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Martin County Teachers Hold Regular Meeting at Local School Saturday

**SUPERINTENDENT POPE OUT-
LINES WORK AND AIMS OF
TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS; DIS-
CUSSES PLANS FOR THE COUNTY
COMMENCEMENT.**

On Saturday, January 17, at 2 o'clock, the Martin County Teachers' Association met in the Williamston School auditorium for the third regular meeting of the school term 1924-1925.

Supt. R. A. Pope called the meeting to order and asked Rev. D. W. Arnold to lead in the devotional service. After having read a portion of the twelfth chapter of St. Luke—those verses that deal with Jesus's warning concerning the leaven of the Pharisees—Mr. Arnold gave his interpretation of some of the main ideas of the selection and spoke briefly of the responsibility that must needs rest upon a teacher if he receive the plaudit "Well done." He then offered a very appropriate prayer in behalf of the association.

The secretary read the minutes of the November meeting. As no corrections were offered, they were adopted.

Discuss Athletic Association

Superintendent Pope advised that each school have one teacher to represent it in the meeting that was to be held after the group meetings to discuss plans for the athletic association.

The president, Superintendent Pope, asked the vice president, Mr. R. A. Phillips, to take the chair for the remainder of the afternoon. He then, in a brief but comprehensive way, set forth some rulings which, as superintendent of the county schools, he must execute. There were points in regard to the regulations adopted by the board of education, regulations which are binding upon all the teachers of the system. First, he spoke of the six-month day, as required by law. Special reference was made to the six-month schools. He insisted that to legally change or lessen the period of the teacher's day the taxpayers must ask for a shorter term, the committee and teachers must favor it, and the county superintendent must give his approval to it. Second, he read the rule relative to monthly grades. To make it impressive he reiterated that all teachers shall be required to send to parents or guardians a monthly report of the standing of their children. Third, he urged that it was the duty of each principal to find out the exact revenue at his disposal and to see that expenditures do not exceed the given amount. In connection with this he added that articles furnished at the county office such as erasers, books, crayons, loose-leaf covers should be obtained from the office and not elsewhere. Few principals he said, had been remiss along these lines.

County Commencement in April

The next item that claimed Superintendent Pope's attention was the county commencement to be held some time in April. He read some of the ideas and regulations recorded in his tentative plan and insisted that all teachers, with that as a basis, busy themselves with preparations for a successful competitive meet in arithmetic, spelling, and singing and probably in pageants, athletics, and grade exhibits.

Just here by way of digression, the superintendent stated that it was his intention to work out a plan by which at the next county fair schools and not individuals would receive prizes for school work.

Superintendent Pope insisted that it was absolutely necessary for the information asked for on the census blanks to be obtained. The census gives a basis on which an extra teacher can be granted in cases of consolidation. This information, not only helps him as county welfare officer but it aids the school which is trying to gain another teacher.

A plea was made by Superintendent Pope for those members of the local association who had not done so to affiliate with the State branch, and

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Mr. W. H. Stallings, of Jamesville, and Mrs. C. B. Riddick, of Everett, were shoppers here this morning.

Local Town Team to Play Belhaven Tonight

Tonight the town team will meet the Belhaven town team on the local court at 8 o'clock. This is the only game the town team will play here this week, and a "thriller" is promised the fans, for the Belhaven team is very strong and an equal match for the local one.

Wednesday night the team will meet Aurora's town team on the Washington court. Williamston will be supplemented by Elby Johnson. A number of local people are expected to see this game.

On Thursday night the team will go to Nashville, where they will lay the Nashville town team. Through an error the game last week was carried in the Enterprise as the Nashville High School when it should have been the Nashville town team. This will be the second game with that aggregation.

CO-OP CHECKS TO BE MAILED SOON

**Members of Cotton Association Will
Receive Another Payment About
Last of January**

The membership of the Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association is well pleased, if judgment can be formed from the letters received at the Raleigh office, with the management of the association for this season to the present time.

Members of the association have received in cash more than \$8,000,000 and other money will be paid some members within a few days. The distribution sent out in December covered all cotton on which drafts had been received up to November 30, with the exception of some few accounts that needed special attention. Naturally, in addition to this, cotton delivered in November and on which the drafts had not been graded and classed could not be included. This distribution was in addition to the regular advance made on delivery of your cotton.

Checks will be mailed this last of January covering those accounts which have been cleared up, and all cotton on which drafts reached the office in Raleigh prior to January 10, provided the cotton has been graded and classed. Assistant Secretary Webster says that the bad weather in the first part of January delayed the grading and classing department, and this delay enabled him to include all cotton on which drafts had been paid up to January 10.

The office expects to put these checks in the mail beginning about January 20.

All other cotton delivered in January and which is graded and classed will be evened up during the month of February.

The management feels a little pride in the fact that the work goes on smoothly at headquarters. Very few members have any cause for complaint, and this is due very largely to the careful work done in the general office.

In the event that there is any misunderstanding concerning your distribution check members of the association will find that the Raleigh office will give prompt attention to your communication and furnish you any information you desire.

and Mr. Pope asked that they be sent in as early as convenient.

Messrs. J. S. Seymour and H. M. Ainsley received the superintendent's commendation on their use of the county paper—The Enterprise—for advertising school work and activities.

Delegates to State Assembly

Misses Elizabeth Hunt, Sarah Sutton, and Eva Peel and Messrs. E. N. Riddle and Paul T. Long were appointed by Mr. Phillips to nominate representatives to the State teachers' assembly to be held in Raleigh January 29-31. After consultation, Mr. E. N. Riddle, chairman of the committee, reported that Mr. J. S. Seymour, of Williamston, Mr. R. A. Phillips of Everett, Mr. H. M. Ainsley, of Oak City, and Mr. J. L. Jones, of Hamilton, were chosen nominees. Upon a vote there were unanimously elected.

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ADMITS HIS GUILT, GOES TO PRISON

**N. L. Simmons Sentenced to Five
Years in Penitentiary; Was
Well Known Here**

Washington, Jan. 17.—Norwood L. Simmons was sentenced this morning in the superior court by Judge E. C. Crammer to serve a term of not more than eight and not less than six years in the State prison. While there were 70 bills of indictment against the defendant the judge in passing sentence, suspended judgment in eight of the bills, passing judgment only in two, these being for forgery and embezzlement, and declared to represent fraudulent dealings to the extent of \$100,000.

According to the rules of the penitentiary, if Mr. Simmons proves himself to be a good prisoner he will get six months credit on each court, which means that he will serve for five years.

Taken to Raleigh at Once
Immediately after sentence had been pronounced Sheriff Harris took Simmons and Johnnie Wilkinson to Raleigh by automobile where they will begin their term at once.

The case against Simmons occupied the attention of the court practically all yesterday afternoon. There was no jury, as the defendant came into court pleading guilty to each and every charge. In order to bring the fact before the court the State introduced one witness in the person of Gilbert Humley, register of deeds, who testified to the fraudulent cancellation of papers in his office.

Was Benefactor of Many

The defendant introduced Sheriff Harris, W. D. Grimes, C. G. Morris, E. E. Mixon, and Rev. H. B. Scarlight, all of whom spoke of the defendant in the highest terms, how he had taken an active part in the Associated Charities activities and public welfare, and how he had rescued fallen girls and women and at his own expense placed them in institutions of the State. They spoke of his struggles when a mere boy, of how he was the youngest of a widowed mother and four sisters and a brother. In his words these witnesses told the court that Norwood L. Simmons had many friends as any man in Washington.

Creditors Appeal for Him

In addition to those high words of praise for the defendant a petition was presented to the court signed by 18 persons who had suffered through the acts of the defendant, asking that no punishment be meted out. First more of the defendant's creditors did not sign the petition. These, however, were nonresidents and could not be communicated with. Only two of the creditors refused to attach their names to the petition. The defendant made no statement on the stand.

Was Well Known in Williamston

The trial of Norwood Simmons, of Washington, has created much interest in Williamston, where he is well known and well liked. He has had business and social connections here that have made him many friends who sympathize with him and with his family in this trouble.

Fats and Leans to Play Benefit Game

Thursday night immediately after the parent-teachers association at 8:30 there will be a basketball game between the "Fats" and the "Leans" of Williamston.

We will vouch for the wind of the Fats, one member of their lineup having performed in every game that has been played on the local court during the season. And the fact that he usually works harder than the average player will enable him to play the whole court and help his fatter brothers. As for the Leans, there are none of them so lank but what they can throw a wicked ball, and they promise to give their opponents much exercise.

The following players will be in the lineup:

Fats: Gus Harrison, Harry Meador, Elbert Peel, Z. H. Rose, Dr. Cone, C. O. Pardoe, R. L. Shirley, E. D. Dodd, Octavius Manning.

Leans: S. B. Sessions, C. D. Varnstaphen, Jr., Bill Manning, Ed Harrell, R. L. Coburn, Simon Liley, Cortez Green, Joe Pender, Norman Harrison.

The proceeds of the game will go to the benefit of the Philathea classes of the Baptist and Christian Churches. Admission will be 15 and 35 cents. Home-made candies and salted nuts will be sold by the girls in the classes.

O. K. NOMINATION OF IKE MEEKINS

**Sworn in Office Yesterday at Wash-
ington; Confirmation Vote Was
Unanimous**

Isaac W. Meekins' nomination for the Federal judgeship in eastern Carolina, which was made by President Coolidge early last week, was confirmed a few days ago by the Senate. Owing to the illness of one of the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee appointed to handle the matter, Overman, of North Carolina, asked another to be appointed, and Senator Shorridge, of California, Republican, was appointed. This committee met, and the nomination was carried to the Senate where it was confirmed by an unanimous vote.

Judge Meekins was sworn in office yesterday in Washington, from where he went to New York to conclude his work in the customs office there. He will return to the State in a few days to take up his judicial work.

It is not known now whether the special term of Federal court which was to have been held in Washington in the next few weeks will be postponed or not. If it is, Judge Meekins will hold his first court in this intermediate section, in Washington, during April.

Prof. D. W. Arnold, of Farmville, attended the teachers' meeting here Saturday.

Mr. Van G. Taylor, president of the Planters & Merchants Bank of Everett, was a visitor in the city this morning.

MEET OF BARACA AND PHILATHEA

**Mrs. Z. H. Rose and Mr. J. E. Harrell
From Williamston Attending
Conference**

The Baraca-Philathea executive board have been called to a meeting of the board in Raleigh at the Tabernacle Baptist Church January 23, at 3 o'clock, with the convention committee of Raleigh.

At this meeting plans will be formulated for the "silver jubilee" convention, which is to be held in Raleigh June 11, 12, 13, and 14 and marks the twenty-fifth milestone in Baraca-Philathea history in North Carolina.

The first Baraca class organized in the South was formed in Raleigh by Hon. R. N. Simmons 25 years ago, and since that time the growth of the movement has been such that there are classes in every State in the South with many State-wide organizations and many other organizations following the Baraca-Philathea plan, besides numbers of Sunday schools that have been changed from small, poorly attended, and uninteresting schools to large, flourishing schools filled with interest and enthusiasm because of the organization of Baraca-Philathea classes and the young men and young women who have been attracted and brought into the Sunday schools through the Baraca-Philathea plan and its activities.

Planning for "Silver Jubilee"

It is hoped to make this convention a great gathering of Bible students and that many who are not now actively identified with Baraca-Philathea classes will attend for the sake of what it has meant to them in former days. Invitations will be sent to all of those within reach of the general secretary and others, and it planned that a sort of home-coming spirit will feature this convention. Good highways all over the State will and much with the attendance.

In order to thoroughly advertise the convention and bring it before all classes in the State something over 2,000 "flying squadrons" will be formed in various parts of the State, the duty of which will be to visit every class within a radius of so many miles and tell them about the convention and endeavor to get them interested and committed to sending a certain number of delegates. As this is a pay-as-you-go convention no class is limited as to the number of delegates, and therefore with the good roads, splendid program, and the warm welcome awaiting them in the beautiful city of Raleigh, our State capital, it is expected that this convention will be the largest of any yet held by this organization of enthusiastic young Bible students of 13 denominations.

Raleigh Prepared for Delegates

Raleigh will entertain this convention in her usual hospitable manner, and anyone who has ever attended a kind of convention in Raleigh knows just how royally they are entertained.

Mrs. Z. Hardy Rose, State president of the Philatheas, and Mr. James E. Harrell, State secretary of the Baracas, of this city, will attend the meeting.

Secretary Poe, Leaving to Sign Shows for 1925 Fair, Optimistic Over Prospects

Parents-Teachers Gathering Thursday

There will be a meeting of the Parents-Teachers Association in the Auditorium of the Schoolhouse on Thursday night, at 7:30 o'clock.

At this meeting plans for the work of the spring and the balance of the school year will be formulated. Work that is the combined efforts of the parents and teachers of the children of our town to make the school more effective in its training is what will be discussed and planned for at this meeting.

The teachers will be there. Parents, it is our duty to meet them. We were proud of the enthusiasm shown and the goodly number present last Thursday night. Come out again Thursday night and bring your neighbor with you.

MR. NORMAN TO HELP FARMERS

**Perfects Credit Organization Which
Will Make Loans for Crop
Production**

Mr. Milton Norman visited us today and seemed very optimistic over the outlook for this year. He has set up a credit organization at Jamesville, where he will be able to accommodate many farmers with loans this season.

Mr. Norman keeps his office in the Brick Warehouse, where he is always glad to meet farmers and render all the assistance possible. Mr. Norman says he will be able to assist farmers throughout most of the banks in the county when they want to procure loans for production purposes.

HIGH-SCHOOL BOYS BACK FROM TRIP

**Loss to Edenton High, 39 to 7; Hert-
ford Game Rained Out; Beat
Windsor, 22 to 10**

The local high-school boys returned Sunday from a trip to Edenton and Windsor. They made the trip by automobile and were supposed to play Hertford Saturday afternoon, but the rain and bad roads combined caused them to head their jineys toward home Saturday morning. They stopped over at Windsor and played the high school team there that night.

The Edenton paper has an account of the Edenton game, as follows: "The Edenton High School defeated the Williamston High School here Friday night in a slow game by a margin of 39 to 7. The two teams appeared to be about evenly matched the first few minutes of play, but the local boys opened up their offensive drive and continued looping the sphere until the final whistle sounded."

Edenton has won six successive games and is one of the best high school teams in this section.

But the tide changed in Windsor, Williamston winning out with a score of 22 and 10. The Windsor boys, like those of our own team have not played many match games for the past year.

Mrs. Lavinia Williams Dies in Farmville

At the home of her son, Mr. George Williams, in Farmville, with whom she had lived for the past several years, Mrs. Lavinia Williams died last night.

The deceased was a former resident of Williamston and one of its most highly respected and beloved women. The daughter of S. R. and Martha Mobley, she was born 67 years ago, about four miles from here, at the old Mobley homestead.

She was married to George Williams and moved to Williamston in 1884 where she lived until a few years ago. Since that time she has lived with her children in Farmville.

Surviving her are two children, Mrs. Lewis Godwin and George Williams, of Farmville, and one sister, Mrs. Bettie Teel, of this place.

The funeral party arrived here this afternoon at 2:30, and interment took place in the cemetery by the side of her husband, who has been dead for several years.

She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and her pastor, of Farmville, assisted by Mr. E. D. Dodd, of the local church, officiated at the services.

Mr. Andrew Clark, of Everett, was in town this morning.

PROMISES BIGGER AND BETTER FAIR IN EVERY WAY THIS YEAR; "LAST YEAR A GOOD FAIR; THIS YEAR A GREAT FAIR," MR. POE'S SLOGAN.

Mr. H. M. Poe, secretary of the Roanoke Fair Association is in Lynchburg, Va., attending the Southern Fair Association meeting, which convenes annually for the purpose of giving the various secretaries of the State and South an opportunity to book shows and acts for the coming season.

Mr. Poe, in a letter to the Enterprise, states that Martin County had an exceptionally good fair last year, but for 1925 he expects to put on the largest fair ever for eastern North Carolina. He is booking shows of the highest type and acts that will excel any of those seen at the previous Roanoke Fairs.

"Last year a good fair, this year a great fair," is the slogan that Mr. Poe has selected for the Roanoke Fair of 1925, and Mr. Poe like other reliable institutions and individuals, lives up to his slogan.

Those who attended last year's fair know that everything was as good as he advertised that it would be, and they can readily believe him this year when he writes, "I promise the highest-class fair ever in eastern section of the State this year."

FEDERATION WILL HEAR MR. BURRELL

**Former Pastor of Williamston Baptist Church to Speak Here
Wednesday**

Rev. W. K. Burrell, of Monroe, N. C., and former pastor of the Williamston Memorial Baptist Church, will preach to the Federations Wednesday night at 7:30, at the Baptist Church. Mr. Burrell is remembered here not only for his intellectual attainment but for spiritual gifts as well. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

Death of Mrs. Romulus Lilley

Last night at her home in Griffins Township Mrs. Romulus Lilley succumbed to an attack of pneumonia, having been seriously ill.

She was a daughter of the late Lilley and Martha Roberson and was born in Griffins Township, where she lived all her life. In girlhood she was married to Romulus Lilley, and he, with five children, survives her. The children are: Mrs. Tom Rawls, Mrs. Jesse Lilley, and Messrs. Herbert, Mule, and John Lilley. They are all residents of Martin County. She also leaves one brother, George Roberson.

She was a devout believer in the Primitive Baptist faith and attended services at the Smithwick Creek Baptist Church for many years.

The funeral services were held this afternoon at her late residence, and the interment was made in the Lilley Cemetery. Elders John Rogerson and W. B. Harrington conducted the services.

EVERETTS HIGH SCHOOL WINS FROM ROBERSONVILLE HIGHS

The Everetts High School boys won over the Robersonville High School in a very interesting game at Everetts Thursday night, January 16th. The score was 55 to 25. The principal feature of the game was the goal throwing of Cherry, for Everetts, who scored 36 points. Franklin, of Everetts also did some good throwing, scoring a total of 16 points. Mr. Jim Cook, of Williamston, was the referee. One noticeable thing about this game was that at no time during the game did any player on either side seem to get worried the least bit. This was due principally to the fine refereeing of Mr. Cook.

Mr. Milton Norman is spending a few days in Edenton attending to business for the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association.

Mrs. Frank Hitch, Miss Lydia Cook, Messrs. J. L. Hassell, Harold, and Joe Everetts motored to Washington yesterday.

Messrs. W. T. Meadows, Jr., and Julian Harrell motored to Washington Sunday.

Messrs. W. H. Gurkin and Julian Evans visited friends in Washington Sunday.