

## Contracts Let For New County Home And Jail; Total Cost About \$107,000

### To Begin Work June 1; Finish By December 1

County Commissioners In Special Session Yesterday

### 22 BIDS ARE OPENED

### Cost of Buildings About What Had Been Expected

The board of commissioners met at the courthouse Monday for the purpose of receiving bids for the building of a new jail and courthouse annex and a new county home.

When the board met they found they had twenty-two bids for all or some parts of the job. Contracts were awarded, after discussion, as follows:

S. S. Toler, of Rocky Mt., for buildings	\$ 75,500.00
Pauley Jail Building Co., St. Louis, for jail cells, and all equipment	19,032.00
W. M. Wiggins, of Wilson, plumbing and heating	10,500.00
W. M. Wiggins, Wilson, for sewage disposal plant	845.00
J. L. Lawhie, for incidental	1,320.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$107,197.00</b>

Work on the buildings is to begin June 1 and must be completed by December 1.

#### List of Bidders and Bids

Following is a complete list of the bidders and bids:

General contract for buildings: D. J. Rose, Rocky Mount, county home, \$41,000; jail, \$37,200. Jones Brothers, Wilson, county home, \$62,940; jail, \$38,850. J. W. Stout, Sanford: county home, \$42,340; jail, \$37,193. S. S. Toler, Rocky Mount: county home, \$40,250; jail, \$35,990; also a combination bid for both buildings at \$75,500.

There were three bids for jail equipment, as follows: Van Doorn Iron Works, Cleveland, Ohio, \$24,214. Pauley Jail Builders, St. Louis, \$19,032. Manley Jail Works, Charlotte, \$21,700.

For plumbing and heating there were a number of bids for some part of the work, but only two for all, as follows:

W. M. Wiggins, of Wilson, made a bid for all at \$10,750. Dunford & Kern, Oxford, at \$10,500. H. C. Dixon, Rocky Mount, bid on the heating: County home \$2,601.35; jail, \$4,824.

W. E. Dunn, Williamston, bid on plumbing at home, \$2,323.57; and heating, \$2,625.51.

Harding Heating Co., Greensboro, heating home and jail combined, \$6,917. Harris Hardware Co., Washington, plumbing county home, \$2,327.28.

For sewage disposal plant: J. O. Hearne, of Wilson, bid \$658. W. M. Wiggins, Wilson, \$845.

Incidental items, including screens and a number of other things: J. L. Lawhie, Wilson: Home \$795.48; jail, \$525. McDonald Paint Specialty Co., Raleigh, home \$923.47; jail \$668.88; Conklin Screen Co., Home, \$975; jail \$987.

Mr. C. D. Carstarphen, jr., will leave for Durham tomorrow, where he will attend the Shriner's spring ceremonial.

## STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY

Richard Talmadge

in "The Isle of Hope"

Also

Two-Reel Comedy

Two Shows

7.30 and 9.00

### FROM PALETTE TO MORTAR BOARD



Young women artists turn from their jars of color and paint brushes to assist plasterers in setting ornaments in place atop huge pylons which adorn the main entrances to the Palace of Agriculture and Food Products, of the international Exposition being staged in Philadelphia from June 1 to December 1 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Climbing ladders and walking along rickety scaffolds a nothing new to these young ladies, but each time they do it they get a thrill.

### Important Meeting of Chamber of Commerce

All members of the Williamston Chamber of Commerce are requested to attend a special meeting to be held at the usual meeting place, Dunning & Moore offices tonight, May 18.

There are many things of importance that should be considered. Probably the matter of most importance is the preparation of a definite bid for the East Carolina Exposition to be held here next year. Mr. N. G. Bartlett, Secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, will be here tomorrow, and it is important that something definite be presented to him at this time.

Every member is requested to be present tonight at 8:15 o'clock.

### Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Starr Dies in Mexico

News has just been received here of the death, on May the 7th, of Jane Hyman Starr, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Starr, who are now living in Mexico City.

Interment was made in the American cemetery in that city May the 8th. Mrs. Starr, who was Miss Pattie Sherrod, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Sherrod, of Hamilton. Mr. Starr is well known here, where he was resident engineer with the State Highway Commission for several years. He is now with the department of highways of the Government of Mexico.

### Special Services at Methodist Church

On May 23rd, special evangelistic services will begin at the Methodist church and run through the first Sunday in June. Mr. J. C. Coston, who needs no introduction to the people of Williamston and the surrounding communities, will direct the singing; and the pastor, Rev. T. W. Lee, will do the preaching. We want everybody to come and help us to have a successful meeting. We especially invite all ministers of the community to join us with their people and to help make it the greatest success possible.

### Annual Exposition at Tarboro This Week

This week is a gala week in Tarboro. The merchant's association and Kiwanis club are putting on their annual exposition, and will give this section three nights of free entertainment. The merchants will have the latest styles in merchandise and the newest models in cars will be displayed.

There will be a first-class vaudeville show each night, and a dance with Buck Fountain's 8-piece orchestra furnishing the music. Admission to the warehouse and to the show is free, and the orchestra will play all during the evenings.

### Higher Peanut Tariff Wanted By Producers

Farmers Have to Compete With Chinese Labor at Present

### A CALL TO ACTION

C. J. Shields, of Scotland Neck, Says Market Can Only Be Stabilized By Higher Tariff

The peanut growers association is making an active and determined fight to secure for the peanut producers a fair price for their product.

We are trying to stabilize the market, and also raise it to a higher level by securing a higher tariff, so that the American farmer will not have to compete with Chinese labor. The directors of the association are giving their time freely toward this end. On a recent trip to Washington the general manager of the association, Mr. Worsham, and the writer, dug out many interesting facts about peanuts, working with the experts of the United States Tariff Commission for three days. Incidentally, three previous trips have been made to Washington concerning peanuts.

1. The government index shows that peanuts are 50 per cent lower than they were in 1913 (the pre-war price.) This means that based on the price we farmers now have to pay for labor, fertilizers, implements, and other farming expenses that peanuts should bring the farmer 6 cents instead of 4 cents. These are government figures by their experts, not figures of the peanut association.

2. In selling the 1925 crop of peanuts the peanut association found that every time they raised their prices on cleaned goods that immediately we were undersold by the Chinese peanuts and, consequently, our cleaned goods were forced to the price of the imported.

3. That most of the wholesale-handlers of peanuts are favorable toward an increased tariff, as they want a continuous supply of peanuts and know that at the present prices we will have to stop growing them and they will be dependent on the irregular supply of foreign goods. Some of the salters and confectioners are opposed to any increase.

4. That America can produce all the peanuts needed for American consumption. Last year about 15 per cent of our needs were imported, but this 15 per cent fixed the price for our peanuts.

5. It appears to be the consensus of opinion of government experts, political leaders, business men, and intelligent farmers that the surest way of stabilizing the market on peanuts is through a cooperative association handling over 60 per cent of the crop. This is what the association is working toward, and it can be accomplished if the farmers will realize what a power they can be collectively and act on it.

### Demonstration At Pender's Saturday

The National Biscuit Co. will give a demonstration at Pender's Store here next Saturday morning. They will specialize on Graham Crackers as a food for children and even infants.

Everybody is invited to attend the demonstration and hear something about food values of bread, crackers, and cakes.

### Jamesville Personals

Mr. Charles Davenport spent Monday in Williamston on business.

Mr. W. W. Waters and family left yesterday for Brevard, N. C. They are going to run a summer camp for girls and expect to make their home in that beautiful mountain country.

Mr. C. A. Askew and Professor Small left Monday for a business trip in the Bertie section.

### Only Two Cases Before Recorders Court Today

Only two cases were tried in the recorder's court this morning. The cases against J. L. Ballard, for assault with a deadly weapon, and against Living Good Modico were continued.

Bufus Fleming, of Rocky Mount, was convicted of driving a car while in toxicated and fined \$50 and the costs of the action.

Herman Roberson was given six months on the roads for larceny and receiving, but he appealed to the superior court.

Mr. T. J. Crisp, of Conetoe, was a business visitor here yesterday.

### H. M. Poe Again Manager Of Roanoke Fair; Will Be Here Friday To Begin Arrangements

Mr. H. M. Poe, manager of the Roanoke Fair for the last three years, will be in town Friday to make preparations for the coming fair, which will be held from September 27 to October 2. At the conclusion of the last fair, there was some uncertainty as to Mr. Poe accepting the management of the Roanoke Fair this year, but in this issue of The Enterprise, he wishes to officially announce his association with the fair as manager.

Mr. Poe is a very capable manager and is regarded as one of the best in the State. Taking everything into consideration, including the weather; he has produced three of Martin County's greatest fairs; and especially is this true of the poultry department. He further states that the 1926 fair will eclipse all former ones, and he is emphatically stressing the agricultural, livestock and poultry departments.

Fortunately the fair will come much earlier this year, and the cold weather is not expected to interfere as it has in the past.

### IMPRESSIVE SCENE AT SCHOOL FRIDAY

Junior Order Presents American Flag And Bible to School; Lyn Bond, of Tarboro, Makes Address

One of the most impressive scenes witnessed for a long time was the presentation of the Bible and an American flag to the Williamston school on Friday afternoon by the local council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics.

As the shadows were lengthening in the late afternoon the entire school marched by classes out to the campus and were seated on the grass. A large number of people from the town and country had also gathered around.

Mr. J. S. Getsinger, councillor of the local council, acted as chairman, and the following program was rendered:

All the company joined in singing "America."

Rev. C. H. Dickey pronounced the invocation.

Rev. T. W. Lee was introduced and presented the Bible with appropriate remarks. Professor J. S. Seymour accepted it on behalf of the school.

Albert S. Peel then introduced Mr. Lyn Bond, of Tarboro, who made a most interesting speech.

Mr. Bond presented the flag to the school, which was accepted by Professor Seymour, and the flag was raised by the Williamston Boy Scouts. This was followed by the singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner" by the entire assemblage.

### East Carolina Talent To Be On Air May 31

Kinston, May 18.—Interest is growing every day in the program, that is being arranged by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce to be broadcast from the Richmond station on the night of May 31. Secretary Bartlett is pleased to say that the towns are responding nicely to the request that they send talent on this occasion. The full program will be announced within the next week, according to information given out from headquarters today. It will show that eastern North Carolina has an abundance of radio talent.

This will be one of the cheapest plans for advertising eastern North Carolina that the eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce has decided upon. Radio fans in the territory should on that night, May 31, tune in on Richmond and hear this program of Eastern Carolina's own talent.

### James W. Nicholson Dies at Henderson

Mr. James W. Nicholson died at Henderson Friday, May 14. Mr. Nicholson was born in Martin County where he lived and farmed until a few years ago when he moved to Henderson, at which place he has since made his home. He had been sick for months with Brights Disease which caused his death. He was 65 years old.

He was brought to Williamston Saturday and buried in the cemetery here. The funeral rites were conducted by Rev. C. H. Dickey.

### County Banks To Be Closed On May 20th

The banks of the county will be closed Thursday, May 20, the date generally observed as the day the North Carolina delegation signed a declaration of independence thirteen months before the secession of the colonies as a whole. The delegation signed the petition at Charlotte, in Mecklenburg County, and in the last several years it has been observed as Mecklenburg Day.

All the banks will be closed but the post office and stores will be open, as it is not a national holiday.

### Vacation Bible School Gets Off To Fine Start

Work Well Planned and Program Starts Off Smoothly

### PEOPLE COOPERATE

137 Pupils Present at Opening of School Yesterday; No Time Lost in Getting Started

Monday morning, promptly, at 9 o'clock the first Daily Vacation Bible School Williamston ever had went to work.

There was not time lost in getting down to business. For the efficient principal had already enrolled the pupils and the competent faculty had their work mapped out. The first session was not lost in getting started, but the school moved off with order and precision, as though it were the usual thing.

There were more than a hundred and fifty students at the first session. And still they want to come. It is with regret that there has had to be placed a limitation on the number attending. Possibly next year—and we should plan now for a school next year—we may be able to add on another department.

The children are highly delighted with the school. As one little boy expressed it, "Daddy, I had the best time." The teachers are having a good time, too. After the first morning's hard work, and after the pupils had gone home, and after it was past lunch time, two of the teachers were heard to say, "We are going upstairs and plan our work for tomorrow."

When the school opened, there were on hand from Windsor a delegation of church people who wanted to see how it was done. They are contemplating a school over there and said they were delighted with the splendid manner in which the people of Williamston are co-operating after a loyal fashion. But this was to be expected, for this work is being done for their very own children. And when we are doing something for the children that is worth while the parents are always interested.

The faculty desires that the parents of the community make it a point from time to time to pay short visits to the school and see what is being done with their children.

The faculty is greatly interested in our children; and it is doubtful if a better faculty could be found in a town this size in eastern North Carolina.

### Personnel of the Faculty

The following persons compose the faculty of the Vacation Bible School:

Rev. C. H. Dickey, director. Miss Emma Robertson, principal. Mrs. C. B. Hassell, superintendent of the kindergarten department.

Misses Dorothy Thrower and Miriam Courtney, assistants to Mrs. Hassell.

Mrs. John D. Biggs, superintendent of primary department.

Misses Bonner Gurganus and Frances Hoyt, assistants to Mrs. Biggs.

Miss Eva Peel, superintendent of junior department.

Misses Esther Harrison and Ethel Griffin, assistants to Miss Peel.

Mrs. Wheeler Martin, jr., superintendent of music department.

Miss Ethel Griffin, superintendent of craft work.

Assisting in hand work for boys are Rev. T. W. Lee, Rev. C. H. Dickey, and Edward Cox.

This faculty is serving without compensation—giving this time to their vacation or from their work to the religious education of the boys and girls of Williamston.

### Warren Gets Memorial For Roanoke Island

(Special To The Enterprise) Washington, May 17.—Representative Lindsay Warren's bill for the erection of a memorial on Roanoke Island to Virginia Dare, the first child of English parentage to be born in America, was this afternoon unanimously passed by the House. Speaker Longworth permitted the bill to be called up out of order, so that the memorial may be unveiled when the British Ambassador, Sir Esme Howard, speaks there on August 18th. It is expected that the bill will get through the Senate in a few days. Mr. Warren is highly pleased, that Federal recognition is being given to this important event in history.

State. Confidence and optimism is rapidly replacing the spirit of giving up and complaint.