

## County Officers Destroy Well-Equipped Still

### Kitchen Utensils Found at Still in Griffins Township

Deputies Grimes and Ballard, in a liquor-still raid yesterday afternoon found one of the most complete and carefully planned outfits so far discovered. The officers left here in the afternoon and went in the Griffins section, where they found the outfit just back of the old Joe Red Corey place. The still was of the steam type and had a capacity of 100 gallons. It was one of long standing and had all the necessary equipment. There were around 1,400 gallons of beer in three big vats and two barrels. The finished product had already been sent to market, for it wasn't there.

Besides the equipment essential in the manufacture of liquor, there were cooking utensils and provisions, such as lard, bacon, and sugar. Probably when the distiller fired up his plant he stuck to his job, not even leaving for his meals.

Should the officers have reached the plant when the operators were there, they would have been at a decided disadvantage. The still was sitting right at the back of a little clearing in the shape of a triangle, having its entrance in one of the angles. The still's surroundings were so thick that the operator could escape by the time the officers got half way across the triangle. Then, for an added means of safety, a hole about four feet deep had been dug in a small path leading into the thick woods at the back of the plant. The digger no doubt had practiced the steps to the hole and had hopped over it many times, knowing that an officer, unfamiliar with the place would surely tumble in.

The plant was destroyed and brought in by the officers. Yesterday morning Sheriff Roebuck and Joe Roebuck picked up a still in the Macedonia section, but it was not near so complete as the one captured by the two deputies, Grimes and Ballard. The sheriff brought in the 60-gallon copper outfit and destroyed approximately 1,000 gallons of beer.

## Missionary Union Met Here Wednesday

The Martin County-Plymouth division of the Women's Missionary Union of the Roanoke Association met at the Williamston Baptist church yesterday.

Mrs. John D. Biggs of the local church made the address of welcome. Mrs. E. W. Mason, of Robersonville responded very ably to Mrs. Biggs' address.

Mrs. E. B. Beasley, president of the association, Mrs. A. B. Bass of Scotland Neck and Mrs. S. E. Ayers of Pingtu, China, made addresses in the morning session following reports from the various societies.

Dinner was served by the women of the Williamston society in the halls of the Woman's club.

The afternoon session was presided over by Mrs. V. G. Taylor Junior leader, Mrs. C. C. Hoggard Supt. of the Elizabeth City division made an address on "Ways to serve," which was followed by an address by Mrs. M. H. Privette Sunbeam Leader.

While this was strictly a woman's meeting, yet it did invite Rev. C. H. Diekey, Mr. Holloman, Mr. Pope and Dr. Cone all of the Williamston church to sing a solo.

The meeting was well attended, and the entire program was very interesting and helpful to all.

Mr. Love, representative of the Virginia Electric and Power company, was here yesterday afternoon.

## Beginns Two Weeks Revival at Christian Church



Rev. A. F. DeGafferly will begin a two-week evangelistic meeting at the Christian Church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and will preach each night during the week at 8 o'clock. He comes to Williamston very highly recommended as being a plain forceful gospel preacher.

## Register Deeds and Clerk of Court Move Into New Offices

### Board of Education Will Move into Clerk's Old Office; Commissioners to Register's

The county officers are busy today moving from their old offices to the new ones in the courthouse and jail annex.

The new offices for the clerk of court and register of deeds consist of two rooms each; one a working office, the other being a fire-proof vault in which all records are to be kept. They are so constructed that they may be used by those wishing to examine the records without removing the books from the vault.

While these offices are apparently safe, they seem more like

ancient dungeons than modern offices.

Two prisoners who asked for the opportunity to exercise themselves by helping to move books from the old to the new vaults were heard to say that the new offices were not near so good as the new jail.

The sheriff's office and headquarters of the board of education and board of county commissioners will remain in the old building, although they will probably be enlarged by the addition of the rooms vacated by the clerk of court and register of deeds.

## Quarantine Officer's Report for May

In his report for the month of May, Dr. Wm. E. Warren, county health officer, shows the number of diseases reported by various doctors, householders and teachers. Dr. Warren also calls attention to the danger brought about by mosquitoes and urges a war against mosquito breeding places. His report follows:

Diphtheria, 2 cases; chicken pox, 1 case; whooping cough, 42 cases; typhoid fever, 2 cases; measles 36 cases. Dr. J. H. Saunders reported 5; Dr. V. A. Ward, reported 20; Dr. E. E. Pittman reported 25; Dr. Wm. E. Warren reported 1; Householders reported 22; Teachers reported 10.

Within a few weeks people are going to complain of mosquitoes, and they will have a right to do so if mosquitoes exist, and no doubt they will unless the people all over the county especially in the towns remove all the tin cans, automobile casings, buckets and hundreds of other things which will hold water and breed mosquitos which are a menace to public health and a nuisance. It does not take but a very little time to remove these conditions if you will begin early.

This is the beginning of the malarial season and the Board of Health requires that each case of "chills and fevers" or malaria be reported to the Health Officer.

## Pageant at Methodist Church Sunday Night

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Williamston Methodist church will put on a pageant, "The Vision," at the Methodist church Sunday night beginning at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Dr. W. C. Wicker Here Next Monday-Tuesday

Masons throughout the county are having their attention called to the school of instruction here next Monday night and Tuesday morning and evening. All masons are urged to attend one of the sessions at least.

At these meetings, Dr. Wicker, educational secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, will hold educational sessions and give instructions on the subjects of masonry. The meetings will be held in the local lodge.

## Marriage Licenses Issued in May

The May marriage licenses outnumbered by one those issued in the month of April. During that month seven certificates went to white couples to six to colored. Last month ten licenses were issued by Register J. Sam Gotsinger to colored couples and only four to white couples.

Permits issued are:

White

William O. Gibbs, 37, of Elizabeth City-Hilda Kilpatrick, 32, of Goldsboro; Harold Aubrey Pierce, 20-Helen Ceburn, 15; Louis Simpson 21-Frances Vick, 18; William Scott, 21-Emma Bell Williams, 19.

Colored

Clarence Manson, 30-Mary L. Wiggins, 23; Baker Purvis, 51-Emma Briley, 40; Chas. W. Wiggins, 20-Mary Ella Purvis, 18; Robert Speller, 21-Lottie Bland, 19; William Bell, 20-Odessa Evans, 20; Webster Thompson, 23-Mary Walton, 22; Robert Gilliam, 42-Rebecca Douglass, 50; William Daniel, 22-Sara Daniel, 21; LeRoy Purvis, 21-Beatrice Hassell, 18; Robert James Williams, 21-Florida Williams, 21.

## Mrs. J. G. Long Dies in Jamesville Section

Mrs. J. G. Long died at her home in the Jamesville section, May 18. Mrs. Long was only 35 years of age at the time of her death. She leaves a husband, one son and two daughters. She was a member of Cedar Branch Baptist church and a member of the Woodman circle. She had been sick for several months.

## Pamlico Beach Opens 1927 Season Today

Pamlico beach, patronized by many people from this county, opens the season today. The management announces a large dance for tomorrow night and many local people are planning to attend. Pamlico has a well equipped hotel, and advertises the best dining room service of all the beach resorts.

Mr. Henry D. Taylor left yesterday for Chapel Hill where he will attend a part of the commencement exercises. He will be accompanied home by his son, Cecil who has been in school there during the past year.

## Town Auto Tags to Go On Sale Tuesday

With the letters and numerals in white on a black background, the town auto license tags out-class the State tags in looks and cost only one-twelfth the amount of the State licenses.

The plates have been here for the past several days, and will go on sale after Monday night, when the commissioners will appoint one of the officers to sell the tags.

## Small Audience Enjoys League Play Last Night

### One of Most Pleasing Performances Seen in Some Time

"Sweet Pickles and Hot Tamales," the two-act episode given by local talent last night was one of the most pleasing performances seen here in a long time. It had snap and pep, the whole way through, and there was plenty of fun interspersed throughout to keep one continually amused.

The play was produced under the direction of Albert R. Baker, who also took an important part. The girls who took leading parts, Misses Carrie Dell White and Hazel Edmondson, as senioritas, were very charming and attractive Spanish maids, and Misses Mary Melissa Andrews and Sophie Little, American ladies, were both thoroughly fine in their respective roles. John Pope, as "Punko Doro," a leader of the bull fighters' union, was surprisingly good. Pete Fowlen, the ruler of San Salvador; Mr. Baker, as the pickle king of America; and Jim Stanley, the herald, were all fine and the Beau Brummels of the local amateur talent, Lon Hassell, Jr., Bill Manning, and Jessup Harrison, lived up to their reputations.

Mrs. J. W. Manning was pianist for the show, and her rendition of the musical numbers was very pleasing. The Ku Klux dance, by a bevy of little girls in robes of the order, and the midgits' dances, given between the acts, added much to the evening's program. Incidentally, little Miss Kathryn Manning made the biggest "hit" of the show during the midgits' dance. Only four years old, she brought down the house with her interpretation of the Charleston.

The chorus girls, last but not least, were pretty and attractive in both their costumes and natural beauty and talent and donated pep and spirit every time they appeared.

The show was under the auspices of the Epworth League of the Methodist church, and the young people did everything possible for the success of the show. It is to be regretted that they did not have a full house, for the play merited a good audience. The League cleared about \$60.00.

## State Dentist Has One More Week in County

Dr. L. H. Butler, State dentist, will complete his schedule in the county next week. A school a day next week and Dr. Butler will have visited practically every school in the county. Monday he will visit Cooper school; Tuesday he will be at Griffins; Wednesday at Cross Roads; Hassells on Thursday, and his last day will be spent at Parmele.

There are a few schools, according to Dr. Butler, that have not been visited, but the children in those school districts have the right to attend at the places mentioned in their respective townships and receive treatment. The school committees of the various schools are urged to see that all the children in their districts see Dr. Butler and have their teeth examined. It will cost nothing and will be well worth the child's time to have his teeth looked after.

Dr. Butler will be at each of the schools each morning at 9:30, with the exception of Parmele. On that day he will be at the school at 8:30.

## New Cafe Opens Here Tomorrow

The Empire Cafe, new to the city, will open tomorrow morning in the Bowen building on Washington street. The cafe opens under the management of Mr. S. A. Dlykan, of South Hill, Va. Mr. Dlykan is experienced in the cafe business, having owned and managed one for over fourteen years.

According to a statement made by the management this morning, new equipment will be added and a modern cafe will be operated. Mr. Dlykan will depend upon local help in starting the business. He states that his service is sure to please, and that all he asks is a trial.

## Big Meeting of Kiwanis Clubs Monday Night

### Local Club Will Join In the Meetings with Good Program

Joining in with the 1621 Kiwanis clubs all over the United States and Canada, all of which will meet simultaneously, the Kiwanis Club of Williamston will observe "All Kiwanis Night" in connection with its celebration of the annual International convention at Memphis, Tennessee, at the Woman's club rooms on Monday, June 6 at 8:30 p. m. The meetings throughout Canada and the United States are to be observed as a united expression of devotion to the ideals and objectives of Kiwanis.

All clubs have arranged the time of their meeting so that the "Zero Hour" when 99,209 Kiwanians on the continent assemble to observe the "Fellowship Moment of Silence," will be held simultaneously with that in the convention city. The message to the clubs by the president of Kiwanis International, Ralph A. Amerman, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, will be read at Monday's meeting. This will be the fourth time in the history of Kiwanis that such a meeting is held. At the Denver, St. Paul and Montreal conventions similar observances marked the opening activities.

Kiwanian Dr. Jno. D. Biggs from the local club will be a delegate to the convention, and will send telegraphic messages from Memphis to the meeting on Monday night. The "All Kiwanis Night" program at the convention's opening will be broadcast from Memphis over WMC.

An interesting and appropriate programme will be arranged here that night.

## Recorder's Court Has Large Crowd Tuesday

The Tuesday session of the Recorder's court attracted large crowds, but the cases were of little significance, the court collecting only \$15 in fines and costs. For several sessions recently the court has tried as many as eight cases. While eight were not tried the past Tuesday, that many were called, and the record of eight still holds.

John Wales Boston measured the sentence of Judge Bailey in his mind and decided to take to the woods. He was charged with disturbing a religious congregation, and when he was called and failed to answer, capias was issued. John wasn't alone in creating the disturbance, nor was he alone when he weighed the expected sentence. Early Boston was with him and, as far as is known, continues with him, for he also was called and failed to answer. The two had other charges against them, but all went unanswered.

Isaac Lee, charged with non-support, had his case continued for two weeks.

D. M. Roberson plead guilty to a charge of assault and was fined \$15 and costs.

E. N. Hardison was found not guilty of cruelty to animals. Woodley Rogers was acquitted of a charge of carrying concealed weapons.

## Rev. A. F. DeGafferly To Conduct Meeting

Rev. A. F. DeGafferly will begin a two weeks meeting at the Christian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. DeGafferly has been engaged in preaching in North and South Carolina for the past year in the employ of the Christian Church board. He came to the Carolinas from Illinois where he has served as pastor of one of the leading churches in that State.

Mr. DeGafferly is a very pleasing and forceful speaker, and it is expected that his messages will be well received. He will preach each night during the two weeks at 8:00 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to attend all the services, and the church is asking the cooperation of all the religious people in the town in making the meeting a success.

## Local School Board Meeting Yesterday

The local school board met yesterday afternoon in its second meeting within the past few days, preparatory to the school term next fall. Teachers for vacant places on the faculty were appointed, and contracts were received from several. According to Principal L. H. Davis, an announcement of the 1927-28 faculty is not to be announced within the next several weeks, that much time being required for teachers appointed to make known their acceptance or rejection of contracts.

## New Town Board To Take Office Monday

### Marked Increase in Registration

A marked increase in the number of registered voters has been noted during the past two days. According to Mr. R. T. Griffin, registrar, a sharp interest was manifested by citizens in the township during the past two days, when several hundred names were entered on the books.

However, the registration is far from complete, and the voters in the township are urged to register before the 25th of this month.

## Markets May Open August 29

### Committee To Vote On Opening at Meet in Morehead City

The tobacco meeting in Wilson last Wednesday was one of the largest held in Eastern Carolina in some time, according to delegates from here to the meet. Every market in the section was represented, and a big dinner was served the tobacco men.

The meeting decided to have the markets remain open on Armistice Day, instead of closing for the entire day, the markets will close at 11:00 o'clock and then reopen after lunch. The action was bitterly opposed by several, but was passed by a small vote. A committee was appointed to attend a larger meeting at Morehead City on the 22nd of this month. The committee was ordered to vote for the opening of Eastern Carolina markets on the 29th of August. While its vote might carry weight, the opening of the markets in this section will be determined by other factors. Trucking, under the direction of warehouses, will be abolished, according to a ruling made at the meeting. The agreement will prohibit warehouses paying truck drivers for bringing tobacco to their houses. Practically all the markets signed the ruling which also limits the number of drummers allowed each warehouse.

Several good talks were made in which the tobacco situation and other matters relating to the tobacco industry were discussed.

Meers, J. G. Staton, K. B. Crawford, Claude Griffin, Harry Meador, Joe Taylor and Hubert Morton were representatives from the local market.

## Bishop Darst To Be In County June 12

Rev. Thomas C. Darst, Bishop of East Carolina, will make his annual visit to the Church of the Advent, Williamston and St. Martin's Church, Hamilton, Sunday, June 12th. The Bishop will preach and confirm a class of candidates in Williamston Sunday morning and will be in Hamilton for confirmation Sunday night.

Since the last visit of Bishop Darst to Williamston, he has been the active head of the great Bishop's Crusade which has been so successful in the Episcopal Church through out the nation. Always an excellent preacher and enjoyed by Williamston folks, there will be an unusual interest in hearing him after his national Crusade experience.

## Services Church of Advent Whitsunday

Rev. C. O. Pardo, Rector 10:00 Church School 11:00 Holy Communion and Sermon 3:00 Holy Trinity Mission 8:00 Evening Prayer and Sermon.

## Williamston Wins Two Games From Windsor

Williamston's junior baseball team Wednesday won its second game from Windsor when it met the boys there in a third game. Windsor took one of the three.

The local line-up consists of some of our pluckiest youngsters, and a future in athletic sports can be expected from some of them.

Mrs. W. H. Booker is visiting her sister, Miss Emma Robertson in Greensboro. While away she will also visit Miss Minnie Robertson who is teaching in Winston-Salem.

Marion Cobb, who attended school in Arden during the past year is home for the summer.

## Important Matters To Come Before Board at Its Meeting

Town Commissioners C. O. Moore, G. H. Harrison, E. P. Cunningham, L. P. Lindsley, W. T. Meadows, and Mayor R. L. Coburn, will meet at a new board here next Monday night when they will hold their first meeting. The members of the board will be sworn in by a justice of the peace and will immediately enter upon the town's business.

The exact nature of the business to come before the board could not be learned today, but it is understood that there are several problems of major importance to come up for consideration. The tax question will be up for discussion, and it is likely that a sale will be ordered to take place within the next few days.

Another problem of major importance relates to the town's light and power supply. Greenville, according to a member of the board, will offer the town a contract to furnish light and power. It is understood the contract has already been prepared and will be put before the board Monday night. No details of the contract could be learned, but it is thought that town will offer to sell Williamston its current at a wholesale rate, allowing the town the right to retail. Another proposal is expected from Washington, but it is not likely that it will come up before the meeting next Monday. A special meeting will be called to hear her offer, but no time has been set so far.

When these two propositions are submitted, the town will have a choice of five contracts. The one that has attracted the most attention thus far is that of the Virginia Electric & Power Co. This company offers to pay \$50,000 for the franchise and let current at 8 1/2 cents and less per kilowatt. The two oil engine proposals made by the Fairbanks-More people and the Virginia Engineering Co. are still standing.

The commissioners are still studying the situation, and it is not probable that any contract will be accepted within the next several weeks.

Aside from these major problems a few minutes will be used in arranging a way to care for the interest of the town's bonded debt. The regular routine of business is not expected to have a chance at the Monday meeting, and it might be that a special session will have to be called to clear the table.

## Judge Moore To Be In Pasquotank Next Week

Judge Clayton Moore, newly appointed emergency judge, of this city, will preside at the June term of superior court in Pasquotank County next week. Judge Moore has only been serving as judge for the past few weeks and has held courts in Bertie and Forsyth Counties.

The Elizabeth City Independent, of this week, says:

"Judge Moore, who will preside at the June term of Superior Court convening in Pasquotank Monday, June 6, is an outstanding North Carolinian, who has served continuously in the General Assembly since 1921. He is from Williamston, Martin County, and first represented his county in the house, and later served as senator from the second district. He is the author of many bills of State-wide importance, and is recognized as one of the great Democratic leaders of the State. He was appointed an emergency judge by Governor McLean, under the act passed this year.

## Methodist Church Program of Services

Preaching service at 11 a. m. Sunday morning. Preaching at Holly Springs, at 3:30 p. m. Pageant, "The Vision," 8 p. m. Sunday night. Ladies Aid Society meeting at Mrs. Maurice Watts Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

## Baptist Church Program for Week

The pastor will speak at both the morning and evening services Sunday. At the 11 o'clock hour the pastor will conclude the short series of three sermons on the general topic of "Grace." The text for the Sunday night sermon is Romans 6:14: "For ye are not under the law, but under grace." There will be no Wednesday night service at the Baptist church this week; and the congregation of this church is asked to join in with the local Christian church in the series of evangelistic meetings which will be going on at the time.

# STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY  
TOM MIX  
and Tony in  
"THE BRONCHO  
TWISTER"  
Also  
Two-Reel Comedy  
And  
Serial, "Power God"  
Always a Good Show.