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COMMISSIONERS IN REGULAR SESSION HERE YESTERDAY

Little of Importance Comes Up At Meeting; Make Provisions For Another Small Bridge

The Martin County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting at the courthouse Monday, January 4, with the following members present: H. C. Green, H. M. Burras, T. B. Slade, Jr., John N. Hopkins, and J. G. Barnhill.

The Eureka Lumber Company was released from the payment of taxes on \$640 worth of property improperly listed in Bear Grass Township, for the year 1925.

The minutes of the three previous meetings were read and approved by the board.

Lumber was ordered furnished for a bridge across a branch near B. L. Cross's residence in Williamston Town ship.

W. A. Stocks was placed on the county pauper list with a monthly allowance of \$20.

J. T. McClaron was released from the payment of \$1 dog tax for the year 1925.

Mrs. Mary E. Peel was released from the payment of taxes on a piano listed by error in Williamston township.

J. L. Reason was released from the payment of \$1 dog tax.

It was ordered by the board that the register of deeds be paid the sum of \$50 per month for service as clerk to the board and keeping the books of the county for this year.

Everetts Woodmen Elect New Officers

(Special To The Enterprise) Everetts, Jan. 5.—At a meeting of Everetts Camp, No. 15642, Modern Woodmen of America, held Monday night, December 14, 1925, the following officers were elected for the year 1926: Messrs. H. L. Roebuck, Counsel; C. B. Roebuck, past counsel; Mayo Peel, advisor; W. L. Ausborn, banker; Paul Bailey, clerk; Monie Mobley, escort; C. C. Bailey, watchman; J. H. Bland, sentry.

The following were elected to serve as trustees of the camp for one, two, and three years, respectively: J. Arthur Wynn, V. G. Taylor, J. W. Cherry. It is hoped by these officers that the members will cooperate with them to the fullest extent during the year 1926, making this a banner year for the M. W. A.

Purvis Brothers Buy Out R. F. Pope

Purvis Brothers is the name of the new firm which has succeeded Mr. R. F. Pope on Washington Street. They will continue the cleaning and pressing and fountain drinks business formerly conducted by Mr. Pope.

Manning-Browning

The following invitation has been received by friends of the contracting parties in the city:

"Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Mack Manning request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of their daughter, Carrie Delle, to Mr. John Robert Browning, on Wednesday the thirteenth of January, at eight o'clock in the morning, at home, Jamesville, North Carolina."

Enclosed card reads: "At home after the twenty-third of January, Williamston, N. C."

Miss Manning is well known here, having attended the Williamston High School for several years and visited her brother, Messrs. J. O. and J. A. Manning.

Mr. Brown, who is at present owner of the Williamston Lunch room, is very popular here.

Strand Theatre

TONIGHT

"THE DRESSMAKER FROM PARIS"

with

Leatrice Joy and Ernest Torrence

"Kid Mayor"



Washburn, Wis., has the youngest Mayor of any municipality in America. Paul Ungredt was elected to reform the town when hardly more than a boy. Now, at the age of 33, he has made a great success of his administration, handling the city's affairs with rare judgment for one of so limited experience.

DOHENY INTERESTS DEALT BODY BLOW BY COURT APPEALS

Upholds Lower Court in Findings That Naval Oil Reserve in California Was Obtained by Fraud

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—A decision, which, if upheld by the United States Supreme Court, will strip the Edward L. Doheny interests of all the present oil leases in Naval Oil Reserve No. 1 in California and deny them any relief for work performed in such reserves and at the Pearl Harbor oil station at Honolulu, was handed down here today by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

The court upheld the action of the United States district court in Los Angeles in ordering the cancellation of the leases in question on the ground that they were obtained thru conspiracy and collusion.

The court, however, reversed the finding of the trial court that the Pan-American Petroleum and Transport Co., the lessees, should be compensated by \$11,786,928 for work done in establishing the Pearl Harbor oil base and for exploitation and drilling work in the Elk Hill fields, the focal point of the controversy.

In effect, the court held that if the leases themselves were obtained thru an illegal exchange of any sort, the lessees were not entitled to the return of any moneys expended as an outgrowth of such illegal act.

History of the Case The government's suit against the E. L. Doheny oil interests was the first case investigated by the United States Senate committee to come to trial. During the Senate investigation Doheny testified that he expected to realize \$100,000,000 on the contracts and leases involving the Elk Hill naval oil reserve, Kern County, Cal., and construction of the naval oil base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Federal Judge Paul J. McCormick at Los Angeles, after hearing the case which opened in October, 1924, ordered the leases and contracts canceled on two grounds. First, that they were against public policy because the action of the then Secretary of the Interior, Albert B. Fall, in making them was fraudulent, and second because the executive order under which the instruments were executed was invalid.

In its complaint, the government charged that a fraudulent conspiracy between Fall and Doheny entered into negotiations surrounding the leases. Government counsel charged specifically that the \$100,000 "loan" Doheny made to Fall in November, 1921, was a bribe and constituted a fraud on the United States.

Counsel for Doheny defended the \$100,000 transaction as a personal loan between friends of life-long standing, and held that it played no part in securing the leases, since the tender took place more than a year previous to the letting of the major lease in suit.

STATE IS ALLOWED \$1,708,544.00 BY U. S. FOR GOOD ROADS

Concrete Road From Williamston Bridge to Bertie Highlands Considered Probable

North Carolina has been allowed \$1,708,544 by the Federal Government to be expended on the highways of the State on the Federal-aid projects.

Texas gets more than any other State, its total reaching four and a half million dollars.

Delaware, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Hawaii each get the sum of \$365,625.

The total sum allowed under the post office appropriation act of February 1925, to be expended during the year is \$73,125,000.

The Federal Government paid about one-third of the cost of the Williamston Bridge, amounting to about \$200,000.

It is considered probable that they will make further expenditures on Route 30, from the northern end of the concrete to the Bertie highlands. So far, Martin and Bertie Counties have been well recognized by the Federal division of public roads.

Smaller World Crop Of Tobacco Indicated

Washington, Jan. 3.—A world tobacco crop slightly less than those of the past two years, but 38 per cent greater than the annual average of the five years before the war, was indicated tonight in department of agriculture reports from 19 countries which last year produced 74 per cent of the world crop. India and China were not included.

The more important producing countries in Europe show a decline of 13 per cent from last year, the department announced, the drop being the heaviest in France, with a loss of 45 per cent; Jugoslavia and Bulgaria also show declines while Czechoslovakia and Greece have materially increased production.

Production reports have not yet been received from the Dutch East Indies in the Philippines, but the crops there were said to be of inferior quality. Turkey reports a crop of better quality than usual.

Farmers Mutual Annual Meeting Here Saturday

The annual meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association will be held at the courthouse Saturday, January 9th.

This company has operated in Martin County for more than 30 years. It has nearly a million dollars insurance in force and has never failed to pay any loss.

In the great tornado which swept over this county in April, 1924, it paid for every building damaged by the wind or otherwise.

The cost for the 30 years has not averaged \$3.50 per thousand per year for all losses, including fire, wind, and lightning.

Philatheas Meet With Mrs. Mobley

The Philatheas of the Christian Church met with Mrs. Charles Mobley on Friday evening at her home on Church Street.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. J. D. Woolard in the absence of the president, Mrs. G. H. Harrison. A short business session was held after the religious worship.

The social program was given over to the hostess. A contest was held and Mrs. J. O. Manning and Mrs. Henry Harrison won, Mrs. Harrison getting the prize, a double compact. A lovely salad course with coffee was served by Mrs. Mobley assisted by her daughter, Miss Ollie M. Roberson.

Mr. Marion Griffin Accidentally Shot

Mr. J. Marion Griffin was painfully wounded by a glancing shot fired Sunday morning by a boy who was shooting at a rabbit.

Mr. Griffin happened to be near by and the shot struck him in the back, inflicting a painful wound.

Dr. Smithwick, who attended him, was unable to extract the shot and took him to the Washington Hospital, where an X-ray examination was made, which indicated that the injury was not serious.

Mr. Griffin is a clerk in the Williamston post office and was spending Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Griffin when the accident occurred.

He was at one time employed by The Enterprise and the local telephone company.

Only Part of School Building Condemned

A mistaken idea is abroad that the whole school building has been condemned. This is entirely wrong, but the stage end of the auditorium is considered unsafe and the room is used very rarely and never by the school children. The drooping of the arch over the stage is due to a trench having been dug under the building when water connection was made with the town, and the trouble is entirely confined to that point.

Professor Seymour asked us to give this information, as some of the parents have heard the whole building had been condemned and were uneasy about their children attending school.

FORMER RESIDENT OF MARTIN COUNTY DIES IN GOLDSBORO

Dr. W. H. House, Formerly of Oak City, Seized With Angina Pectoris And Dies in Ten Minutes

Goldsboro, Jan. 3.—Dr. W. H. House, 34, one of the most popular physicians and citizens of this city, died at the Goldsboro Hospital at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, following an attack of angina pectoris, which ended his life in ten minutes. Dr. House was at the hospital attending to some patients in an apparently good health as ever when the heart attack came upon him. A fellow physician was immediately at his side, but to no avail.

As a physician, Dr. House was popular with old and young, and while he made a specialty of children's diseases he was also much in demand for the treatment of older folks.

Dr. House served with distinction in the World War. He was given four war crosses, one of them from the King of England, who personally placed it upon him. He dined with the King and Queen of England following the close of his war service. He was a member of the American Legion and an Elk in high standing.

Besides his widow Dr. House leaves his aged father and mother, of House, N. C., and a number of brothers and sisters.

Dr. House was located at Oak City for several years, where he was engaged in the practice of medicine, prior to the world war.

PARENT-TEACHERS TO MEET THURSDAY AT SCHOOL HOUSE

Meeting Will Be Held at Schoolhouse in Afternoon; Hope For Better Attendance By Parents

The parents-teachers association will meet at the grade school building on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The previous meetings this year have been held at the courthouse, but the attendance has been so very poor that the officers decided to meet at the schoolhouse again. The meeting hour has been changed from the evening to the afternoon.

It is greatly deplored by the leaders and the members of the faculty that the majority of the parents of the town do not take any interest in the Parent-Teachers organization, because they can accomplish very little unless a greater number of the parents of the children are active in their work.

Slade, Rhodes & Co. Dissolving Partnership

The firm of Slade, Rhodes & Co. are beginning a dissolution sale Saturday, January 9th. This is a sale that will be held to decrease the large stock of goods which has been carried by this firm, composed of Messrs. W. S. Rhodes and Don G. Matthews. Mr. Matthews is retiring from the firm, however, which will be owned and managed in the future by Mr. W. S. Rhodes, one of the county's leading business men.

In this issue of the Enterprise a page ad appears which is an index to the bargains that will be offered at this sale.

Small Fire at Home of Frank Bell Thursday

On Thursday night the home of Frank Bell, which is on the plantation of Mr. Marshall Wilson in and bordering the outskirts of Williamston, caught on fire and it was a case of timely work that saved the day. A bucket of ashes had been left standing for a day and the heat caused a blaze to start in the floor.

Miss Minnie Robertson left Sunday for Winston-Salem, where she teaches in the public schools.

Miss Alice Bloom has returned to her home in New York, after visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Margolis.

REGULAR SESSION RECORDERS COURT HELD HERE TODAY

Judge Smith Sends Quite a Number Of Retruits To Edgecombe County Roads

Judge Smith recruited quite a number for the Edgecombe County road force at the regular session of the recorders court held here today.

The following cases were disposed of:

Irving Latham, charged with larceny. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the Edgecombe roads for a term of four months.

Augustus Wynn, charged with an assault, was found not guilty.

Thomas S. James, charged with abandonment. Guilty. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs and furnishing a \$100 bond for his appearance at the March term of court.

Henry Harrell pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and was charged with the costs.

J. B. Stevenson pleaded guilty to the charge of assault with a deadly weapon and was taxed with the costs of the action.

Milton Williams, charged with larceny, was adjudged guilty and sentenced to serve four months on the roads of Edgecombe County.

Everetts Wins Another Basketball Contest

(Special To The Enterprise)

Everetts, Jan. 4.—To celebrate the passing of the old year in good style the Everetts high school boys defeated a team from Washington composed of local players, high school players and two college boys. The score was 18-5.

The game proved to be a rough and tumble affair from the very start. The few spectators received their money's worth in seeing the Everetts boys completely outpass and outguess the opposing team.

Cherry got back into the game after a lay off of over two weeks, due to an accident. He was high scorer, though only playing three quarters. Captain Roebuck was kept out part of the game due to an injured hand but nevertheless scored 6 points.

The whole Everetts team, including the subs used, played a fair game after a two-weeks lay off. They are now getting down to practice for a hard week of basketball just preceding examinations.

This coming Friday night there will be a double-header between Washington High School and Everetts High School, both boys and girls playing. These should be the best games of the season. Come out and lend your support.

Line up and summary of last game:

Washington	R.F.	Everetts
Ellison	Cherry, Keel	
Ross	James, Faulkner	
Johnson (Capt.)	Bullock	
Harris, Boyd	(Capt.) Roebuck, Keel	
Adams	Alph Roebuck	

Scoring: Washington—Boyd, 4; Johnson, 1; Everetts—Cherry, 9; Bullock, 2; James, 1; Roebuck, 6. Referee: Johnson.

Windsor Railroad Is Ordered Sold by Court

Judge Isaac Meekins has ordered a sale of the Wellington & Powellsville Railroad running from Windsor to Aoshkie. The sale will be made under Judge Meekins order by Attorney W. R. Johnson, of Aoshkie, who has been appointed special master.

The road is about 20 miles in length and a narrow-gauge road. All standard cars have to be placed on special trucks of the narrow-gauge type before coming from the A. C. L. tracks at Aoshkie to Windsor and points along the line.

Local Men Return From Ducking Trip

Messrs. K. B. and W. H. Crawford, J. G. Staton and J. S. Rhodes returned Friday evening from Currituck Sound, where they spent nearly two weeks hunting. On account of the extremely cold weather the hunters did not get so much game, as they could not get out on the sound without "walking the ice."

When asked if he did this, Mr. Staton said he might have put some weight on his toes to see if the ice at the shore line would break, but never did he get flat-footed on the ice on that sound.

Miss Lucille Hassell returned this morning from Kinston, where she visited Miss Della Jeffries. She was met at Parmele by her father, Mr. C. B. Hassell.

A Hard Worker



Opal Code, from Fort Worth, Texas, has plowed her Bell County farm for four years, making a living for six members of her family. Now that her young brothers and sisters are provided for she is working her way thru Baylor College, serving as waitress.

LARGE FORTUNE AWAITS HEIRS OF ROBERT D. EVANS

Twenty Million Dollar Estate To Be Divided Among Heirs of Robt. D. Evans in Hertford and Bertie

Aoshkie, Jan. 4.—Bertie and Hertford County folks are very much interested in the prospect of great riches that are about to come to some of the people of this section by inheritance.

The thrill comes from a will made by Robert D. Evans, of Boston, in 1909, in which he conveyed all his property to his wife for life and then one-half to go to the heirs of his wife and the other half to his legal heirs.

Robert D. Evans, it seems, went to Boston from Bertie County many years ago, where he married and made a large fortune, supposed to be above \$20,000,000. He never had any children, and under the terms of his will half of the estate will go to the Bertie and Hertford County relatives.

This sudden prospect of great wealth has brought out many old Bibles to see the names of father grandfathers, mothers and brothers, sisters and sons and daughters, to find the blood strain of Robert D. Evans.

There seems to be every indication that a large legacy awaits the descendants of Robert D. Evans, most of whom live in this section.

Virginia Governor's Wife Badly Burned

Richmond, Va., Jan. 4.—Mrs. E. Lee Trinkle, wife of the governor of Virginia, suffered what physicians termed "first degree burns" when she tried to rescue her small son, E. Lee Trinkle, jr., from the third-floor of the executive mansion which caught fire this morning from a sparkler in the hands of her four-year-old son Billie.

Mrs. Trinkle was taken to Memorial Hospital, where physicians said she was severely burned about the hands and face.

MRS. R. J. PEEL EXPECTED TO RETURN THIS WEEK

Mrs. R. J. Peel, who underwent a rather serious operation at the Washington Hospital about two weeks ago, is recuperating very rapidly now and is expected home in a very short while, possibly this week.

LITTLE DAUGHTER OF REV. AND MRS. CRITCHER ILL

Rosamond, the little daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. B. D. Critcher, is ill at the home of Mrs. J. E. Pope. She was taken ill immediately after they returned to their home at Garysburg, so they returned to be with relatives here.

Mrs. Bloom and daughter, Hilda, of New York, are visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank Margolis, and Mr. Margolis at their home in the Tar Heel Apartments.

Mrs. G. H. Harrison returned Sunday from Richlands, where she visited her mother during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Robertson and children, Roland Hatton and J. R., left yesterday for their home at Suffolk after spending a few days here with relatives.

SKEWARKEE LODGE IS 100 YEARS OLD; PLAN CELEBRATION

Local Masons Plan Celebration Next Tuesday Night; Many Prominent Masons Invited To Attend

Skewarkee Lodge will celebrate its one hundredth birthday at its regular communication to be held on Tuesday night, January 12.

Skewarkee Lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina on the 2nd day of January, 1826, being the ninetieth lodge to become chartered by that body.

The charter was granted to the new lodge named Skewarkee, with Alfred M. Slade, Worshipful Master; William R. Bennett, Senior Warden, and Joseph R. Ballard Junior Warden.

The charter was granted while H. G. Turton was Grand Master; Frances L. Hawks was deputy grand master; Geo. E. Spruill, senior grand warden; Louis D. Wilson, junior grand warden.

The lodge purchased most of the block of land surrounded by Main, Vatts, Smithwick, and Church Streets, later selling all except the lot upon which the lodge building is now located at the corner of Smithwick and Church Streets, where the present lodge building now stands. The old building was remodeled and enlarged quite a number of years ago.

The lodge room is spacious and beautifully furnished with Masonic fixtures and furniture. The lower floor has been leased recently to the Woman's Club to be used for their headquarters.

Since the organization of the lodge 100 years ago a majority of the leading men of Williamston have held membership with it. Its membership for many years has been near the 100 mark. Nearly all of the leading young men of the town and many from other parts of the county have recently identified themselves with the order and are making it a real live and useful institution.

At the centenary birthday meeting to be held on the 13th, many prominent Masons from other lodges are expected. Degree work will be done and a supper will be served.

Mrs. W. E. Warren Entertains Friday

At her home on Houghton Street, Mrs. William E. Warren entertained with two tables of rook Friday, New Year's evening.

While her guests were playing cards, Mrs. Warren entertained them with John McCormack's recital on the radio. A delicious frozen egg-nogg, with cherries, stuffed dates and coconut cake was served.

Those present were Mesdames P. B. Come, John Cook, A. Hassell, L. B. Harrison, C. D. Carstarphen, C. A. Harrison and Misses Sallie Harris and Carrie Dell White.

New Saw Mill To Be Located Here

A new saw mill is soon to be in operation here, according to rumor. Mr. C. D. Webb, of Edenton, has leased the site of the old Southern Willite Plant. It is reported that he will put in a new mill, including dry kilns and planing mill. It is expected to be in operation in the early spring.

J. B. McGowan Suffers Stroke Of Paralysis

Mr. J. B. McGowan was stricken with paralysis at his home, Garden Terrace, on Friday night. He was still unconscious when he was taken to the Memorial Hospital at Greenville yesterday, and at this time his recovery is very doubtful.

Juniors To Meet Thursday Night

The local council of the Jr. O. U. A. M. will hold its regular meeting in the Woodman Hall Thursday night, January 7, 1926, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present.

J. S. SEYMOUR, J. E. POPE.

MR. AND MRS. COLLIN PEEL LOCATED HERE

Mr. and Mrs. S. Collin Peel, who, since their marriage in the fall, have made their home in Jamesville, moved to Williamston Saturday and are at home with Mr. and Mrs. Marshall D. Wilson.

Miss Eva Peel returned to her school work at Robersonville yesterday.

Miss Fannie Godard returned to her home in Dunn Saturday, after visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. L. Robertson.