

## Veterans' War Insurance Will Lapse July 2nd

### Action Will Prevent a 30 Billion Dollar Loss to Vets

Unless World War veterans heed the warning of the United States Veterans' Bureau to reinstate and convert their war-time insurance by July 2, 1927, some thirty billions of dollars of insurance will become void on that date and will be lost to veterans.

Although numerous bills to extend this date was introduced during the last session of Congress, none of these were passed, so there is no possibility of the final date being extended, as happened in the past, for Congress has adjourned without amending the law in this respect, and the date can not be changed by bureau regulation.

On March 1, 1927, the Veterans' Bureau had paid out in disability and death benefits, on term insurance, the huge sum of \$849,936,509. On converted insurance up to that date, they had paid disability benefits totalling \$2,313,265 and death benefits to beneficiaries amounting to \$27,038,929.

The total amount of term insurance reinstated up to March 1 was \$2,649,267,868, and converted insurance which had been dropped and later revived totaled \$76,565,063.

J. S. Pittman, regional manager of the bureau at Charlotte, N. C., calls attention to the fact that while a large number of veterans within the State are taking advantage of the opportunity, many, possibly through ignorance of their rights, are neglecting the opportunity, and he therefore urgently advises that World War veterans of North Carolina communicate without delay with the Charlotte regional office or American Legion or American Red Cross representatives within the State, either of whom will be pleased to furnish detailed information.

## Return from Baraca-Philathea Convention

Misses Martha Harrison, Pattie Edmondson, Meddames Z. H. Rose, J. O. Manning, and H. D. Harrison, and Messrs. J. E. Harrell and Julian Harrell have returned from Mount Airy, where they attended the Baraca-Philathea annual convention.

Mrs. Rose, who has been prominent in Philathea work for several years, made an address before the body. The Mount Airy News carried her picture and her talk was favorably commented upon. Mrs. Rose was elected president of the Philathea for the coming year, and Mrs. J. O. Manning was elected a member of the board of directors. Other officers elected were C. W. Anderson, of Mount Airy, president of the Baraca-Philathea Union, and Mrs. Bertha Cates, of Burlington, vice president of the Philathea.

J. E. Harrell was also called on during the "say-so" period, to respond for the Williamston Baracas.

Kinston won the banner for grade work since the last convention. The 1926 convention will be held in Durham.

## First Bale of Cotton Is Bought for \$1,350

America's first bale of the 1927 cotton crop was sold at auction to J. M. Ediel, Houston, Texas, cotton man, on the floor of the Houston cotton exchange on June 1 for \$1,350.

The bale was produced by M. Chapas Montalvo, Mexican farmer of Hidalgo County in the Rio Grande valley. It was classed as strict middling and weighed 540 pounds. The bale will be sent to Germany and auctioned off for charity.

## STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY

BOB CUSTER in "CACTUS TRAILS"

Lupino Lane in "The Fighting Dude"

Episode No. 8 "Mystery Pilot"

Also a Free Ticket For Friday's Show

Always a Good Show.

## Large Crowds Hear Dr. A. F. DeGafferelly

### Says State Knows a Good Town, Alright

Charles Meekins, of Washington, when he entered the State auto license bureau office in our town yesterday, complained that the State is "a h— of a corporation," evidenced, he said, by taking the license bureau from a city like Washington and bringing it to a little town like Williamston. Yet he virtually admitted that the State knows a good thing when it sees it. He was perfectly good-natured about it, and almost acknowledged that he was like the State—loved a good town, too. The officials were very courteous in saying, "Mr. Meekins, we are glad to see you. Come again, and bring your friends. All are welcome."

## Peanut Factory May Come Here

### Mayor Coburn To Take Matter Up and Report to the Board

Officials of the Columbia Peanut Co. of Suffolk, were here Saturday making preliminary investigations relative to the establishment of a peanut factory here. According to available information, the town is offering to sell the company a site near the present water and light plant for a nominal amount. Mayor R. L. Coburn was appointed by the town commissioners at their meeting yesterday to take the matter up with officials of the company.

The Columbia Peanut Co. has plants in several States, and, should plans materialize, it is expected that a factory, ranging in cost from \$25,000 to \$70,000 will be erected here. The company now owns a lot on Sycamore Street adjoining the municipal water and light plant and anticipates purchasing additional land from the town so that there will be room for storage houses. The purchase will also make possible a shipping point within a few feet of the railroad.

The company, according to tentative plans, will erect its factory for the coming season, but the town's offer to the company extends over into the latter part of next year. The factory, when completed, is expected to clean and shell around 1,000 bags of peanuts each day.

Mayor Coburn will take the matter up with officials of the company within the next few days, and will report back to the board of commissioners.

## County Commissioners In Regular Meeting

The board of county commissioners met in their regular monthly session Monday at the courthouse, all the members being present.

While the general routine business was about as heavy as usual, only a few other things came up for attention.

Minutes of the meeting showed the following business disposed of:

Alexander Hays was permitted to go to the county home.

John Green, sr., colored, was allowed \$2.00 per month on account of old age and indigence.

Jack Little was allowed \$2.50 per month on account of indigence.

J. S. Peel was released from the payment of school tax charged on \$2,900 worth of property in the Everetts school district, the property being out side of the school district boundaries.

H. T. Roberson, tax collector, was ordered refunded the sum of \$12.50 for taxes charged against J. E. Moore in Jamesville through error.

## Christian Church Program for Week

The following services are scheduled for this week at the Christian Church:

All children of school age are invited to join the "Do Right" Chorus which is being held at the church every afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Preaching each night at 8 o'clock by Dr. A. F. DeGafferelly, of Danville, Ill.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Harper Holliday, of Dunn, will be present Sunday and will assist in the musical program next week.

Mrs. Holliday is known as a very good soloist, and the song service is expected to become a feature of the meeting after her arrival.

## Meeting Will Continue Through This and the Next Week

The evangelistic service started at the Christian church Sunday morning with a good sermon by Dr. A. F. DeGafferelly, of Danville, Ill., who took for his subject, "Faith in the front-line trench," based on Daniel 3:16, 17, and 18, which tells the story of the three young Hebrews who refused to eat the king's meat or to drink his wine, or to bow down and worship his images of gold, but worshipped the God of their fathers, even though they had to follow Him into the burning fiery furnace.

The faith of the young men, which fixed in their hearts and lives an uncompromising character, was pointed to by the evangelist as being the highest ideal in the human life.

It is not so hard to be led by a faith when you can see its results; but when the king commanded that they bow down to his image or be cast into the roaring fire they did not know that the fire would have no effect upon them. It was a higher motive that actuated them; it was a love that was stronger than death; it was the spirit that actuated Job to say, "Though He slay me, yet will I serve Him."

Sunday night's service was well attended. The subject of the sermon was "The World's Greatest Need."

Only a few things that we seem to want were taken up. Though they appear to be the things uppermost in our minds, they fail to either help or satisfy us. The speaker described money as being the paramount thing in the minds of the people if what they say and do is the true index of their hearts. Yet, he said, money destroys rather than builds satisfaction in the human body, mind, and heart. As an evidence of this, he pointed to the fact that there are more suicides, divorces, and trouble with the rich than with the poor.

Continuing, the speaker said that the clamor for scientific attainments fail to satisfy in many cases. They work wonderful blessings, just as wealth does, when properly used, but when used on the basis of their own power they both work destruction. He said that education may also cause men to fail; certainly in the case of the educated person who fails to harmonize his culture and knowledge with the truths of God.

The gospel of the love of Christ was given as the essential need of man—that truth and love that enables man to always look higher with increasing joy and a hope that urges him on in love, mercy, and sacrifice.

Dr. DeGafferelly preached last night on the theme "The Seeking God." He used as a text the 10th verse of the 19th chapter of Luke, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which is lost."

The evangelist started off by saying that "This text contains four big words, big in meaning, big in significance, big in the destiny they determine." Continuing, "The first is 'Come.' In the simple statement, 'The Son of Man is come,' we have implied a great principle. No great truth or revelation has ever gotten force by abstract truth. It needs behind it a strong determined personality. Christ's coming was a divine necessity and was to give force to God's purpose. Christ said, 'Come unto Me,' but he first came to man."

"In the word 'seek' we get a picture of the soul seeking God. Men in all ages have tried to find God, but here we have God seeking man. The word 'save' here implies rescue, deliver, protect. In order to save man Jesus must do three things: Give man a new conception of God, show Him to be a wise compassionate Father. He must get before the world man's need of a saviour. To do this He laid stress on the value of the human soul. He gives reasons and motives for accepting the Father's overtures. He shows that the universal yearning for peace and rest in the heart of man can be satisfied. The cross had to be erected on Calvary. Loss is an awful word, and no one can fully describe its deep meaning, but man needs to know that when he is lost it is a personal loss to God as well as to man."

"Sin is a voluntary act, and its wages is death. Come to Christ this night and know what it means to be saved."

Dr. DeGafferelly will continue his services throughout this week and next, preaching each night at 8 o'clock. The general public is cordially invited to attend the services.

## County Officers Raid Still Early Saturday

Sheriff Robeck and Deputy Grimes made a raid early Saturday morning and found a still of the steam type and 14 barrels of beer. No one was near. The outfit was destroyed.

## Town Board in Regular Meet Here Yesterday

### Sale for Taxes Ordered for First Monday of Next Month

The new town board of commissioners entered upon the duties of the town soon after it was sworn in yesterday afternoon by Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell. While several important matters were deferred to a later date, the new board got off to a good start by transacting a large amount of business in a short while. The meeting was held early in order that several of the board members might attend either church services, Kiwanis meetings, school of instruction at the Masonic lodge, or the picture show.

Officials of the Columbia Peanut Co. were in town Saturday and asked for information concerning the establishment of a peanut factory here. Mayor Coburn was appointed by the board to take the matter up with the company and report back to the board. More details will be available as soon as Mayor Coburn talks with the company's officials and returns his report.

The board will receive bids for policemen at its next regular meeting, on Tuesday, July 5. Notice for the bids was ordered to be published in The Enterprise once each week for four weeks.

Chief of Police Daniel was ordered to handle the sale of town auto license tags, and an advertisement was ordered to be placed in this paper calling attention of automobile owners to call at the mayor's office for town auto tags. The price of the tags is the same as it was last year, \$1. No extension of time to procure the tags was mentioned, and as the law now stands all auto-owners should have the tags on their cars and trucks by the first day of July.

Street, light, water, and other committees were appointed during the meeting, and if the usual custom is followed, a list of these committees will be posted for reference when matters concerning their departments arise for adjustment or attention.

Permission to hold a prize fight in the city hall was asked for, but the board refused to act on the request. The matter was placed in the hands of Mayor Coburn, and what he decides will hold. Out of the meeting Mr. Coburn stated that it was not likely that the fight would be allowed, stating that it was contrary to the ordinances of the town.

The days of grace for delinquent taxpayers came to an end at the meeting, for the board ordered that property be advertised for sale on the first Monday in July. The list of delinquents was ordered to be published for four weeks, beginning next Friday. At this time the list is almost ready for the press, and any settlements to be made should be attended to at once. The board turned all taxes prior to the ones for 1926 over to the town attorney, Robert L. Coburn, for collection and relisting.

Commissioner G. H. Harrison and Mayor Coburn were appointed a committee to draft a list of privilege taxes and present it to the board on July 5 for approval.

A discussion of the light and power proposals was deferred to a later date, when the town's audit will be in the hands of the commissioners.

Since the first Monday in July comes on the fourth, the board will not meet on that day, but will meet the following day at the usual hour.

## Play at Hamilton and Robersonville

Messrs. H. L. Roebuck and J. Arthur Wynn, of Cross Roads, paid us a visit Monday. They said that their play, "The Daughter of the Desert," had taken so well at the several places they had shown it that they had decided to put it on at Robersonville, in the school auditorium, tonight, and at the Hamilton school auditorium on Friday night.

## Church, Lodge and Kiwanis Same Night

So many were the happenings here last evening that many of the townspeople were at a loss to decide just what to do and where to go. Some wanted to attend the meeting at the Christian Church, some wanted to receive instruction in Masonry at the Masonic lodge, some wanted to attend the special Kiwanis meeting, and others wanted to see the picture show, while some wanted to attend all, hear all, and see all. One fellow, to our knowledge, worked out a fair scheme when he heard Rev. A. F. DeGafferelly, went late to the Kiwanis meeting and got in at the school of instruction still later.

The evening had a full schedule, and even though the town commissioners lightened it some by holding their meeting in the afternoon it still remained crowded.

## Facts About School Election To Be Held in District July 5

### County's Sale of Land for Taxes Held Here Monday

#### Martin, According to Reports, Has Much Smaller Number Than Many Neighboring Counties

The number of tax sales by H. T. Roberson, former sheriff and tax collector, at the courthouse on Monday, was the smallest in some years, being only about 150 in number, and representing about \$9,000 in taxes. All of the tracts sold were bought in by individuals.

According to reports from other counties in this section, Martin has a much smaller number of sales of land for taxes than any of them.

Martin County has lost less than \$100 per year on an average for the past 27 years, counting

the total tax list as a basis, which may make it the champion county in the State for good tax collections.

Incidentally, the sale of the land was the last official act of Ex-Sheriff Roberson as a county official, with the exception of reporting the sale to the board of commissioners, probably at their meeting in July. This is also the last sale at which a county official will get a fee for conducting the sale. As all county officers are now on a salary basis, the fee for the selling of the land will go to the county hereafter.

## Observe All-Kiwanis Night

### Wives, Mothers, Young Ladies Guests of The Local Club

"All-Kiwanis" night was observed by the local Kiwanis Club last night. The Kiwanians had as their guests their wives and mothers and the young ladies who helped in the minstrel show staged here recently. The meeting was held in the Woman's Club rooms, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The program was begun by the moment of silence observed by all Kiwanis clubs of the United States in their meetings last night, which were held during the international convention being held in Memphis, Tenn.

All the ladies were voted by the gentlemen to be the most beautiful, and Mr. Bob Peel was declared the handsomest man by the ladies.

A telegram from Dr. John D. Biggs, who is the delegate to the international convention was read by the president.

Mr. Pardo read the Kiwanis Club creed and then sang two selections, which were very pleasing. Mrs. W. B. Watts added much to the enjoyment of the evening with her delightful music. Punch was served by Mrs. J. W. Watts, Jr., and a committee from the Woman's Club served a delicious salad course, consisting of chicken salad, sandwiches, potato chips, and tea.

Dr. A. F. DeGafferelly was a special guest last evening, and he will speak to the club at its next meeting, which will be held next week, on Wednesday, June 15.

## Educational Secretary at Local Masonic Lodge

Dr. W. C. Wicker, educational secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, began a two-day school of instruction at Skewarke Lodge No. 90, A. F. & A. M., last night, with a number of Masons from the local lodge and from lodges in surrounding towns present. Many members of the lodge attended services at the Christian Church, while others went to the Kiwanis meeting, so a larger number is expected at the sessions today and tonight.

Besides lectures on ritualistic work, Dr. Wicker will also teach of the significance of Masonic symbols. Last night, this morning, and this afternoon the sessions were devoted to ritualistic explanations, and the meeting tonight will be devoted to symbolism.

All Master Masons are invited and urged to attend the session tonight, which is the last of the series. Dr. Wicker is particularly anxious for those having questions to ask about Masonry to be present and present their problems.

## 107 Auto Licenses Are Sold by Local Bureau

The auto license bureau at the Williamston Motor Co.'s office has had a good business so far. Joe Gray Corey, the license clerk, had issued 107 licenses up to 12 o'clock today, which was a much larger number than he issued for the corresponding period last year. He does not know whether it is a sign of prosperity to see the people come early or whether it is a stronger desire to obey the law by procuring licenses at the first opportunity. Again, he says, it may be that the half price this year makes it easier on the people, who can pay \$6.50 easier than they can \$12.50 for a Ford license.

## To Enlarge the Present District Is Purpose of July Election

The school election, which will be held July 5th seems to be misunderstood by some of the people in the area affected, so far as its purpose is concerned.

The only thing it does is to enlarge the present Williamston school district, or territory, hence it does not affect the present Williamston school district in any way, except that it enlarges the school neighborhood and gives them more neighbors and friends to associate with. It neither increases nor decreases their tax.

It does two things for those outside of the boundaries of the present Williamston school district, namely, taxes them exactly the same in the new territory as is paid by those in the old territory, and it gives them exactly the same school as the old Williamston school district now has. There is also an additional advantage for those living three miles or more from the schoolhouse. The law requires the school to transport the children to school.

Another thing that some of the people affected do not seem to understand is that an entirely new registration is required. It makes no difference how many times you have registered and voted, you can not vote in this election without registering again. Roy T. Griffin, of Williamston has been appointed registrar for this special election, and can be found at his office at the Farmers Supply Co., on Washington Street, at any hour of the day for the purpose of registering all those who apply to him. The registration books are now open and will remain open until June 29th. Voters are urged to get their names on the books as soon as conveniently possible.

One other thing that should be explained about this election is that every person who registers will be counted as voting. If your name is on the books, it counts against the enlargement of the school district unless you go and actually cast a ballot for the school.

## Board of Education In Meeting Monday

The members of the Martin County Board of Education met Monday. A few minor matters were taken up and disposed of.

The board expected to take up the matter of the general school budget, but on account of not having the tax valuation and the reports of some of the schools for the past session could not take any action along this line.

There has been no date fixed for the joint meeting of the school board and the county commissioners, which the law requires of them during the month of June, for the purpose of planning and laying out the amount needed for the maintenance of the schools for the next session.

## Demonstration Agent's Report for Past Month

Following is the report of work done during May by the County Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Anna Trentham, as submitted to the board of county commissioners at their meeting in Williamston Monday:

Meetings held, 35; attendance, 670; other meetings attended, 2; attendance, 28.

Number of home visits, 33; office calls, 117; telephone calls, 20; letters written, 136; bulletins sent, 137; articles published, 4.

Number of office days, 4; field days, 21; miles traveled, 966.

Number of method demonstrations in food preservation, 1; in food preparation, 81; in clothing, 4.

Number of lecture demonstrations, in nutrition, 7; in household management, 3.

Number result demonstrations in food preparation by women and girls, 600.

Food preparation was the main project for work, in both the girls' and women's clubs. Many of the clubs of Martin County have taken advantage of the cake-baking contests which a cotton-oil company has been offering to the home demonstration clubs and other organizations. These contests were of value in stimulating the use of home-made cakes, as well as the attractive money and merchandise prizes which that company gave to the winners in the contests.

Mr. B. A. Dixon, of Richmond, Va., a representative from the company, spent two days in the county awarding the prizes. He also gave demonstrations in the use of his company's product, which were of educational value to those attending the demonstrations.