

## MAYOR HASSELL SENDS CASE TO RECORDERS COURT

The Mayor's court was sought last night by Mozella Gray, a teacher in the colored graded school to avenge the wrongful assault upon her by Hannah Stokes.

The foundation of the trouble was a bad boy, the son of the Stokes woman who was in classes of the teacher, Gray, and she, in her wisdom thought he needed punishment. She whipped him, the end of the whip in some way hitting the boy in the face, making a small bruise. The boy ran home and painted the story up, his mother flew into a rage and proceeded to the school house. She promptly inquired for "Miss Gray" and when she was pointed out, she proceeded to thrash her, inflicting a considerable bruise on her face.

The Mayor found the case to exceed his jurisdiction and bound the defendant, Hannah Stokes, over to the Recorders Court, Tuesday April 1st.

## QUEEN CONTEST VOTING GETTING VERY ACTIVE

### Miss White Leading In Race

#### QUEEN CONTEST VOTING BECOMING VERY ACTIVE

The voting in the beauty contest for a Queen to represent Williamston at the East Carolina Exposition to be held in Kinston April 7 to 12 is betting active. The contest is open to all the single girls in the township and every person in the township is entitled to one vote.

There seems to be much interest in the affair today for the first time and tomorrow and Monday promise two days of real excitement for the friends of the young ladies. The votes as were cast at 12 o'clock today are as follows:

Miss Lydia Cook	145
Miss Carrie Dell White	160
Miss Esther Harrison	111
Miss Estelle Crawford	116

It isn't too late for other contestants to enter, so if you have some girl in mind enter her name. The voting will not end until next Monday.

Miss Nina Upton who name was among those at the top withdrew, stating that she represented Williamston last year and would not think it fair to run again this year, so we are not printing her votes in this issue.

#### SUGGESTIONS TO REMEDY BUGS OR WEEVILS AND GRUBS IN BRIGHT TOBACCO

The menace from this cause has become so serious: that it has been brought to the attention of the Tobacco Association, hence the following suggestions are submitted for the earnest consideration of the interests in bright tobacco:

1. Clean up every particle of trash tobacco and dust on the premises, including a thorough cleaning out of every drying and ordering machine and brush off all the anibles and crevices.

2. In close warehouses and rehandling plants, in addition to thoroughly cleaning it, leave the doors and windows open in very cold spells, as cold and sunlight are very destructive to these pests.

3. Where redrying plants or warehouses can be closed up, smoking with sulphur can be most earnestly advised, and also put fly-paper oil around every light and renew every few weeks after it dries up. Stand basins of water at the bottom of every window and spray with water paint all the inside of the house. Sprinkling salt on the floor has also been used effectively.

4. See that every tobacco house in the place is so treated, as the whole object may be defeated by one house not cleaning up, as this insect at one stage has wings and can fly from one place to another.

5. All refuse tobacco and dust should be burned.

As these bugs, or weevils often start in new tobacco in the warm months, especially in the southern districts, the farmers could render the greatest service by carrying out the same work in their curing and packing houses.

TOBACCO ASSN. OF THE UNITED STATES.

Mrs. Harvey Boney of Rose Hill, N. C. attended the auxiliary meeting of the Methodist Church here yesterday.

#### A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the people for their many acts of kindness and sympathy during the recent illness and death of our husband and father.

(Signed) MRS. W. J. JOHNSON AND FAMILY, Oak City, N. C.

## WOMAN'S MISSION- ARY CONFERENCE MEETS HERE

### First Annual Meeting To Be Held In 1924

The group meetings of Aulander, Windsor and Williamston circuits of Woman's Missionary Auxiliaries of the Weldon District of the M. E. Church South met for their first annual meeting during 1924 in Williamston yesterday at eleven o'clock, with the Chairman, Mrs. W. F. Hodges of Aulander presiding. Mrs. J. F. Thigpen was appointed secretary and treasurer of the group conference.

Opening hymn 653 was sung which was followed by devotion by Rev. E. D. Dodd. The 8th chapter of Matt. beginning with the 12th verse, was read and followed by prayer.

The address of welcome was given by the president, Mrs. W. C. Liverman, Mrs. E. S. Dail responded.

Miss Myrtle Wynne sang "Whispering Hope." Miss Amma Graham spoke on different departments of missionary Auxiliaries stressing study of the Bible and our work with the children. This was followed by a solo by Miss Benjamin.

Mrs. Harvey Boney, conference corresponding secretary, gave Resume of work of Woman's Missionary Council urging loyal cooperation on the part of auxiliaries.

Miss Graham led Round Table Discussion, giving Weldon Districts place among the districts of the conference. We made 26 per cent increase this past year, paying \$900.00 on Bennett Memorial from this district.

The following auxiliaries reported: Lewiston, reported by Mrs. Joyner; Windsor, reported by Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Lyon; Williamston, reported by Mrs. W. C. Liverman; Mrs. Dodd was made chairman of Williamston Circuit.

Mrs. Dail, chairman of Windsor Circuit; Mrs. Hodges, chairman of Aulander Circuit; Rev. M. F. Hodges dismissed the morning session with prayer.

Luncheon was served at the Masonic Hall from twelve thirty to one thirty. Hymn 387 was used as opening hymn for the afternoon session. Rev. M. F. Hodges conducting the devotion. Mrs. Boney spoke on Bennett Memorial, giving a sketch of Miss Bennett's life and the great need for greater Scortitt. Miss Graham gave consecration service and urged to rededicate our lives to Christ. Rev. N. M. Right dismissed the meeting with prayer.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted: We, the Aulander and Windsor group of the Weldon District of N. C. Conference having received from Williamston a most beautiful and gracious hospitality feel in our utmost hearts a sincere appreciation of the same, beg to offer these resolutions: To the pastor, Rev. E. D. Dodd and his wife, for their many helpful courtesies we extend our heartfelt thanks and also to the membership of the church at large for its delightful entertainment, we appreciate the warm words of welcome extended by Mrs. Liverman.

We ask the choir to accept thanks for the beautiful music given during the service.

We thank the decorating committee for the efforts put forth in making the church beautiful with emblems of purity.

For the elegant repast served in the Masonic Hall, we are profoundly grateful.

We enjoyed and appreciated the talk by Mrs. Boney. We are always glad to have her with us.

It has been a great pleasure to have Miss Graham, our District Leader, with us, we always enjoy her talks.

CHAIRMAN, MRS. W. L. LYON, Windsor.

Chairman, Mrs. W. F. Hodges, Aulander.

MRS. PAITIE MORRIS, Windsor.

MRS. A. J. JOYNER, Lewiston.

#### IN MEMORY

In loving remembrance of my dear father, J. H. Riddick, who died March 29, 1923.

We miss the voice of one we love. A precious form has passed away. Farewell dear father, sweet thy rest. Weary with years and worn with pain. Farewell till some happy place, we shall behold thy face again.

'Tis ours to miss thee all our years, and tender memories of thee keep Thine in the Lord to rest for so. He giveth his beloved sleep. Gone but not forgotten.

Written by his daughter,

LOUALLIE RIDDICK.

Miss Amma Graham of Warrenton, N. C. was a visitor here yesterday.

Mrs. Don Gilliam of Windsor attended the meeting of the Methodist church here yesterday.

## REPUBLICANS MEET IN PLYMOUTH

Plymouth, March 28.—The district meeting of the Republicans of the First Congressional District was held here in the court house Tuesday at noon. Delegates from all counties of the district were here and took an active part in the proceedings.

The meeting was opened by Mr. John L. Phelps of Creswell. Mr. A. S. Mitchell, of Hertford County, was elected chairman, and Mr. W. M. Bateman of Roper was elected secretary. Upon motion this organization was declared permanent.

Mr. Peter Burgess, farmer and ex-service man of Camden county, was named as the candidate for congress to oppose the Democratic Nominee which will be named in a primary to be held on June 7th.

In selecting a delegate to the national convention to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, a rather heated contest ensued between supporters of Wheeler Martin of Williamston and Clarence Pou of Elizabeth City. Mr. Martin received 27 1-2 votes and won over Mr. Pou who received 20 1-2. Mr. J. L. Phelps of Creswell was named as the alternate to Mr. Martin. The delegate was instructed to cast his vote in the national convention for Coolidge for presidential nominee.

Some over fifty delegates were in attendance and the meeting was graced by the presence of Col. I. M. Meekins, Republican candidate for governor of this State.

W. C. Benson was elected chairman for the ensuing two years. The following named constitute the district executive committee: O. J. Jones, Manteo; W. H. Keaton, Columbia; B. W. Williams, Swan Quarter; J. T. McAllister, Roper; Herbert M. Stille, Washington; W. J. Manning, Bethel; Wheeler Martin, Williamston; P. H. Flora, Moyock; P. D. Burgess, Old Trap; S. S. Overman, Elizabeth City; A. N. Winslow, Belvidere; John A. Moore, Edenton; W. H. Standing, Gatesville; J. W. Godwin, Ahoskie.

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## Jud' Winston Re- turns from Charlotte

Judge Francis D. Winston of Windsor passed through our city yesterday enroute from Charlotte where he had been to attend a meeting of the State Welfare Committee of 100. The Judge gave us two bits of history relating particularly to Bertie county and generally to the country at large.

He says that Louis B. Sutton, who lived on the Mooring farm 6 miles from Williamston on the Roanoke river built the first fertilizer distributor ever built in the world, which was about 1868 to 1870 and that Jesse Jordan, a carpenter, who lived near Lewiston, made the first cotton planter in the world, and that the Cox planter is along the same model as the Jordan planter, all of which including the cogwheels were of wood.

## TRIANGULAR DEBATES TO BE HELD IN FARM LIFE, OAK CITY, JAMESVILLE SCHOOLS

Teams Will Meet Opponents on Neutral Ground Tonight

The annual intra-state high school, triangular debates will be staged in three of the high schools of the county tonight, the Farm Life, Oak City and Jamesville schools.

The subject to be debated upon is, "The Cancellation of the Inter-Alleed Debts."

If one school wins on both the affirmative and negative sides it will send its representatives to Chapel Hill where they take part in the debates up there and through a process of elimination the winners of the state championship are selected.

\$194,898 TO BE SPENT ON  
ROAD LEADING FROM WIL-  
LIAMSTON TO PLYMOUTH

Beaufort County to Get Road Leading  
From Chocowinity To Craven  
County Line

The Highway commission received bids on a number of road building projects Tuesday, one being in Beaufort county from Chocowinity to the Craven county line. This is only the grading and structural work which will be hard surfaced later. This is the main Norfolk-Wilmington line, No. 30 going on through New Bern and Jacksonville.

The project most interesting to Martin county people is the road from Williamston to the Washington county line. This is a distance of 17.61 miles. The lowest bid on the road-way work was made by Nello L. Teer for \$129,179. J. A. Peterson was the lowest bidder on the structural work, \$65,719, making a total of \$194,898, which means a cost of \$11,136 per mile.

## MR. B. D. WEBB DIES SUDDENLY

### Served in the Civil War, Active in all Forward Principles

Mr. B. D. Webb, who has been so well and favorably known in our town for a number of years, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. B. S. Courtney Wednesday night. Mr. Webb had spent most of the day around the Courtney furniture store and about the streets meeting and greeting friends, going home in the early afternoon as was his custom, and went to the lot to feed and care for the chickens, where he was taken with an attack of indigestion, but from which he soon recovered. After returning to the house he had another attack and the doctor was called. He, at his bedtime, appeared to get much better and was thought to have been getting along nicely. A few minutes later about 10 o'clock his daughter went to give him his medicine and found him dead. He was talking to members of the family ten minutes before his death and at that time the end was not expected.

The doctor gives the cause of his death as heart failure brought about by attacks of indigestion.

Mr. Webb was 78 years old and served in the Civil War in the 3rd N. C. Cavalry. In his death the grey lines of the world famous Army grows dimmer. The members of that group having one by one been discharged from the army of trouble-some wars to join that celestial army, which is lead and inspired by the songs of Angels.

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## DR. E. J. GRIFFIN, A CANDIDATE

The following is taken from the Edenton News.

A very flattering comment was made by a citizen Saturday, just as soon as he heard that Dr. Griffin had announced himself as candidate for Congress in the First District, and the spokesman was not given to hurried compliments—he always weighs his words and comes close to an exact analysis of important positions in the community. This is what he said:

"Dr. Griffin may not be as eloquent as some of his opponents, are perhaps not as well versed in political wiles as some, but I would vouch for him doing the right and honest thing, that he would serve his district thoroughly, with single mind and earnest endeavor, and thus probably accomplish more in his quiet way than many a grandstand player who wishes to illumine himself before his constituents or have some axe to grind of which we know not of."

Those that know Dr. Griffin well are enthusiastic about his loyalty. There is no better friend than he, and his service has been usually done unobtrusively so that his good works have invariably been hid from public gaze. Still he has stood four-square for progress of both people and district, as can be witnessed by his earnest and careful service in the State Assembly.

His ever ready aid in promoting his town and county, with open pocketbook whenever called upon and more than all else a willingness to give personal service is a good omen of what he would be willing to do for the district should he be fortunately chosen to represent it in Congress.

We believe Dr. Griffin is thoroughly earnest in his desire to serve his people and that he will make it his life's work to obtain for all the district such recognition as it is justly entitled to receive. He may not make prolific speeches, well turned in phrase, nor may we see his "continued" remarks in the Congressional Record, but what he will do is to weigh with earnest care all such things as will make for the peace, prosperity and happiness of his people and in his quiet way accomplish untold good.

If the people of the first district will throw aside the glamor of public utterances and look into the intentions of the men now offering themselves for this preferment it may be found that the quiet, unobtrusive doctor stands head and shoulders over his fellows in real earnest intention and with a liberal allotment of common sense that goes further than promises and is a better asset for the ordinary people to bank upon than gloified apostrophe or paraphrase.

## SUPERIOR COURT ENDED THIS MORNING AFTER A TWO WEEKS SESSION

Few Cases of Much Importance Outside of the Little vs. Case

This morning saw the end of the two week term of Martin County Superior Court.

There were very few criminal cases on docket and they were disposed of in the very beginning. The case Little vs. Little created a great deal of interest outside of that case there were none of special importance.

The next term of Superior Court for Martin county will be held next June.

## SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. S. E. Mercer will preach at the Methodist church Williamston, Sunday evening at 7:45. There will be no morning service.

Sunday school at 9:45, J. E. Pope, Supt.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Mr. W. Staton Bailey of Everetts was a caller here yesterday.

Mr. A. B. Ayers of Bear Grass was a business visitor here this morning.

Messrs. C. B. Siscoff and H. M. Britt were in Tarboro Wednesday on business.

Insurance Company was in town yesterday visiting the local agents, Messrs. J. T. Price and Marriot Britt.

Mrs. Darden and Mrs. Askew of Windsor were here yesterday.

Miss Esther Harrison visited friends in Wilson Sunday.

Mr. Sessoms was a visitor in Bailey Sunday.

Mr. W. C. Manning is attending an editors meeting in Hertford today.

Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Biggs left yesterday for Rocky Mount to take little Billy to the hospital to have his tonsils removed.

## BRUTAL ASSAULT MADE ON AGED COLORED MAN

### Shot Twice Before He Could Raise His Hands

Plymouth, March 28.—Pistol totes are rapidly becoming one of the most serious menaces to present day civilization that we have. Evidence of this is given in the case of State vs. Richard Paling, Harry Collins, Johnnie Davenport and Edward Jones, charged with carrying concealed weapons and highway robbery. This case was tried before Recorder Bailey on Monday morning, and Paling and Collins were given two years on the county roads for carrying concealed weapons. The judge issued a special order to the superintendent of the chain gang that these criminals be worked in chains and that at night they be chained in their sleeping quarters. Davenport was placed under a two thousand dollar bond for probable complicity in the robbery. Jones, who turned state's witness, and exonerated himself was given his freedom.

Sunday afternoon Paling, Collins and Davenport, who live in Scuppernon township, had started on a motor trip to Roper. On their way they overtook Jones and invited him to accompany them. Jones readily assented. While enroute Paling suggested that they hold up some person, and Jones claimed that he did all he could to change his mind, and that while they were on the subject they overtook Isaac Norman in the Chapel Swamp section of Skimmersville township and that Paling commanded Davenport to stop the car. Immediately the car came to a stand still Paling and Collins jumped out and demanded that the feeble old man "throw up his hands". The seventy-six years of his life has sapped most of the vitality from the frame of Isaac Norman, and probably because he was not fast enough in getting his hands up Paling shot him through the chin, and then again through the muscle of the right arm. The old man finally succeeded in getting his hands up, and then the youthful bandits went through his pockets and relieved him of nine dollars and a half.

Deputy sheriff Peal of Creswell was notified and he immediately went in search of the quartette. After some trouble he finally located them, and at about 2 A. M. Monday he reached the home of sheriff Reid with his prisoners, who were placed in jail to await a hearing before the Recorder later in the day. A razor was found on the person of Collins.

Bonds of five thousand dollars each were required of Paling and Collins for the robbery, and two thousand was required of Davenport. Paling and Collins each received a sentence of two years for carrying concealed weapons and are now in the custody of the superintendent of the chain gang. As we go to press Davenport is still in jail in default of the bond required.

The robbery case will be tried in the July term of Superior Court.

## Services At The Church of Advent

Services at the Church of The Advent, Sunday March 30.

Church school, 9:45 a. m.

Morning prayer and sermon 11:30 a. m.

Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

Everybody welcome.

J. E. WARNER, Priest.

## MRS. BETTIE POPE'S CONDITION UNCHANGED

Mrs. Bettie Pope, who was taken suddenly ill on Monday morning at the home of her son, Mr. J. E. Pope on Houghton street shows little change in her condition, but her physicians think she is gradually getting weaker.

Mrs. J. H. Britt went to Tarboro Thursday to be with her daughter, Mrs. C. D. Anderson who is ill in Tarboro hospital.

Messrs. Clayton Moore and N. S. Godard left this morning for Raleigh.

Miss Martha Louise Anderson arrived last night from Greensboro College to spend the week-end in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones and children, Ann and Meredith Jones of Winton are visiting Mrs. Jones' sister, Mrs. B. S. Courtney and Mr. Courtney.

Mrs. Fabian A. Barnhill of Everetts was in town yesterday.

Mr. Courtney Edgerton, District agent of the Jefferson Standard Life

## OLD CONFEDERATE SOLDIER GOES TO HIS REWARD

Tuesday evening just as the shades of night had closed the curtains over the earth the spirit of James Henry Roberson was called to dwell with his Maker.

James H. Roberson was born in Martin county, March 28,