

## AIR CHARGES AGAINST ELDER HARRINGTON

### Primitive Baptists Acquit Preacher of Charges of Unorthodoxy

## SETTLE DIFFERENCES

### Practically All Charges Considered Unfounded by Council of Church At Hearing Wednesday

Differences were settled and peace was made to reign again in the Kehukee association of the Primitive Baptist Church last Wednesday when ministers and members of that body met at the Smithwick Creek church to hear certain charges that had been brought against one of the church's leading elders, Mr. W. B. Harrington.

The charges, originating over a five-year period, it is said, reached a climax a few weeks ago, and Wednesday was mentioned as the day when both Elder Harrington and his accusers might be heard. The accusations varied, certain members stating that Mr. Harrington was too greatly interested in the up-building of the church, others holding that he followed too closely the style of other denominations. To sum the situation up, it was said he was accused of preaching the Armenian Doctrine.

In the main, all the charges were considered unfounded by the Council of the Church, and the only demand made of Mr. Harrington by it was for him to discontinue the use of those words that were confusing to the minds of those brethren who were not well founded in the Scriptures.

At the meeting, Elder Harrington answered all questions readily, making clear his beliefs and assuring the people that it was his earnest desire to do anything for the future good of the church.

Mr. Harrington has been in the ministerial service of the Primitive Baptist Church for twelve years, and during that time he has rendered an able service to his people. However, he stated that should his remaining in the church cause any further discord among its members, he would feel it his duty to withdraw.

## CAGE GAMES NEXT WEEK

### County High School Championship Series To Get Under Way

Martin county's basketball championship series will get underway next week when Jamesville meets Bear Grass, Farm Life meets Williamston in Group One and when Robersonville meets Everetts and Oak City meets Hamilton in Group Two. The schedule was arranged at a meeting of athletic coaches here several weeks ago so that official basketball champions in the county might be determined before the season ends.

During next week each of the pair teams will play two games and the following week a third game will be played if necessary. During the week of January 30, the winner of the Jamesville-Bear Grass series will play the winner of the Williamston-Farm Life series. A similar schedule will be followed by the winners in the Everetts-Robersonville and Oak City-Hamilton series. Two games are scheduled during the week of the 30th, and if necessary a third game will be played during the week following.

The first game of the finals will be played during the week of February 13 by the winners in the eastern half of the county, either Jamesville, Bear Grass, Farm Life or Williamston and the winners in the western half of the county, either Everetts, Robersonville, Hamilton or Oak City.

The exact dates for the games and where they will be played were left for settlement to the coaches.

## STRAND THEATRE

### SATURDAY JOHN WELLS

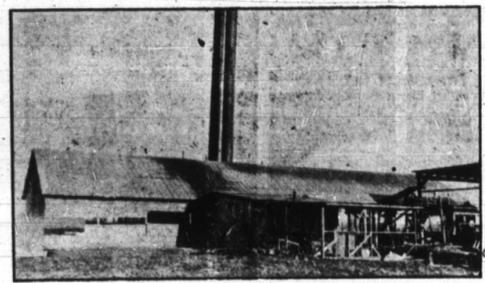
in "The Thrill Chaser"

Also Clyde Cook Comedy And Serial

### "SCARLET BRAND"

Theatre Well Heated

## REBUILDING KILNS DESTROYED BY FIRE



Murray & McCabe Co., whose mill is pictured above, are rebuilding the kilns destroyed by fire last fall and expect to finish the first unit tomorrow. The mill will resume full-time operation as soon as the kilns are restored. The town's water mains have been extended to the mill site since the disastrous blaze which threw a number of men out of work.

## HEARING ON REMOVAL OF TRAINS TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20th

## KIWANIS CLUB TO MURRAY-M'CABE BE REPRESENTED REBUILDS KILNS

### Civic Clubs of Town Affect Plan To Protest Curtailing Service

### MAY GET BUS SERVICE

Railroad Will Probably Show That Franchise Has Been Granted For Bus Line

At the request of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and civic organizations in the various towns affected, a hearing on the application of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad to discontinue two passenger trains from Tarboro to Plymouth, has been set by the Corporation Commission for Wednesday, January 25 at 10 o'clock a. m.

This is the second application that has been made by the Coast Line within the past eight months for the discontinuance of trains 56 and 57, and opposition to this request is considered much weaker than it was to the first one which was filed with the Commission.

Representatives of the several towns along the route served by the two trains are planning to attend the hearing, but so far very few objections have been made public, opposing the railroad's proposed action. Messrs. John D. Biggs and Elbert S. Peele have been appointed by the Kiwanis club to represent this town at the hearing.

It was unofficially announced here yesterday that the railroad company is investigating now existing bus schedules in this section, and the possibility of additional ones. The findings, it is thought, will be used by the company in its argument before the Commission January 25. It was given out by the office of the Commission when the first application was made for discontinuing the trains that a charter to a bus company to operate along the route now served by the trains had been granted. The name of the person to whom the charter was granted was not disclosed.

## DEMOCRATS TO MEET IN SOUTH

### 1928 National Convention Will Be Held in Houston, Texas

The National Democratic Convention will dip away from the quarrels of the North and West and nestle in the bosom of its friends, the Solid South.

The national committee met in Washington yesterday and selected Houston, Texas as the convention city. Cleveland, Detroit, Kansas City and San Francisco were asking for the convention and had been saying a great deal about their peculiar fitness as the best place to hold the convention, but had not done much. Houston said nothing but when the invitations were extended, it came forward with \$200,000 for the comforts of the convention. Her invitation was accepted on the fifth ballot with San Francisco the nearest competitor. The convention will be held the last week in June.

### Everetts Play To Be Given At Jamesville

"Saved by the Woodmen," a comedy drama in four acts will be staged in the Jamesville school auditorium next Tuesday night by an Everetts cast. The play has been presented in Everetts and Bear Grass and it goes to Jamesville highly recommended.

## GOOD TOBACCO NETS GROWERS BIGGER PROFIT

### County Agent Reviews Tobacco Farming in County

## URGES EARLY START

### Many Farmers in County Now Preparing Plant Beds and Seed Will All Soon Be in Ground

Although the tobacco season in 1927 was not as profitable as it was in 1926 many farmers nevertheless, made large profits last year on the tobacco crop. They succeeded by putting into practice the best farming methods, stated County Agent T. B. Brandon yesterday while reviewing tobacco farming in this county.

Here are some of the things they are putting into practice: Preparing a good seed bed; treating the seed to get rid of immature and small seed of low vitality; keeping out insects by making the seed bed tight and by using poison.

"All of these practices tend to give them an early start. They fertilize properly with complete fertilizers, they cultivate thoroughly, and they harvest and market their crop in a business-like manner," Mr. Brandon went on to say.

"The one thing that tends to produce a good crop of tobacco more than probably any other one thing is the use of an abundant supply of available plant food. This insures a large crop grown evenly, tending to produce quality. The tobacco plant is a heavy feeder and has to be grown fairly quickly."

On sandy soils, state departments of agriculture recommend from 800 to 1,200 pounds of a fertilizer analyzing 8 per cent. phosphoric acid; 4 per cent. nitrogen, and 6 per cent. potash be used. On the heavier types of soil, the same amount of fertilizer analyzing 8 per cent. phosphoric acid, about 3 per cent. nitrogen, and 3 to 5 per cent. potash, may be used.

Many farmers in this county are making preparations for their plant beds, and by the middle of next month the seed for the year's crop will practically all be in the ground.

## NO ROOM FOR FIRST GRADERS

### Local School Will Not Be Able To Care for Any Additional Pupils

After a reclassification of the pupils in the lower grades of the local school, it was stated this morning by the Principal that it would be impossible to admit additional children to the first grade.

Just before the holidays, Mr. Davis, principal stated that a reclassification of the children in the first, second and third grades would be made during the early part of this month and that it might be possible to add several names to the first grade roll. Several new pupils entered the second and third grades, causing the over-crowded condition in the first grade to remain practically unchanged after reclassifying the children in the three grades.

Miss Peacock, the teacher of the first grade, reported that during the fall months the average daily attendance was just below fifty, and that it was next to impossible to successfully instruct a larger number.

## Blaze Here Yesterday Destroys Storage House

The storage house of the Staton cotton gin was practically destroyed yesterday afternoon when fire of an undetermined origin charred the timbers and damaged a large quantity of cotton seed and hulls.

The volunteer fire company turned two streams of water on the flames and soon had them under control, but the alarm was turned in too late for the firemen to prevent the near destruction of the building.

## Miss Sleeper Called Home Account Brother's Death

Miss Lora Sleeper, home demonstration agent, left yesterday afternoon for Concord where she was called on account of the death of her brother.

Miss Sleeper arrived here last Tuesday and since that time she has been very active in arranging her work. The unexpected news came as a shock to her and will necessarily cause her to be from the county a few days.

## Farm Life Wins Over Bethel Here, 24-21

Farm Life added to its basketball victories here last night by defeating Bethel, 24 to 21. It was one of the best games the lads from Griffins had played this season.

## Begin Shipments of Fertilizers by Boat

The first shipment of fertilizer leaving the Standard Fertilizer Company's factory here by boat, was made last Wednesday.

The shipment was billed to points along the Alligator river in Tyrrell county. The boat was loaded almost to its capacity, 65 tons.

## KIWANIS HOLDS GOOD MEETING

### Name Two To Go To Hearing; Brandon Winner in "Best Baby" Contest

Under the leadership of Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, the Kiwanis club held one of its best meetings in some time last Wednesday.

Representatives were named to attend the hearing on the discontinuance of trains 56 and 57 to be held in Raleigh January 25. Messrs. John D. Biggs and E. S. Peel were named as the club's representatives.

The program reached a climax when Tom Brandon, Gus Harrison, Bill Manning and Cortez Green went back to the style of early days and with a nipple over a coca cola bottle they raced for nourishment. Cortez Green, when he saw he was a few drops behind, bit the nipple off and put himself out of the race. Mr. Harrison was leading in the race until suction caused the nipple on his bottle to fly off. The contest continued with Tom and Bill in the race, but in spite of his size, Mr. Brandon proved that he could be the best baby.

## RECORDER HAD EIGHT CASES

### Several Road Sentences and Number Fines Meted Out Tuesday

Several road sentences were handed down and a few fines were imposed by Judge Bailey here last Tuesday when eight cases came before his court for trial. Several of the cases had been on the court's docket for several weeks, but had been continued for hearing until Tuesday.

Annie B. Stokes, charged with assault, was found not guilty after her case had been through the Mayor's court and continued from week to week in the Recorder's court.

Alexander Smallwood, larceny and receiving, was found guilty and sentenced to the Edgecombe county roads for two months.

C. M. Bullock, charged with simple assault, plead guilty to the charge. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

James Ruffin, assault with deadly weapon, was called but he failed to appear.

Emma Crowell, assault with a deadly weapon, plead guilty before the court and was sentenced to the county jail for thirty days. The sentence was suspended for two years upon good behavior of defendant.

W. M. Baker plead guilty to a larceny and receiving charge and was sentenced to the Edgecombe roads for three months.

A jury trial was ordered for next Tuesday to hear the case of W. G. Anthony, charging him with the disposal of mortgaged property.

Haywood Brown plead guilty to a simple assault charge and was fined \$20 and required to pay the costs. A four-months' road sentence was suspended.

## MRS. W. H. DANIEL DIES WEDNESDAY

### Had Been in Poor Health For Number Years; Funeral Thursday

Mrs. Bettie Lanier Daniel died at her home at the Daniel mill, four miles from here early Wednesday morning.

For a long number of years, Mrs. Daniel had been in poor health and in July 1926 she went to Pinescrest for treatment. After remaining there a short while she went to the State Sanatorium where she was a patient until September of last year when her case was pronounced incurable. She returned to her old home near here where she got along very well until last Sunday when she collapsed. After suffering several hemorrhages she gradually became weaker until the end came.

She leaves one brother, Joseph B. Lanier and one sister, Miss Mamie Lanier. She married W. Henry Daniel who died about two years ago.

The funeral was held at the home yesterday afternoon by Elder B. S. Cowing and interment was made in the family cemetery on the home farm by the side of her husband.

## EPIDEMIC OF SMALLPOX THREATENS IN COUNTY; REPORT ELEVEN CASES

### Local School Board Holds Public Hearing

At a public meeting held this afternoon in the school auditorium here, the Martin property on Highway No. 90 was eliminated as a possible site for the proposed new school building, and attention of those present was centered on the Rhodes, Slade and Goddard-Leggett property.

The piece of property just back of the home of Mr. J. L. Hassell received favorable mention and so did the Godard-Leggett property. Should the Slade property be selected, it was explained that an athletic field would be built at some other point.

## WILLIAMSTON IN BIG-MARKET LIST

### Local Market Gets in Select List in Associated Press Reports

Williamston was placed in the list of big markets in a report of the Associated Press recently. The Progressive Farmers says:

When the 36 North Carolina tobacco markets closed for the holiday season, it was estimated by the Associated Press that over 400,000,000 pounds of leaf had been sold in the State. One-fourth of the markets sold over two-thirds of the producers' sales. The sales in November alone brought more than \$50,000,000, which was \$3,000,000 more than growers received the same month of 1926. Wilson, Greenville, Winston-Salem, Kinston, Rocky Mount, Farmville, Durham, Oxford, Henderson and Williamston sold as much tobacco as was sold by all the 36 large markets last season. When the Wilson market closed for the holidays, 72,299,692 pounds for which the growers received \$7,361,718.20 had been sold. The average price was \$23.05 a hundred pounds.

## HARRISON OIL CO. ADDS EQUIPMENT

### Building Two New Storage Tanks To Care For Increasing Demand

With the demand for Texaco products growing rapidly, the Harrison Oil Company is, this week, adding to its present equipment for storing and handling purposes by erecting two new tanks at its river plant. A boat from Norfolk arrived here late yesterday, bringing the tanks and erectors, and the first construction work was started this morning.

During the past eighteen days, eleven cars of Texaco gasoline and motor oils have been unloaded at the plant of the Harrison Oil Company here. The shipments of gasoline have practically all been handled through one main storage tank at the river, and while the boat pumped the gas into the tank at one end, the three trucks of the company were drawing it from the other and distributing it to the more than eighty dealers in the county. But with the sales increasing rapidly, the company found that the 22,000 gallon tank was entirely inadequate, so two additional tanks are being erected. When these two tanks are completed, the equipment of the company will handle easily between eight and ten cars of gasoline at one time.

Two boat loads of Texaco gasoline and motor oils were unloaded this week, one Tuesday and the other one yesterday, at the wharf of the company here.

Plans are being made for the erection of another huge tank at the river plant, but details could not be learned this morning.

## Sunday Services At The Baptist Church

The pastor will be in the pulpit Sunday morning.

At the Sunday morning service the pastor will set forth the platform upon which he hopes to work with the church in the year 1928.

From the standpoint of the year's work, this should be an important service. The pastor desires that a full congregation be present at this service.

This church will observe Communion at the evening service, Sunday night at the usual hour. The Lord's Supper is impressive at anytime, but should be more so at the evening time.

The people are invited to come in large numbers to these two services—the first services held by the pastor in the New Year.

## VACCINATION IS ONLY CONTROL

### Health Officer Says Law Does Not Require Quarantining

## THREE CASES HERE

### Pitt County Also Having Large Number Cases Reported Daily; Doctors Urging Vaccination

According to a statement made last night by County Health Officer W. E. Warren, only eleven cases of smallpox have been reported in the county. Six of the eleven cases are in Hamilton, three are here and two were reported in Robersonville. The report included yesterday, and if additional cases have developed, they have not been called to the attention of the health officer.

Much has been said about members of those families where the disease has been reported, going about the streets, attending church and working in the factories. Dr. Warren stated that there was no law requiring members of a family where the disease is present to remain at home and not appear in public places. The disease can be controlled by vaccination and that being true, Dr. Warren stated there was no just cause for quarantining homes where the disease is found.

Unofficial estimates place the number that has been vaccinated at very small per cent. of the total. That being true and with church congregations and factory employees exposed to the disease, a real epidemic is very likely to follow.

In Pitt county, reports show that on an average three cases have been reported daily to the department of health in Greenville. A Greenville paper says editorially, "In the face of these facts, we cannot understand why people will decline to be vaccinated. Of course if you are vaccinated and it takes, you will have a sore arm for a while, but a sore arm is preferable to a case of smallpox."

From September 10 to the first of the year, 37 cases of smallpox were reported in Beaufort county, and the first case was said to have been carried there from Greenville. But in connection with the disease there, the health department has carried on a splendid work. Under the leadership of Misses Harriet Carr and Eva Cratt, a former Martin County girl, 2,536 persons have been vaccinated in that county. The Washington Progress, reviewing the work of the health department in Beaufort states, "There is no question but that the work done by the department has prevented hundreds of additional cases of smallpox."

A law, passed by the Board of Health, this county, two years ago, made it unlawful for a child to attend public schools in this county unless he had been vaccinated. The percentage of children violating this law is generally believed to be large. After checking the records in the local school, Principal L. H. Davis stated, that practically all the children here had been vaccinated. But, it is understood that this does not hold true for the entire county.

The Town Board of Commissioners have considered the situation, but with the law as it is, they were unable to take any steps in preventing the disease's spreading.

## V. E. P. OFFICIALS VISIT PLYMOUTH

### Inspect Light Plant With View To Making Town An Offer

Data were collected by Mr. J. T. Chase, general manager of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, on the power system in Plymouth this morning preparatory to making that town an offer for its light and power franchise.

No figures were mentioned this morning, and it is not known just how much the power company will offer the town. It was announced, however, that recent regulations adopted by the company would not permit free water pumping and street lighting as considerations in future franchise purchases. The contract entered into between Williamston and the power company was the last one to include the free water pumping and free street lighting clause, and it will be the last one, it was stated today. "And we could not possibly offer it to Williamston again," Mr. J. T. Chase stated.

From here the power company officials went to Windsor where they will discuss the power and light situation with citizens there.