

PAY BIG PREMIUM FOR COUNTY BONDS

County Commissioners Sell \$175,000
Bond Issue for Premium of
\$8,593 Wednesday

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session Wednesday March 31, for the purpose of receiving bids for \$15,000 road and bridge bonds.

There seemed to be a strong demand for the bonds. Twenty bidders were present. The companies represented and their bids follow:

Bohmer-Renhardt, Toledo \$179,760.00
Otis & Co., Cleveland 183,055.00
Taylor, Wesson & Co., and
N. S. Hill, Cincinnati 180,801.00
H. M. Bylesby Co., Cleveland 182,215.00
Provident Savings Bank &
Trust Co., Cincinnati 182,446.25
David Robinson Co., Toledo 181,700.00
Pruden & Co., Toledo 183,593.00
R. S. Dixon & Co., Toledo 177,100.00
C. W. McNear Co., Chicago 183,312.00
Well, Roth & Irving Co.,
Cincinnati, Ohio 179,602.50
Sundry trust companies of
Detroit 182,677.00
Merchants Trust Co., Det't 182,125.08
A. T. Bell & Co., Toledo 182,665.50
W. K. Terry & Co., Toledo 180,505.00
W. L. Dayton Co., Toledo 180,925.50
Wachovia Bank & Trust Co.
Harris Forbes & Co. 180,136.25
A. C. Allen & Co., Chicago 178,712.00
Kauffman-Smith Co., Inc.,
St. Louis 183,238.00
First National Trust Co.,
Durham, N. C. 182,700.00
The bid of Pruden & Co., of To-
ledo, Ohio, at \$183,593, which gives a
premium of \$8,593, was accepted. This
is regarded as a very good price for
5 per cent bonds.

These bonds are issued for the pur-
pose of retiring a circulating or cur-
rent debt, which the county has had
to take care of by giving short-time
notes at a higher rate of interest.

Triangle Debate At Courthouse Tonight

The triangle debate between Wil-
liamston, Scotland Neck, and Weldon
will be held at the courthouse tonight.
Ruth Manning and Marguerite Cook
will represent the affirmative side at
home, with Claude Baxter Clark sub-
stitute. They will debate with the
negative team, composed of two girls,
from Weldon.

The Williamston team for the nega-
tives is composed of Cecil Taylor and
Paul Godwin, with Margaret Rogerson
substitute. They will go to Scot-
land Neck.

Members of the school faculty are
hopeful of having a large attendance
at the courthouse tonight.

Revival At Baptist Church Closes Sunday

The revival at the Baptist church is
drawing big crowds. Rev. C. H.
Dickey has preached a series of sane
and able sermons in his church each
night for almost two weeks.

The subject last night was "Why
People Do Not Join the Church." It
was based upon the wedding feast in-
vitation, which was refused by the
filthy excuses of the land buyer, the
ox trader, and the fellow that got
married.

The same fellows are of course here
today and making the same excuses.
The preacher might well have added
one other fellow, the automobile rider.
The meeting will close Sunday
night, and while the results in church
additions have not been large, the
meeting has been of the type to ele-
vate rather than cheapen religion, be-
cause it has been sane, sound, and
filled with truth.

Mrs. C. D. Anderson and little
daughter, Betsy Jean, and Mrs. L. O.
Clark, of Tarboro, spent yesterday
with Mrs. Anderson's parents, Mr.
and Mrs. J. H. Britt.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY

Fred Thompson and
Silver King in
"Ridin' The Wind"

Our Gang Comedy

Episode No. 9
"ACE OF SPADES"

7:00 and 9:00

Woman's Club To Meet Next Week

The Woman's Club will hold its reg-
ular meeting in the club rooms next
Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.
A very interesting program has
been prepared for this meeting.

W. HENRY DANIEL DIED THIS MORNING

Stricken With Apoplexy Thursday
Morning and Only Lived
Twenty-Six Hours

Mr. W. Henry Daniel died this morn-
ing at 5 o'clock. He was stricken
with apoplexy Thursday morning at
8 o'clock and never regained con-
sciousness.

He was 56 years old, the son of W.
Mc. Daniel and wife, Jennie, and was
reared near Flat Swamp Church. His
mother survives him. He had four
brothers and four sisters, three of
each now living, John T. Daniel, of
Oak City; H. O. Daniel, of Everetts;
and James Daniel, of Robersonville;
Miss Estelle Daniel and Mrs. Blanche
Taylor, of Robersonville; and Mrs. H.
S. Everett, of Oak City.

He married Miss Bettie Lanier.
Their only child died in infancy. Mrs.
Daniel survives him.

He had been in the lumber and mill
business for more than 30 years, most
of the time running the old Foster
Mill, or "Big Mill," with J. G. Staton
as Daniel & Staton.

He was willing to trust anybody
and seemed to be a friend to all. In-
deed, he was always good natured,
friendly, and it always a pleasure to
meet him and be embraced in the sun-
shine of his smile.

He will be buried at the grave-
yard on the hill, by the old mill, Sat-
urday evening.

Oak City School Reopened Monday

Oak City, April 1.—The Oak City
school has been closed a week on
account of the influenza epidemic. The
condition has improved, and school re-
opened Monday for regular work.

Miss Susan Fulghum, state inspector
of elementary schools, has accepted
Oak City elementary school for stand-
ard work, and the school will be
placed on the accredited list.

The boys of Oak City school and
community have been organized into a
Boy Scout troop, with twenty mem-
bers. The majority of them have
passed the tenderfoot test and are do-
ing efficient Scout work under the
leadership of Rev. Kokley of the Baptist
Church.

Schools from the townships in group
1 will meet April 10th at 10 o'clock
in the Oak City high school auditor-
ium for the first group center com-
mencement, at which time elimination
contests will be held in spelling, arith-
metic, and story-telling, dramatization
and singing. Game contests will also
be arranged. The townships in group
1 are: Goose Nest, Hamilton, Cross
Roads, Poplar Point, and Roberson-
ville. The public is cordially invited
to attend this group center rally.

Recorder Sends Negro To Roads For Stealing

Saturday evening store stealing
seems to be carried on in a big way
in many towns.

A young colored man was before
Judge Smith Tuesday and acknowl-
edged stealing goods from Slade,
Rhodes & Co., of Hamilton. Judge
Smith sentenced him to 6 months on
the Edgemore roads.

It seems to be the practice in many
places for gangs to congregate in
stores and when clerks get too busy
to keep a look out, they proceed to
take things. The roads are the prop-
er place for such people.

Standard High Schools Receive \$950 From State

Three of the standard high schools
of this county received, all together,
\$950 from the State department of
education last week. The schools and
the amount received were: Jamestown,
\$400; Oak City \$400; and Parmele col-
ored training school, \$150. This fund
is allowed schools that have reached a
certain standard when there is not
enough taxable property in their par-
ticular districts to maintain their
standards.

Easter Services At Episcopal Church

Rev. Clarence O. Pardo, Rector
8 a. m.—Holy Communion. The ju-
nior choir will sing.

9:45 a. m.—Church school.
11 a. m.—Holy Communion and ser-
mon.

3:00 p. m.—Holy Trinity Mission.
7:30 p. m.—Children's festival.
The choir will render a special Eas-
ter anthem at the 11 o'clock service.

Democratic Township Conventions To Be Held Friday And Saturday, April 16 and 17; County Convention Will Be Here Saturday, April 24th

Under the law the Democratic
primary will be held for the nomi-
nation of all officers of the State
and counties on June 5th of this
year; and under the plan of or-
ganization of the Democratic
Party it is the duty of the Demo-
cratic executive committee of each
township in the State to call a
meeting of the Democratic voters

of their respective townships,
either on Saturday, the 17th of
April, 1926, or in cities and towns
such meetings may be held on Fri-
day night, April 16th.

At such meetings it shall be the
duty of the voters to elect dele-
gates to the county convention,
which will be held in Williamston
in the courthouse on Saturday,
April 24, at 12 o'clock and also

to elect a member of the county
executive committee.

The county convention will elect
delegates to the district and State
convention which will be held at
Raleigh April 29th.

These township meetings are
very important and the chairman
of the county executive commit-
tee, Mr. Clayton Moore, urges a
full attendance.

SURPRISE REUNION OF WARD FAMILY

Occasion Was 69th Birthday of Mr.
James Henry Ward, Head of
Family; 76 Present

Mr. James Henry Ward was in town
yesterday and said that he noticed a
little extra cooking going on at his
home Saturday, but thought it was all
because his son, who lives at Wendell,
was coming Sunday on a visit, and
for that reason thought nothing more
about it. But on Sunday morning he
was reminded of his 69th birthday
when his folks from everywhere be-
gan to pour in, until there was a mix-
ture of the first, second, third, and
fourth generations, numbering in all
76, consisting of the old folks at home,
sons-in-law, daughters, daugh-
ters-in-law, grandsons-in-law, grand-
daughters and granddaughters-in-law,
and great-grandchildren—76 in all—
with four neighbors and their three
children, raising the party to 83. Too
many to sit together in one dining
room, so the boys, who are always
ready to do whatever becomes neces-
sary, provided a table in the yard,
where the whole company gathered to
celebrate in honor of the father, the
head of the family.

Uncle Jim Henry said it was the
finest dinner he ever saw, and after
the 83 had eaten there was enough
left for 83 more. He said they gave
him lots of presents, but that he did
not want them to do so much for him;
yet he expressed great appreciation at
the expressions of love and service to
him.

He has always been of that type
that did not desire others to do for
him, but he says he is reaching the
age that brings other thoughts, and
his inability to carry his load as he
had done in days gone by. One of
the things that seemed to touch him
most was the quietness and gentleness
of the gathering, throughout the
whole event.

We tried to get the names of the
whole family, but excused Uncle Jim
when he checked short on the names
of his own nine children and only
came out with eight on the first count.
He said he never had much time to
charge his memory with the names
and ages of the children and grand-
children.

Occasions of this kind seem to be
more pleasing to those who have lost
something of the bloom and freshness
of youth than to those who are more
vigorous. It reminds them that they
are not forgotten.

Many a man has missed seeing Je-
sus because he was not with the
church when it met in its regular
place, for its regular period of wor-
ship. Of course, one may be at the
church and not see Jesus, but it is the
best place to see Him.

But, anyway, Thomas had not per-
manently defaulted. Next Sunday he
had come back and was in his accus-
tomed place. While he and the other
ten were thus there, Jesus appeared.
It would seem that He appeared pur-
pose for Thomas' own personal good.
He did that many times—He stopped
a day to save Zachaeus; He had a lone
interview with Nicodemus, and there
was no other person present when the
Samaritan woman believed.

Thomas, though, was an honest seek-
er for the truth, even though he was
scientific, slow, and cautious; never-
theless, he wanted the truth; and
when a man honestly seeks for the
truth, he generally finds it.

"Thomas didn't believe at first, but
when he saw he believed more truly
than they all. His answer was, "My
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great, good man. And if he doubted
it was no more than the others had
done, and no more than we have done.

It was well that Jesus singled out
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tions. For there had been a time in
Peter's life when he was too self-
conscious—too sure of himself. He
had one time said that he would never
deny Jesus; that he would even dare
to die with Him.

After this, he denied Him over and
over again. It nearly killed Peter
after he realized what he had done.
He repented in sackcloth and ashes.
But the Lord had a great work for
him to do, and a tragic death for him
to die. And it was needful that he be
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heart may be black as the pit from
pole to pole and still have it purged
with hyssop until it is clean, and
washed until it is whiter than snow.

Mr. Calvin Hassell and little daugh-
ter, Annie Clark, of Washington, D. C.
are spending Easter with Mr. Has-
sell's father, Elder Sylvester Hassell.

Messrs. J. S. Peel and son, Dillon
Peel, of Everetts, were in town this
morning.

C. B. Siceoff spent Thursday in
Greenville and Farmville.

Civil Service Examiner Visitor Here Today

Mr. T. D. Dunn, of the Civil Ser-
vice Commission, at Washington, was
in town today conferring with the lo-
cal Civil Service board of examiners.
He goes from here to Little Wash-
ington, where he will instruct the lo-
cal board in that town.

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

April 4—"Jesus appears to His
disciples."—John 20:24-29; 21:15-
17.

By C. H. DICKEY

Resurrection Day is a great day in
the Christian world!

It was a great day in the lives of
those who saw Him after His resur-
rection. Jesus said to Thomas that
he had believed Him; but that those
of us who have believed without see-
ing Him are blessed indeed.

Two central characters stand out in
the Scriptures selected for this les-
son—Thomas and Peter.

When Jesus appeared to the dis-
ciples in the upper room, after His
resurrection, there were only ten of
them present. Judas had committed
suicide, and Thomas, for some reason,
was not present.

One wonders where Thomas was.
But wherever he was, he missed see-
ing his Lord because he was not pres-
ent when the church assembled that
day.

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STAGE ALL SET FOR EXPOSITION

Planning for Biggest Presentation
Ever Made; Will Rogers and
Anna Case Features

The stage has been all set and is
practically in order in Greenville for
the biggest and best Eastern Carolina
Exposition in its history. There are,
of course, as every one knows, two
outstanding features, Will Rogers and
Anna Case, two famous stars in their
respective realms. But there are other
attractions that are very good.

There is a stock company with sev-
enteen members, that will play four
times, Thursday and Friday after-
noon and night. Two bands will be
present, one from New York and one
from Benson.

The big parade will be held Monday
and two others will be put on during
the week, the one by the American
Legion on Tuesday will be of partic-
ular interest.

There are many more queens elect-
ed from the various towns than ever
before. There are also junior queens
from many of the towns.

Miss Laura Norton will represent
Williamston. She will have the
strong support of Williamston peo-
ple.

Miss Norton is one of the prettiest
and most popular girls in this section
and should stand a good chance to
win.

Williamston will also be repre-
sented, indirectly, by another young lady,
Miss Mildred Darden, who is a mem-
ber of the school faculty, will repre-
sent her home town, Kenly, and we
feel certain that the people of Kenly
have good taste, judging from their
selection of a queen.

March One of Coldest in Memory of Older Folks

March left its imprint on the minds
of the people, having more cold days
than any March in the memory of the
old folks, some of them extremely
cold.

The last day of the month was mark-
ed by high gales, which shook the
houses, and moved the sands and the
waters in every section of the coun-
try.

There were a few deaths here and
there, especially in the Northeast,
where ships and small craft were
driven to the bottom by the wind. The
storm continued over into April, with
real gales everywhere, reaching the
stage of snowy blizzard in the cen-
tral west.

Exams For Pupils Of Non-Standard Schools

The colleges of this State that be-
long to the Southern College Associa-
tion have made a ruling that pupils
from non-standard high schools will
be required to stand an examination
for entrance. The examinations for
1926 will take place in June in the
office of the county superintendent.

The examination will be a standard
one. It is expected. The same one
will be used by all the colleges. They
have a committee at work on this
particular phase at present.

There are four standard high
schools in Martin County: Jamestown,
Williamston, Robersonville, and Oak
City.

April Fool's Party At Masonic Hall Tuesday

Who is the April Fool? That is the
question. Do you know who he is?
Of course not. Nobody knows. But
you will know the night of April 6,
next Tuesday, when he will be hunted
and his name discovered. Come to the
Epworth League April Fool's party at
8 o'clock at the Masonic Hall. Come
with all the fun and glee you ever
had, and bring with you a bag of pen-
nies, for it will cost money to hunt
the April fool.

Messrs. Fred Taylor, Ben Court-
ney, William Hodges and Herbert Peel
jr., students of Wake Forest College,
will arrive this afternoon with Mr. B.
S. Courtney, who motored to Wake
Forest this morning, to spend the
holidays with their parents.

Dr. Klor, of Raleigh, was the guest
of Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Cone this week.

Monday Holiday For Schools And Banks

Monday will be a general holiday
with schools and banks. The post of-
fice does not close, however.

Egg hunts and plays will be in the
program for the day.

EASTER SUNDAY AT MEMORIAL BAPTIST

Baptist People Plan for Big Day At
Memorial Baptist Church; Close
Two Weeks' Revival

The Baptist people of this section
are planning for a big day at the
Memorial Baptist Church Sunday.

It is both Easter Sunday and the
close of a two-weeks' meeting. The
day will start with the Sunday school
at the regular hour; the school closing
with an evangelistic service for the
children. At 11 o'clock the Easter
sermon will be preached. At 7:45 o'clock
the group prayer meetings will
be held and at 8 o'clock the last ser-
mon in the series will be preached.

The pastor has kept what he regards
as his most interesting sermon for
that occasion. It is entitled, "How
May I Know That I Am a Christian?"
Every right-living person is inter-
ested in this theme. Many of the best
people oftentimes have doubts just
here, and would give anything for the
assurance, absolute and complete, of
their individual salvation. The ser-
mon is calculated to be helpful to a
large number of people.

The attendance at these meetings
has been remarkably good. Hosts of
people from other churches have nobly
cooperated. Large numbers have come
in from the rural sections. There has
been the very finest possible spirit,
and great good has been accomplished.

It is hoped that another great
throng of people will be at the church
Sunday morning and Sunday night.
The church had a capacity audience
last Sunday night—all available space
filled. It was one of the greatest
church audiences ever assembled in a
Williamston church.

We are looking for another throng
Sunday night.
Everybody is invited.

McLean Is Candidate For General Assembly

The announcement in the Washing-
ton Daily News that A. D. McLean is
a candidate for the legislature met
with "a most enthusiastic reception,"
not only in Beaufort but in Martin
also, although people of this county
can not vote for him.

Mr. McLean, who is an attorney, in
the past few years has practiced his
profession in the Martin county courts
and is well known to our people as an
outstanding figure in his profession,
not only in this section but in the
State.

But what means most to our peo-
ple is that Mr. McLean is a sober
Christian gentleman, who has the
courage to stand by his convictions,
and that if more of our legislators
were of his build our State would be
even better than it is.

It is not considered likely that Mr.
McLean will have any opposition for
the office.

Methodist Program For the Next Week

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.—E. P.
Cunningham, superintendent.
Preaching services, 11 a. m., at
which time there will be a special Eas-
ter offering taken for the Methodist
orphanage.

Junior Epworth League, 2:30 p. m.—
Miss Emma Robertson, superintendent.
Preaching service at Holly Springs
at 3 p. m.

The Ladies' Aid Society meets with
Mrs. Hight Monday at 3:30 p. m.

Senior Epworth League, Monday at
8 p. m.—Mrs. J. W. Watts, superin-
tendent.

Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 p.
m.

Mrs. George Collins, of Raleigh, and
W. L. Berryhill, of Charlotte, were the
guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Warren
this week.

Mr. Almon Clapp, of Richmond, ar-
rived today to spend Easter with Mrs.
Clapp, who is spending several weeks
with her mother, Mrs. W. S. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Vance Bunting and
little daughters, Sallie Wilson, Jane,
and Doris, of Bethel, visited relatives
here yesterday.

Mrs. J. S. Peel and little daughter,
and Mrs. Andrew Clark, of Everetts,
were shoppers here yesterday.

Miss Minnie Orleans arrived Sun-
day night from New York to spend
the Easter holidays with her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Orleans. She
was met in Rocky Mount by Mr. and
Mrs. Orleans and Solly Orleans.

MR. G. N. GURGANUS DIED HERE TUESDAY

Was Well Known Over County; Death
Came As Shock, Only Having
Been Ill Three Days

After an illness which attacked him
last Friday George N. Gurganus died
at his home here Tuesday afternoon
at 3 o'clock. News of his death came
as a shock to many who had seen him
out only last week and seldom has a
death in Williamston occasioned more
expressions of sympathy and regret
than were heard when it was known
that this young man had passed away
after a three days' illness with pneu