

Miss Helen Council spent the week-end here with her mother.

Sheriff J. C. Crawford and daughter, of Williamston, spent Sunday here.

Miss Effie Waldo attended the Teachers Meeting in Williamston last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davenport of Rocky Mount, spent Wednesday night here.

Miss Mary Roberson, who is teaching near Greenville, spent the week-end at home.

P. P. Peel, P. H. Davenport, C. D. Perkins and Mr. Bunting went to Greenville Friday.

Miss Carrie Sherrod, of Enfield and Miss Stone, of Kentucky, were the guests of Mrs. M. I. Fleming last week.