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TOWN BOARD IN REGULAR MEET HERE LAST NIGHT

No Definite Arrangements Yet Made for Housing Fire Apparatus

THREE PLANS OPEN Construction of Water Line to River and Beyond Cemetery Discussed But No Action Is Taken

In a meeting of the town commissioners here last night, very few problems came before the open session for solution. The committee appointed at a previous meeting reported that an investigation leading to the housing of the present fire-fighting apparatus would be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. This committee will offer suggestions to the board at a special meeting that is likely to be called some time prior to the 15th of this month. At the present time there is inadequate room to care for all the town's fire-fighting equipment, and the committee's investigation will probably lead to one of three solutions. The city markets will either be removed from the present building and that room turned into firemen's quarters and a library; or a garage near the city hall will be leased for housing the old fire truck; or a building will be erected to house the old apparatus.

A culvert was ordered placed in the ravine on Biggs Street and the street filled in with dirt and other material. The construction of the water line to the river was discussed, and the work will be carried on within the next few weeks.

Permission to hold a dance December 31 was granted Hezekiah Spruill, colored.

Requests to construct a water line to and beyond the cemetery were made, but since the budget did not include such a project the matter was deferred to a later meeting.

DESCRIBE TRIP TO OLD MEXICO

Dr. J. E. Smithwick and J. A. Getsinger Praise Rio Grande Valley

Upon their return from a visit to Southern Texas and part of Mexico, Dr. J. E. Smithwick, of Jamesville, and Mr. J. A. Getsinger, of Dardens, had numbers of things to tell of that section and its peoples. The two men left here November 22, and were gone only 10 days, but even though short, they report a splendid trip.

The doctor and Mr. Getsinger describe the Rio Grande Valley as an ideal country, where all nature seems to have gathered to make a beautiful land. In describing that country, it was easy to see that they were so thrilled with it that they were tempted to turn and go back rather than continue their homeward journey.

They ate their Thanksgiving dinner, wild turkey and venison, in Mexico. They do not describe Mexico as a land peopled with greasy outlaws but as a country of friendly people, where life is secure and safe. Incidentally, Dr. Smithwick brought back some very beautiful pictures of the people of that old-time Spanish Colony, which showed every mark of intelligence, modesty, and beauty that we find on this side of the Rio Grande.

STRAND THEATRE
WEDNESDAY
REX BELL
in
"THE GIRL-SHY COWBOY"
Also
2-REEL COMEDY
and
FREE TICKET
FOR SHOW FRIDAY

Baby Still Seized Belonged To Inmate of County Home

Bill Rogers, Unable To Buy Liquor, Took Three Gallon Cans and Made His Own; Could Only Make About One-Quarter of a Pint Each Run

More than one great invention is said to have been brought into use accidentally, and where that is true we find dire circumstances bringing about unusual acts and happenings. This time the dire circumstances caused Bill Rogers, an inmate of the Martin County home, to make his own still and manufacture his own liquor. The aged man was unable to purchase the "spirits" desired; so he took three 1-gallon cans and went into business for himself.

The manufacture of the contraband was rather slow, giving evidence to the fact that the man was not operating his baby plant on a commercial basis. And it remains a mystery for officers to reason out how the old fellow abstained from drink long enough for the outfit to turn out an amount of intoxicating value. Approximately one-fourth of a pint of liquor was drained

into the final container each run; and runs were not made very often.

It is understood that the ingredients were gathered slowly and that the manufacturer was greatly handicapped other than by the smallness of the still. But that was about all the old man had to care about, and it is said he was getting along very nicely.

The plant was captured some time ago by Sheriff Roebuck in a small wood, a few yards from the county home.

So far as it is known, this is the smallest outfit to have fallen into the hands of the sheriff or Federal prohibition agents, and its capture indicates that while few might be called, all-big and little alike—are chosen.

The outfit is well made, having soldered joints and connections with copper pipes.

DRUNKEN GIRL PUT OUT OF CAR

Mystery Surrounds Happening on Highway Near Here

There's a dead woman lying beside the road near the Abernethy farm on Highway No. 30, was the report given Sheriff Roebuck and Coroner S. R. Biggs here last Sunday morning around 9 o'clock. An investigation was started at once, but the officers were a little too late in reaching the scene; some one had picked the girl up and carried her on toward Washington.

According to a story told officers by several colored people who lived near by, the girl was put out of an open Ford car by two men about 8:30 that morning. The car was driven away, and the young woman walked a few yards down the road and fell by its side. Dropping off to sleep, the girl was thought to be dead by the colored people, who were afraid to interfere. Passers-by also thought she was dead and reported the case to officers here.

The colored people, continuing their story, stated that three men in a Dodge car stopped and picked the girl up and continued on their way toward Washington, and her name was not learned. A conversation overheard by the colored people revealed that the girl was an orphan and that she lived in Greenville. She refused to give her name, but stated that she left home Saturday night with the parties who had put her out along the road a few minutes before. The girl claimed that she did not know the names of the two men with whom she left home the night before.

It was said by parties that the girl was around 16 years of age, very good-looking, moderately dressed, and intoxicated by liquor evidently furnished by her two escorts.

New Episcopal Rector Preaches First Sermon

Rev. A. H. Marshall, recently called to the Church of the Advent, preached the first sermon in the local church last Sunday evening to a good sized congregation.

In his introductory remarks, the minister stated that he was glad to be in the service of the church here, and that he would enter heartily upon its duties. The historical background of the church was given, Mr. Marshall giving the important events from the early centuries down to the present time.

Basing his sermon upon "thanksgiving," the newly appointed rector mentioned four reasons why one should give thanks. These reasons were well developed by the speaker, and were supplementary to the general belief entertained in connection with the origin of the Thanksgiving we now observe. "Giving thanks has run down through the ages in an unbroken silver thread," Mr. Marshall stated when pointing out that thanks were tendered God in the dim dawn of man's beginning. He stated that God was the donor of all things; that to give thanks was an act of justice; an act of appreciation; and an act of religion. Holy Communion will be observed in the church here next Sunday morning, it was stated in the announcements of last Sunday evening.

Honor Roll For Macedonia School

The Macedonia school honor roll as reported for the month just closed by Mrs. W. K. Parker, principal, showed where six pupils there met the requirements and made the roll. The list follows: First grade: Irene Perry, J. D. Ausbon, Marie Perry. Third grade: Mary Bet Webb. Seventh grade: Hazel Ward, Saunders Revels.

NURSE FINISHES HEALTH SURVEY COUNTY SCHOOLS

Total of 3,268 Children Are Examined; Between Ages Of Six and Twelve

MANY IN BAD HEALTH 876 Children Are Underweight and 88 Overweight; 1,543 Have Bad Tonsils Or Adenoids

In a health survey just completed in this county by Mrs. H. P. Guffy, 3,268 school children between the ages of 6 and 12 years were examined and 3,981 defects, or ailments, were discovered among them. Defective throats numbered 1,543, which number shows that almost one out of every two children are suffering with bad tonsils or adenoids. This is understood to be a large percentage, pointing to the urgent need of a clinic for the children in the county.

While we are said to be in the garden spot of the world, where there is plenty, yet the health nurse found 876 children underweight, which means they have not been properly nourished. Mrs. Guffy was of the firm opinion that this large number of underweight children was due, to a very great extent, to a scarcity of cows in the section. Her reports show that undernourished children are living in homes where no cows are kept on the lot and where no provision is made to secure milk for the young tots. Where the nurse found 876 underweight children, she also found 88 children overweight, the numbers are certainly out of proportion, it was pointed out. With these figures, it is seen that one out of every four children is underweight, and that 1 out of every 37 is overweight.

The most startling feature of the report is found in the number of children having defective teeth. Mrs. Guffy stated that as a whole the children throughout this section care as little for their teeth as any she had examined anywhere. Around 715 children have defective teeth, and a much larger number may expect trouble in the near future unless better care is taken of the teeth, it was stated.

Fifty-four of the 3,268 children have defective hearing and 296 have defective vision. In the miscellaneous group, 409 defects were reported. This survey of the children is the preliminary feature to a clinic to be held here some time in the spring, when children from all over the county will be treated. Cards will be mailed to the parents or guardians of the children by the State health department, offering them the services of the clinic, and it is evident that a large number should avail themselves of the offer.

AGENTS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

402 Hogs Vaccinated During Month Just Ended

In his report to the county commissioners here yesterday, County Agent Brandon stated that the drive against hog cholera in the county was carried on extensively during the month just closed, 402 hogs having been treated by him. The demand to have this work done is general, the agent pointed out, and the drive against the disease is proving very effective. Orders for agritol dynamite to be used in clearing land were taken by the agent, and he is advising all farmers desiring a shipment of the material, to place their orders at once. These orders may be given directly to the agent or left with the Farmers and Merchants bank, here. Immediately after the first of January, special orders for drain tile will be placed, and the farmers anticipating this work should consider their needs at this time, it was stated in the report.

Extracts from the report show where the agent spent 17 days in field work, 10 days in office work, held 140 office conferences, received 132 telephone calls, wrote 170 letters, made 55 farm visits, traveled 916 miles on official duties and prepared three articles for publication. The agent has completed his annual report which shows a concerted work during the year and a big saving to the farmers of the county.

Colored Pastor Returns For His Fourth Year

Rev. A. S. Edwards, pastor of the colored Methodist church here was reappointed to this charge recently by Bishop J. W. Ward at the Albemarle conference, held in Edenton. This is Elder Edwards' fourth year in Williamston. During his stay here he has done a useful work among his race, and has so conducted himself that he has gained the esteem and respect of all the people of the town, both white and colored. His people are glad to have him back for another year.

AUTO LICENSE TAGS ARE NOW ON SALE HERE

Williamston Motor Co. Is Again Conducting Sale Of Plates

OVER 6,000 SENT HERE Leonard Coltrain, of Griffins Township Buys First Plate That Is Offered For Sale

Leonard Coltrain, of Griffins Township, started the sale of auto license plates in this county last Saturday when he purchased a \$12.50 tag from the local bureau at the Williamston Motor Co. Over 6,000 tags have been sent here for distribution in this section, over a thousand more than were sold during the last season. Even with this increased number, it is the belief of the local bureau managers, Messrs. J. D. Woolard and N. C. Green, that the six thousand plates will hardly more than go around.

Sales will have to show a decided increase, however, if all the plates are distributed by the first of the year. Only two have been sold to date, and, to be exact, the bureau has to sell only 6,228 more. "A last-minute rush is inevitable, but if the automobile owners, where convenient, will start their purchase of plates now, there will be no waiting and rush right at the last minute," the managers stated.

The plates have white letters and numerals on a light blue background, and are very attractive. While there are several bureaus distributing the tags this year, the local bureau is expected to serve parts of Bertie, Washington, Beaufort, and Martin Counties.

BUT \$3,000 ASKED FOR ROANOKE

Chief of Army Engineers Makes Annual Report To Congress

The 17th of last April \$3,000 were allotted for improvement of Roanoke River by the government. At the same time to improve the Pamlico and Tar Rivers \$25,000 were allotted. Yesterday the Chief of Army Engineers submitted his annual report to Congress, requesting \$518,000 for improvement of inland waterways, and large sums for other improvements to harbors and other streams. A sum of \$3,000 was requested for maintenance work on the Roanoke in the report. It is not certain that the amount is an addition to the \$3,000 allotted last April.

About three months before the \$3,000 were allotted in April, this year, requests were made of the government to deepen the mouth of the Roanoke. District Engineer Col. Jewett in February stated that a favorable report on the project to secure a mean low water depth of 8 feet will greatly facilitate the securing of an appropriation. It was hoped that around \$30,000 would be allotted for the project, but it is said that President Coolidge informed the committee in Washington that enough money had been spent on waterway projects. And while the depth of Roanoke River's mouth has been changed, it was at the hands of nature, and the stream is not quite as deep now as it was some time ago.

This new report says nothing about the project that would deepen the river's mouth and make possible the easy passage of boats in and out of the stream.

Mrs. Sabrina Rogerson Dies in Petersburg, Va.

Mrs. Sabrina Ann Rogerson, of R. F. D. No. 1, died last Thursday at the home of her son, Walter Rogerson, in Petersburg, where she had been several weeks taking special medical treatment. The direct cause of her death was given as acute dilatation of the heart.

Mrs. Rogerson was 67 years old, the daughter of Reuben S. Rogerson and wife. She had lived for a number of years in the home of A. L. Taylor, near here.

Interment was made Sunday afternoon in the Rogerson cemetery in Bear Grass township. The funeral rites were by Rev. J. H. Hale, pastor of the local Christian church.

Christian Philatheas Will Meet Friday

The Philatheas class of the Christian church will hold its regular meeting Friday evening at 8:00 in the home of Mrs. Henry Harrison, it was announced this morning by Mrs. J. O. Manning, president.

Overstuffed Presidents

There were only thirteen articles of foods and trimmings disposed of in four courses at the Thanksgiving dinner by President Coolidge. But on the Maryland at that time Mr. Herbert Hoover fed off a dinner of twenty food units, with fixings, and it required seven plate changes before the meal was ended.

New Terms Begun By County Officers

The County's Baby Still



The one-gallon liquor still pictured on top of the large one well indicates that the manufacture of liquor is not carried on by the wholesale in every instance. The small still was captured near the county home by Sheriff A. L. Roebuck.

CLERK OF COURT IS ONLY OFFICER NOT AFFECTED

All Officers Were Re-elected In Election Held Last Month

BONDS ARE APPROVED

Very Little Routine Business; Various Officers Take Oaths of Office And Post Bonds

Yesterday, in the county commissioners' meeting, attention was given mainly to reports of the various officers, surgy bonds, and oaths of office. The day marked the beginning of a new term in the county's government, even though the personnel of its officials and officers remained unchanged.

In the regular routine of business there were very few happenings. Lawrence Bowen, of Bear Grass, was released from the payment of tax on \$1,825, listed by error there. The widow of Simon Fagan, colored, was placed on the county's poor list, and she will be given \$4 each month. J. A. Corey, of Griffins Township, was released from paying \$2.48 school tax, listed by error.

With all the officers elected to succeed themselves, bonds were filed with the commissioners and oaths of office were prescribed. The two agents, Miss Lora E. Sleeper and Mr. T. B. Brandon, filed their annual and monthly reports, the commissioners accepting and approving the work. All members of the board, T. B. Slade, Jr., chairman; J. E. Pope; L. P. Holliday; T. C. Griffin, and H. S. Everett took the oath of office before R. J. Peel, clerk of the court. J. Sam Getsinger, registrar of deeds-elect, was duly sworn into office following the presentation of bond in the sum of \$5,000, carried with the National Surety Co., of New York. A. L. Roebuck, sheriff-elect, presented his bond in the sum of \$5,000 with the National Surety Co., of New York, and after its acceptance he qualified for the office by taking the prescribed oath. C. D. Carstarphen, treasurer-elect, presented his county bond in the sum of \$25,000 and school bond in the sum of \$50,000, with personal sureties, the county board of commissioners accepting. A review of the bond of R. J. Peel, clerk of the court, was made and reapproved by the commissioners.

BOY IS KILLED BY RUNAWAY MULES

Gurney Bowen, 14, Dies in Hospital From Injuries Received Friday

Gurney Bowen, 14 years old, died in a Washington hospital Friday afternoon from injuries received when a pair of mules ran away with him on the Mary Cherry farm, near here, a short while before. The boy with a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McKeel, was driving a pair of mules, and when the team, out of fright, jumped and ran the two boys were thrown under one of the wagon wheels. Young Bowen's skull was crushed, and he died a short while after he was carried to a hospital. The McKeel boy escaped serious injury.

The father of the dead boy, Henry Bowen, was killed while standing in front of Reuben Speller's store here about four years ago. His mother, Daisy Clark before her marriage, died several years ago, and since that time the child had lived with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McKeel. Interment was made in the Clark burial ground, near Cross Roads, Saturday afternoon. Rev. C. H. Dickey, of the local Baptist Church, conducted the funeral services.

LAST GAME OF SEASON FRIDAY

Williamston Hi Eleven To Meet Robersonville Here

By a special arrangement made between local school officials and those of the Robersonville school, the football teams of the two institutions will meet here Friday afternoon in a last game of the season. The game was scheduled, it was stated, when many supporters of both teams urged the school authorities to bring the two teams together in the last tilt of the season.

Both teams have made very good records in the sport this season, and while the odds have been in favor of the locals, the Robersonville boys have improved greatly through experience and are confident of a win for themselves next Friday. The locals say the Dunn game, lost by them 28 to 7, is not to be greatly considered, and that they will maintain the record established prior to the game last Thursday.

A good game is expected and large numbers of fans are expected to be in attendance from all parts of the county.

Nineteen Pupils On Oak City Honor Roll

Nineteen pupils in the Oak City High School made the honor roll for the month ending November 23, it was announced by Principal H. M. Ainsley yesterday. The list of the students meeting the roll requirements follows: Eighth grade: Olive Tyson, Thelma Haislip, Ruth Person, and Dorothy Hines.

Ninth grade: Hilton Rawles, Woodrow Purvis. Tenth grade: Lena Crisp, Madeline Davenport, Velma Hines, Mary Kathryn Ainsley, Gladys Hyman, Hazel Tyson, Mildred Moye, and Emily Casper. Eleventh grade: Hilda Tyson, Viola Grimes, Ward Tyson, Hallie Tyson, and Bessie Glover.

Special Program for Parent-Teacher Meet

A special program will feature the meeting of the local parent-teacher association next Thursday afternoon at 8:45 in the school building. Mrs. Clayton Moore, chairman, of the program committee has arranged a splendid program for the Thursday afternoon meeting and the parents and school patrons are urged to attend.