

## CHURCH TAKES OVER HOSPITAL; GIVEN CHARTER

Edgcombe Hospital and Benevolent Association Is Incorporated

LOCATED IN TARBORO Mrs. J. G. Stator, of This City, Is Member of Present Board of Trustees

The Edgcombe Hospital and Benevolent association has been granted a charter and has formally taken over the hospital property once owned and controlled by the Edgcombe Hospital board, composed of a number of progressive Edgcombe citizens.

The same property was offered to the counties of Edgcombe, Halifax and Martin early last year as a free gift, but for some reason they failed to accept. Now it becomes the property of the Episcopal church of the N. C. Diocese.

The Bishop of the Diocese, the pastor of the Tarboro Episcopal church and the Chairman of the Boards of Commissioners of Martin, Edgcombe and Halifax counties and the Mayor of the town of Tarboro are the ex-officio members of the board of trustees.

The charter provides that there shall be nine trustees elected for the term of three years by the Diocese of the Episcopal Church, two-thirds of the trustees shall be members of that Church.

The present board is composed of Donald Gilliam, W. G. Clark, W. L. Simmons, Lyn Bond, Nannie G. Clark, W. S. Howard, C. E. Johnson, R. B. Josey, Mrs. Jesse W. Gregory and Mrs. J. G. Stator.

The transfer of this property brings the hospital within the scope of the Duke Foundation service which means that any poor person from Martin, Halifax or Edgcombe counties may receive as much as one dollar per day from the fund for their hospital service.

## JAMESVILLE MAN DIES YESTERDAY

Mr. A. F. Stallings Dies Thursday Following Stroke Paralysis

Alfred Fernando Stallings died at his home a mile from Jamesville early yesterday morning after suffering a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Stallings suffered the stroke on Christmas Day and never rallied from it.

Mr. Stallings was about 70 years old. He married Miss Alice Parker and she with six children survives him. The children are Clarence Stallings and Mrs. Gertie Simpson, of Norfolk, Roscoe Stallings, Oma Pearl and Irene Stallings and Mrs. Roland Simpson, of Jamesville.

The funeral was held at the residence by Rev. George Leggett today and burial took place on the home farm.

## W. W. Simpson Dies On Farm Near Here

William W. Simpson died at the home of his brother on the Garret farm near here Tuesday night.

Mr. Simpson had gone to the home of his brother on a visit and as he started into the house, he suffered a stroke of apoplexy and died soon afterwards.

Mr. Simpson was born near Jamesville, the son of Jordan and Crissie Mizell Simpson. He was 58 years old and had farmed all his life.

Interment was made in the Roberson burying ground near Jamesville yesterday afternoon. The funeral was conducted by Rev. C. B. Mashburn, pastor of the Robersonville Christian church.

## New Home Demonstration Agent Will Arrive Today

Mrs. Lora E. Sleeper of Blacksburg, Va., Accepts Position Made Vacant by Resignation of Miss Trentham; Highly Recommended and Well Prepared

Martin county's new home agent, Miss Lora E. Sleeper, of Blacksburg, Va., will arrive tonight to begin her duties in the county.

Miss Pauline Smith, district agent, stated yesterday that she had examined many applications during the past several weeks, but it was not until recently that an appointment could be made.

Miss Sleeper is well qualified for her work here, and is highly recommended by officials in Virginia where she served as home agent during the past three years. She has a B. S.

degree and has taken graduate work at Harvard. For three years, she was supervisor of household management and sewing at Emerson high school at Atlanta.

Miss Smith will be here tomorrow to go over the plans with Miss Sleeper and active work in the county is expected to begin at once.

The ladies of the county cooperated splendidly with Miss Anna Trentham, former agent here, and it is hoped that they will continue by lending their support to the work under the supervision of Miss Sleeper.

## AUTO AGENCY MAY COME HERE

Whippett - Willys - Knight Representatives Make Investigation

According to unofficial reports an agency for the handling of Whippett and Willys Knight cars is considering locating here.

Mr. C. L. Harris, formerly with the Harris Motor Company at Robersonville, was here this morning with representatives of the Whippett and Willys Knight company investigating the location of the agency here.

While it could not be ascertained, it was stated that the company would probably erect a building on the Main street here.

The recent announcement of the new low prices for those cars has caused a great increase in sales, and in some instances they are mentioned as Ford's main competitor.

## LOSES HOME BY FIRE NEAR HERE

Jesse Green House, Occupied by Harvey L. Gardner Is Complete Loss

Mr. Harvey L. Gardner lost his home by fire Tuesday evening.

All members of the family except some small children were out of the house when it caught and no one knows what caused it, unless it was too much fire in a heater on account of the excessive cold.

Mr. Gardner lost all of his household and kitchen furniture and about \$50 in money. He had no insurance.

The building belonged to James E. Green of Winterville.

The house known as the Jesse Green house had been one of the landmarks on the Washington road for 168 years.

## FAIL TO LOCATE LAUNDRY HERE

Inadequate Housing Facilities Here Given As Reason

A modern steam laundry was turned from the town this week on account of the inadequate housing conditions here.

Mr. J. W. Tucker, a member of the firm planning to locate a laundry here, made thorough investigations yesterday in an effort to secure a building for the plant and a home for the plant's manager.

Mr. Tucker was accompanied by Messrs. Tripp and Lassiter, also of Greenville, and they stated that a laundry would be of much value to the town and community, and that they would install machinery in a very short time if they could get the housing facilities. At the present time the firm is operating laundries in Kinston, Ayden, Greenville and Farmville.

Messrs. Tucker and Tripp returned today and were considering starting operations in a building at the edge of town on the Hamilton road. They stated, however, that it would be temporary and that they would move to another place as soon as arrangements could be made.

## Mrs. Mary Ann Harrison Dies At Bear Grass Home

Mrs. Mary Ann Harrison died at her home near Bear Grass early this morning after suffering a long while from a cancer.

Mrs. Harrison, the widow of the late Reubin Harrison, leaves three sons, William R., James R., and Gideon Harrison.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at the home and interment will be made on the home farm. The services will be conducted by Elders J. N. Rogerson and B. S. Cowing, pastors of the Bear Grass Primitive Baptist church, of which Mrs. Harrison had long been a member.

## RECORDER HAD TWELVE CASES

Most of Them Continued; Not Single Fine Nor Sentence Imposed

Practically all the business of the recorder's court here last Tuesday went over when several of the twelve cases up for settlement were continued for two weeks, and four are to be called again next Tuesday. No fines were given and no road sentences were meted out.

The case charging Gus Knight with assault with a deadly weapon was continued for two weeks.

Jesse Killebrew, charged with reckless driving, had his case continued for two weeks.

The assault charge against Annie Bell Stokes and the case charging James Ruffin with assault with a deadly weapon were continued for one week.

Mack Gilmore, charged with assault with deadly weapon, was called but he failed to answer. A warrant, returnable January 24, was issued.

Floyd Moore, charged with procuring a marriage license falsely, had his case continued two weeks.

The case of Ed Walston, charged with assault with a deadly weapon and carrying a concealed weapon, was not pressed.

The case against Gus and Heber Roberson and Clarence Sherrod was also not pressed. The defendants were charged with larceny and receiving.

A warrant returnable January 24 was issued against Coy Purline when he failed to answer after he was called to face an assault with a deadly weapon charge.

The court disagreed with Alexander Smallwood when he pleaded not guilty to a larceny and receiving charge. The case was continued for one week.

The case of W. G. Anthony, disposing of mortgaged property, was continued one week. He failed to answer when he was called last Tuesday.

## Ford Dealers Finally Get Car for Demonstration

Williamston was willed its first new Ford, a Tudor Sedan, yesterday by the Ford Motor Company.

Mr. N. C. Green, member of the local firm, drove the car in from Norfolk yesterday and it is said that Mr. C. R. Mobley was so well pleased with it that he sat in it all night.

The car is not for sale, but will be used for demonstration purposes by the motor company.

## Garages Reap Harvest As Cars "Freeze Up"

Eighteen automobile owners in this community failed to realize just how cold the weather was the early part of the week until they went to crank up their cars and found that cylinder heads and water hose connections were cracked. One garage pulled in twelve cars and repaired the engines.

From the garages the cars were driven to the filling stations where alcohol was put in the radiators.

## Carload of Chevrolets Delayed in Transit

Due to freight congestion caused by a two-days' holiday on all the railroads, the carload of Chevrolets billed to the Peel Motor company here has been delayed. It will be some time next week before the several cars will arrive here, stated a member of the firm yesterday.

## Dr. W. R. Cullom To Speak To Baptists Twice Sunday

Dr. W. R. Cullom, of Wake Forest College, will preach at the Baptist church here Sunday morning and evening.

Dr. Cullom comes to fill the appointments of Mr. Dickey, the pastor, who is away visiting relatives in Tennessee and the western part of this State.

## HUNT LICENSES TOTAL 1,962 IN MARTIN COUNTY

County Game Warden Says Officials Well Pleased With Law

FEW VIOLATORS NOW Revenue From Sale of Licenses In County Amounts To \$2,592, More Than Double That Expected

The December sale of hunting licenses in this county brought the total number sold since the game laws were passed to 1962. The number includes county, State and non-resident licenses. The county licenses led the list with 1817. There were 140 State and five non-resident licenses sold. The total revenue, amounting to \$2,592, was more than double the amount expected by authorities.

During December, Robersonville township led the list with 125 county and six State licenses. Williamston was next with 35 county and 2 State. Cross Roads sold 25 county and 2 State. Hamilton reported 22 county and no State. Goose Nest had 15 county and no State. Jamesville reported six county.

County Warden J. W. Hines stated yesterday that officials all over the State were very much pleased with the success of the law, and that the people had cooperated willingly in supporting it. During the first few weeks after the law was passed, there were a few violations reported, but considering everything, Mr. Hines stated that the law was a decided success.

## PLAN IMPOSITION OF TAX PENALTY

Town Treasurer Investigating Methods Used By Other Places

The possibility of imposing a penalty upon taxpayers who have not paid their 1927 town taxes is now being investigated at the treasurer's office here. With hardly more than half of the 1927 taxes collected to date, a penalty appears to be the only method by which collections can be made.

The collection this year is many dollars ahead of the one last year for the same time, but there are many notes due, and the commissioners are anxious to settle them without borrowing money and paying interest on it.

During the first few months of the 1927 collections, many of the taxpayers settled their accounts, but in the past two months, very little money has been received by the tax collector.

The City of Raleigh imposed a penalty similar to the one under investigation here, and just before it went into effect the treasury there was swelled considerably.

## Salesman Well Known Here Dies Near Roper

W. B. Spiers, 60-year-old casket salesman, died suddenly nine miles below Roper Wednesday following a heart attack.

Mr. Spiers had called on the trade here earlier in the day and spent several hours in Biggs drug store, talking with friends. He was in apparently good health at that time.

He was the first casket salesman to ever visit Williamston. Coming here for the first time thirty-nine years ago, he had made regular trips every year since. He was well liked here by the people who knew him.

Funeral services were held today at his home in Rocky Mount.

## Service Truck Burns Here Wednesday

A service truck of the Harrison Oil Company was badly damaged by fire last Wednesday when it was towing a car of the B. S. Courtney Furniture company.

The body was a complete loss and all the wires and cushion were burned. The loss was estimated at \$60.

## Alcoholism Kills 770 In New York City

New York, Jan. 5.—Chronic alcoholism caused the death of 770 persons in New York City last year and the rate was the highest in 19 years, Health Commissioner Harris said today.

A gradual rise in the alcoholic death rate, he said, started in 1924 when the deaths totalled 513. In 1925 the total was 682, and in 1926, 769. From 1918 to 1920, deaths from alcoholism decreased, the total in 1920 being 98.

Statisticians in the Health department have figured that in 1927, 18 persons per 100,000 died of alcoholism. Commissioner Harris said the deaths mostly were due to long-continued or chronic drinking.

## W. I. Skinner Shows Much Improvement

The many friends of Mr. W. I. Skinner will be glad to know that he is much improved after suffering a severe illness during the Christmas season. Although his condition is very much better, his physicians are still keeping him in the hospital for treatment.

## PONTIAC ALSO PRESENTS NEW MODEL FOR 1928

Second Birthday Anniversary Marked By Showing Of New Car Here

NO HIGHER IN PRICE Many New Improvements; Company Says They Are Offering "More Car" At Same Base Price

The second "birthday anniversary" of the Pontiac Six was marked yesterday by the first public display in dealers' showrooms of the New Series Pontiac Six which is said to surpass in beauty, power and performance all previous offerings of the Oakland Motor Car company in the low priced six-cylinder field.

The new Pontiac Six chassis with four-wheel brakes, gasoline pump, an entirely new type of radiator which prevents evaporation, semi-coincidental lock, improved carburetion, crank case ventilation, new cylinder head, higher compression, new clutch and steering gear, heavier frame and other mechanical advances, appears to justify the statement of the manufacturer that it is "new from radiator to tail light." Briefly stated, the company is offering infinitely "more car" at the same base price.

Although the new series has the same number of cars that comprised the 1927 line, two of the new models carry new types of bodies representing the latest advances in Fisher design. The two new body types are the Sport Landau Sedan and Four-Door Sedan, which supersede the former Landau and De Luxe Landau Sedans, the Two-Door Sedan, the coupe, the Sport Cabriolet and the Sport Roadster again are included among the six body choices, but all have been completely re-designed and closed models carry the latest Fisher body creations, new Duco colors, new fenders, headlamps and many other refinements.

One of the outstanding pioneering features of the new car is a radically changed principle of engine cooling as embodied in the unique "cross-flow" radiator, from which it is practically impossible to lose either water or anti-freeze solution by evaporation. The water flows horizontally through the radiator cells instead of vertically as in other radiators. The water circulation is thermostatically controlled and the flow is maintained by a new water pump.

The new G-M-R cylinder head (developed by General Motors Research engineers) is of the same type that eliminates spark knock and roughness in the Oakland All-American Six. It gives an impulse to the car comparable only to the smoothness of the steam engine and has also enabled the Pontiac compression ratio to be raised to 4.9 to 1. This is chiefly responsible for the increased power while retaining the same 186.5 cubic-inch cylinder displacement which remains larger than the displacement of any six-cylinder car under \$1,000.

The higher compression, the anti-spark knock effect of the new head which permits the spark to be maintained by the automatic distributor at the point of highest efficiency, a new carburetor designed especially for this car and a complete redesigning of both intake and exhaust manifolding systems, Mr. W. L. Stalls, sub agent of the Robersonville Motor company stated, combine to produce exception power and performance.

A new semi-coincidental lock has been incorporated in the transmission. It is operated from the ignition switch by the switch key. Thus a turn of the switch key locks both ignition and transmission without danger of soiling hands or gloves. A position has been provided so that the ignition may be turned off without locking the transmission.

Although the New Series Pontiac Six retains its former wheel base of 110 inches for ease of handling and parking, the car has the appearance of being considerably larger and more sturdy than its predecessor. This effect is achieved principally through the larger, deeper radiator, surmounted by its Indian head radiator cap. This year the radiator and the new raised panel on top of the hood are nearly two inches higher than in 1927. Full crown fenders with hood sills completely covering the front of the frame give distinction to the front of the car.

Mr. W. L. Stalls demonstrated the car to a large number of interested parties yesterday afternoon and they were well pleased with the car's performance.

## Margolis Brothers Stage Clearance Sale

Margolis Brothers are staging their ninth January sale, beginning today. Each year the store makes large reductions in prices so that more room may be had for housing new stock. The sale will continue through the remainder of the month.

## GENERAL BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR SECTION IS BEST IN NUMBER YEARS

SCHOOL SITE IS MOOT QUESTION

Few Citizens Attend Meeting Last Night Due To Misunderstanding

Meeting after meeting of the school boards of the town and county in an effort to locate the proposed new school building here have been held, but so far no site has been selected.

The county board met last night but few people were present at the meeting to offer their views and make suggestions as to where the building should be placed. There was some misunderstanding as to the time of the meeting and that accounts for the small number being present.

No further action is expected until the county board holds its regular meeting the 18th of this month when it is thought a definite decision will be made.

The sites that have been considered include the two on Highway No. 90 beyond the railroad underpass; one on the Jamesville road; one on the Giddard and Leggett property in New Town and another on the land of Dr. J. S. Rhodes.

The location of the new building on the grounds with the grammar school building and building of an athletic field elsewhere has been suggested by many people, but so far as it is known, this proposition has not been placed before the school boards for consideration.

## THIRTEEN STILLS SEIZED IN WEEK

New Record for One Week's Seizures in County; Get 10 in Free Union

Federal Agent C. F. Alexander and Deputy J. R. Manning made a record in this county last week when they captured thirteen stills and destroyed thousands of gallons of beer in two days.

Friday, the officers visited the Free Union or Gauk section. They had hardly entered the section before signals were given, to which the manufacturers answered by clearing the woods, but they did not tarry long for there were ten stills captured in that community. Most of them were of the steam type. There were three of the copper type, however. Besides capturing the ten stills and accessories, the officers destroyed 15,000 gallons of beer which was mostly sugar mixture.

Mr. Alexander estimated that the beer would have made about 1,200 gallons of liquor.

On Saturday, the officers went to the Bear Grass woods where they found and destroyed three fancy stills. A quantity of beer was turned out and burned.

## BIG SHIPMENTS OF FERTILIZER

Two Barges Arrive This Week; Bring Total To 16,000,000 Pounds

Fertilizer shipments to the Standard Fertilizer Company reached near the sixteen million pound mark the early part of this week when two large barges, loaded with raw material, were tied up at the wharf of the company here.

Captain Bill Bramble, of Baltimore, steered his barge "Lloyd" down to Norfolk and from there to the local fertilizer plant. He is one of the whole-soul captains who has mastered ships for more than 35 years. A large part of that time, he carried on trade with the West Indies. According to his fellow seamen, he can holler equal to the sound of a fog horn, and can be heard a mile distant with the wind against him. Captain Bramble hardly ever ventures out on the open seas now, but stays on the Chesapeake and its connecting waters.

The second barge docked at the fertilizer plants recently, is the "Northern 20". It is one of the largest that has been sent out of Baltimore to this point, and was so heavily loaded that a tug boat had to tie it up below Jamesville and wait for the high water in the river to go down.

## Fire Destroys Barn and Pack House Near Here

Fire of undetermined origin, destroyed the pack house and stables of Mr. Lucian Hardison this afternoon shortly after 3 o'clock.

At one time the fire threatened the dwelling, but neighbors rushed there with buckets and held the flames back.

Mr. Hardison lost in the fire a winter's supply of feed, his auto mobile and other property.

This issued was delayed a few minutes when the force closed the doors and went to the fire.

## Program Services at Christian Church

Sunday school, 9:45. Preaching by Rev. J. H. Hale, the pastor, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend all the services.

## BUSINESS MEN ARE OPTIMISTIC

Review Shows Best Prospects for Any Year Since 1919-20 Crash

Big Bank Deposits Fewer and Smaller Accounts Said To Be On Books At Close Of Past Year

According to the opinions of many of the county's leading business men, the general business condition in Martin county is the best it has been in years. The business outlook for this year promises a continued improvement in general business throughout the county and section. "At least," many of these men stated, "1928 will not show a lapse in prosperity, for business itself is on a much firmer basis now than it has been during the past several years."

The crash in 1919 and 1920 was given one reason for the improvement in general business conditions here at the present time, for then it was that a lesson was taught that few have forgotten. Even though business was given a tremendous jolt at that time, the crash brought about sounder business methods, started a more extensive diversified farming schedule and made more clear the necessity of saving. In an indirect way, practically every man, in giving his opinion of business conditions in the county, mentioned one of these three causes as having much to do with the present improved conditions.

In saying that this county had a very successful year in 1927, it is not to be inferred that there were no hardships and losses; for they are everywhere, but they are to be credited to the individual more so than to the general business condition. The prosperity of 1927 in this county is not measured in number of freight car loadings, bank clearings, interest rate, and stocks and bonds, but it is measured by the reports coming from the merchants and business men whose stores front the main streets in the towns in the county. In practically every case when a merchant here, or Robersonville, or Everetts, or Hamilton or at any of the other towns was asked how was business during the past year, an answer was made assuring that it was good if not the best he had had since the crash in 1919. Fewer and smaller accounts were said to be on the books at the close of the old year than there had been in several years, and the trade was turning to a cash basis to a greater extent than ever before.

Bank deposits as reported in the statements of the several county banks are at the highest point since 1919. The statements also show a sound financial condition in every section of the county, and indicate that the banks are in a better position than in years to serve the public's needs.

The sheriff's tax books also indicate a much improved financial condition in the county, for in the two months that he has had the tax books almost half the county taxes have been collected.

With general business conditions as they now are and with the advent of favorable seasons, the forecast for the year indicates a very successful one for the county.