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BIG CROWDS AT FIRST SHOWING NEW CHEVROLET

New Six Is Well Received By Motorists; Showing Held Saturday

HAS MANY FEATURES

Local Agency Expects To Receive a Carload of the New Cars Some Time This Week

Peel Motor Co., local Chevrolet dealers, received their first of the new six-cylinder Chevrolets, a coach, last Friday, and put the car on display at the peanut exposition Saturday. Since that time thousands of interested motorists have visited the show rooms and inspected the new car, and comments on it have been universally very complimentary, according to Luther Peel, one of the managers of the local agency.

The lines of the new car are even more strikingly beautiful than the models presented last year. While only a coach has been put on display here, photographs of the five closed and two open models of the line were on display and they prove them to be worthy of the famous "Body by Fisher" trade mark. The motor is of the valve-in-head, high-compression type, with a non-detouring head, and develops 32 per cent more power than its famous predecessor; its acceleration is measurably greater and its speed has been stepped up to meet maximum requirements.

Mr. Peel said that despite the greatly improved performance standard, thousands of miles of testing under every road and weather condition at the General Motors proving ground, in addition to many cross-country runs, have conclusively shown that the new Chevrolet will operate at an economy averaging better than 20 miles to the gallon of gasoline.

The motor develops 46 horsepower at a low engine speed, and as a result of the automatic lubrication of the valve mechanism the motor is exceptionally quiet throughout the entire speed range.

Fifteen mammoth Chevrolet factories throughout the country are working at top speed turning out parts and assembling these parts into complete automobiles. Everything is being pushed forward, at peak capacity so that the thousands of prospective buyers throughout the country will not have long to wait. Deliveries began on January 1.

Mr. Peel stated yesterday that his firm was expecting their first carload of the new cars some time about the last of this week. They will immediately begin deliveries to the large number who have placed their orders for the last of November.

WAREHOUSE HAD GOOD SEASON

Same Firm Will Manage Roanoke-Dixie House This Year

In a conversation with "Uncle Buck" Meadows yesterday, he said that the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse here sold just a small fraction less than 4,000,000 pounds of tobacco during the 1928 season, at an average price above that of the bright belt.

Mr. Meadows said that the Roanoke-Dixie will go into the 1929 field with the same line-up—"Buck" Meadows, Harry Meador, Joe Taylor, and Claude Griffin—and, too, with the full determination to do better than ever for the market and their customers. "Uncle Buck" stated that it is too early to make predictions as to the outlook for the 1929 crop. The fact that nearly every market in the bright belt has made larger sales this season than last means a big crop, he said. However, he promises to furnish us an article on the tobacco situation at an early date, before the farmers lay out their ground for the coming crop.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY RANGER in "DOG LAW" Also 2-REEL COMEDY and FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY

810 Auto Licenses Are Sold By Bureau Here Yesterday

Sales So Far This Year Are Ahead of Same Period for Any Previous Year; Revenue for Monday's Sale Totals \$15,000.00

The local automobile license bureau at the Williamston Motor Co. today reported that it had sold more licenses up to the close of the year than for any corresponding period. The actual figures were not available this morning, but it was certain that previous records had been broken.

Yesterday, the last day of the old year, bureau officials sold 810 licenses, as against 1,000 for the same day last year. About 100 of the tags sold yesterday were in the "C" class, 80 were for trucks, and the remaining 630 were in the

SCHOOL REOPENS HERE MONDAY

Around 500 Pupils Return To Classes; Attendance Better Than Expected

Williamston school children began to realize that Christmas is past when they returned to classes yesterday and made ready for the long grind that will hardly end before June. Despite the threats of a "flu" epidemic here, around 500 pupils were recorded as present, and L. H. Davis, superintendent of the local schools, expressed himself as being well pleased with the attendance record. "Under the circumstances, this was even better than could be hoped for," he said yesterday. "Bad weather, the first day after Christmas, and the fear of influenza with whatever other sickness there might be in the school district all combined to hold the attendance down only slightly."

Mr. Davis stated that during the epidemic the principal and all the teachers were going to use every precaution in seeing that the children are properly taken care of. On the days when it rains, or if there is even mist in the air, the usual short schedule will be followed. This means that the usual morning recess period outside the building will be dispensed with and that the day will end at 12:30. All the classes will be taken care of and the usual work will be done, but the pupils will be returned to their homes several hours earlier, and they will be saved one trip to and from their homes.

Professor Davis said that it would be the policy of those in authority to send home any pupil who happens to have the symptoms of influenza, such as aching muscles and temperature. "We are seeking for the regular attendance of the children," he said, "plus the cooperation of the parents in keeping them well. Children will be as safe in school, since they will not be allowed to run outside, as they would be at home, in most cases."

Automobile Is Burned Near Here Yesterday

Studebaker automobile of Mr. Gray, of Washington, was burned near here yesterday, and an attempt to extinguish the fire by Mr. Gray's hand was fruitless.

Gray was driving towards Wilton, on his way to his home in Washington, when suddenly the car caught fire and burned the body to ashes before assistance could be given by passing motorists. Mr. Gray was of the opinion that a defective battery was responsible for the fire.

The car, which had been driven only a few months, was valued at \$1,500, with only \$350 insurance.

Several Families of Town Are Moving

The opening of the Bear Grass School has been postponed until next Monday, January 7th, due to the rapid spread of the influenza epidemic, which has been existing in the community for the last two weeks.

Mr. Frank M. Barnhart, the principal of the school, who is now at his home in Tennessee, was notified last week by the Bear Grass school committee that he need not report for the opening of school as originally scheduled for yesterday, as they deemed it wise to wait until the epidemic had spent itself in that community.

So far as is known, this is the only school in the county that has had to postpone its opening due to the large number of influenza cases.

Several of Enterprise Force Have Influenza

The Enterprise force has been hard hit by the "flu" epidemic now raging in this section. Mrs. Elbert S. Peel, who has charge of the society page, and Francis Manning, local news editor, are both suffering from severe attacks of the malady and are confined to their homes.

MRS. J. E. WYNNE DIES AT HOME HERE FRIDAY

Had Been Confined To Her Bed for Over Sixteen Months

FUNERAL SATURDAY

Mrs. Wynne Had Been Resident of Williamston for 24 Years, Coming Here From Everetts

Mrs. J. Ella Wynne died at her home on Houghton Street here Friday afternoon after a lingering illness of 16 months, during which time she was confined to her bed.

Mrs. Wynne was born in Everetts 67 years ago last October, the daughter of Simon P. Everett, for whom the town of Everetts was named, and Martha Moore Everett. She was married to the late Lamb B. Wynne about 47 years ago. They lived in the Everett home in that town for 23 years, where there were born to them eight children. They moved to Williamston 24 years ago, since which time three of the children, Lillian, Eva and Lila, have died. She leaves three daughters, Mrs. R. F. Pope, Mrs. John A. Manning, and Mrs. R. A. Critcher; and two sons, F. Earle and L. Bruce Wynne, all of Williamston. Besides the five children, Mrs. Wynne is survived by one brother and one sister, S. F. Everett, of Orlando, Fla., and Mrs. C. L. Hunt, of Bushnell, Fla.; also several half brothers and sisters, Mrs. Minnie Ballance, of New York; Mrs. P. H. Brown, of Williamston; Robert Everett, of Rocky Mount; and Simon Everett, of Norfolk.

THREE CARS IN WRECK SUNDAY

Mr. Jule James, of Robersonville, Is Painfully Injured

Three automobiles figured in an unusual wreck near Everetts Sunday night on the Robersonville-Everetts highway in which the drivers of two of the machines were hurt, one of them seriously, the third badly shaken up, and two of the cars almost completely demolished.

Mr. Jule James, of Robersonville, according to the reports, started to pass a car driven by Wilmer Bailey, of Everetts, on the curve just this side of Collie Swamp, when the bumper of the James car caught on the front fender of the other machine, locking them together. They skidded around the curve unable to free themselves and met another car coming from Robersonville driven by Jim Johnson, of Gold Point, who attempted to dodge the other cars by taking to the ditch. About that time he James car came loose from the one he was entangled with and crashed head-on into the one driven by Johnson, almost completely wrecking both. Mr. James suffered a fractured knee-pan and other bruises and cuts, and was immediately rushed to a hospital in Rocky Mount. Mr. Johnson received a number of lacerations and bruises, while Mr. Bailey escaped with only a severe jar.

Bailey and Johnson are said to have blamed James for the accident, saying that attempting to pass another car on a curve at high speed was an act of carelessness.

OLD TAGS ON MANY AUTOS

Less Than Third on Streets This Morn Had New License Plates

Two thirds of the automobiles on Williamston streets had 1928 licenses at 10 o'clock this morning, and out of a count of 40 cars in one block, only 13 had new licenses.

The State Department of Revenue, under which the license bureaus are operated, has announced that no extension of time will be allowed for procuring license plates. This means that about 250,000 people in the State are lawbreakers today if they use their cars.

If the State undertakes to prosecute each individual who operates his car without new tags, it will add many dollars to the school funds of Martin County.

While the State Department has announced that they will give no extension, it is quite evident that the people will take their own reasonable time.

Williamston Merchants Now Busy Inventoring

Williamston merchants are now busy with their hardest task of the year—inventoring. Several of the business establishments, taking advantage of the lull in trade which usually follows right after Christmas, completed their inventories last week, but the majority of them put the big job off on account of the peanut exposition being here last week.

None of the merchants, so far as can be learned, are closing their doors while taking stock, but are continuing their regular service for the benefit of their customers, which means that considerable "midnight oil" is being burned by tired clerks and business men after the regular day's work is done. However, even the worst job in the world can not last always, and most of the merchants will finish up this week.

New Year's Day Not Being Observed Here

The New Year was received comparatively very quietly in Williamston last night, only a few people being on the streets at midnight. The church bells were rung, a few whistles blown, and several belated celebrators fired off some firecrackers, but, on the whole, 1929 came in very inauspiciously indeed.

No celebrations of any kind have been prepared here today; in fact, not even a general holiday is being observed. The post office is closed, but otherwise "business as usual" is the slogan of the various Williamston business establishments.

Successful Peanut Exposition Is Brought to Close Saturday

JAMESVILLE WINS TOURNAMENT AT PEANUT SHOW

Defeat Greenville, 11 to 7, In Finals Saturday Night

DRAW LARGE CROWDS

Is Second Time Jamesville Has Won Cup At Exposition Tournay; Other Games Saturday

The basketball tournament at the peanut exposition was probably the most successful of the varied entertainments that were presented at the show. There was a good-sized crowd present for each of the games, but the climax was reached Saturday night in the finals, when over a thousand howling fans saw the best game of the tournament, Jamesville High School winning over Greenville, 11 to 6. The Jamesville lads clearly demonstrated their superiority over their opponents and well deserved the silver loving cup, emblematic of the championship of the tournament, which was presented to them after the game. Greenville's representatives put up a game fight, but Jamesville was not to be denied and allowed the boys from Pitt County but 1 point in the entire second half, the while they were ringing up 6 counters. The score at the half was 6 to 5, in favor of Jamesville. Both teams played a strictly defensive game, and the ball was kept away from the baskets a great deal of the time. There was but little individual stardom, members of both teams showing that they were playing to win rather than putting on an exhibition for the spectators.

This is the second time that the Jamesville school has won the cup at the peanut exposition, having been declared champions at the 1926 show, held in Windsor. The team was not entered in the tournament at the exposition in Ahoskie last year, as the coach could not be with the team during the Christmas holidays then, but they came back this year and won again, making their record 100 per cent for the number of times they have been entered. They entered the tournament this year as a "dark horse," people generally thinking that all their best players had graduated last year, but by virtue of their defeat of Greenville Saturday night they are recognized as having one of the best teams in this section.

In the preliminaries, Jamesville defeated Aulander Friday afternoon, 20 to 10. Williamston and Plymouth staged a combination debate and basketball game Friday night, which Williamston won, 20 to 6. The Williamston boys clearly outplayed the visitors at basketball, but the game was marred by frequent disputes.

The semi-finals were run off Saturday afternoon, Greenville, which had previously defeated Everetts, eliminating the Chowan School, 20 to 10. Chowan had defeated Whitakers in the opening game of the tournament, played Thursday afternoon. The Williamston coach withdrew his team, due to some misunderstanding about the eligibility of one of the local players, and Jamesville won by forfeit.

Justice's of the peace in the second judicial district are receiving letters from Don Gilliam, of Tarboro, the solicitor for this district, warning them against assuming too much power in trying cases in their courts, particularly where settlement of "worthless checks" are concerned. He does not question the fact that justices are acting in good faith, but simply warns them that they have no authority to do other than to dismiss the case for lack of probable cause or bind them over to a higher court. "He points out that they can not effect a settlement, as the last General Assembly passed a law making the offense a misdemeanor, and, therefore, beyond the jurisdiction of justices of the peace.

MANY JUSTICES VIOLATING LAW

Solicitor Warns Against Exceeding Authority in Certain Cases

Extracts from Solicitor Gilliam's letters follow: "Information and specific instances have come to my notice during the past few months indicating a widespread tendency on the part of justices to permit settlement in their courts of criminal cases beyond their jurisdiction. This seems to be particularly true of the statute on the giving of 'worthless checks.' Under this statute the crime is made a misdemeanor and is, therefore, beyond the jurisdiction of justice of the peace. This being true, in such cases the justice can either dismit for failure to find probable cause or send to the superior court. Under no circumstances has the justice the power to permit payment of the check and the costs, and if he does so he subjects himself to indictment and removal from office. It is my belief that the justices are in most cases acting in good faith, but however this may be, the practice is leading to bad results, is unlawful, and should be stopped. This letter is written because of the constitutional provision requiring the solicitor of the district to advise the officers of justice in his district (Art. 4, sec. 23), and it is to be hoped that this advice and warning will be sufficient to cause the justices in the district to follow the regular and lawful procedure in the future."

LONG-DISTANCE CHARGES CUT

A. T. & T. Co. Announces Reduction Amounting To 13 Per Cent

The American Telephone & Telegraph Co. has announced a reduction in the rates on long-distance messages, effective February 1. The reduction will apply to both station-to-station and person-to-person calls, and totals about 13 per cent. The special evening and night rates now in effect will remain the same.

This cut in rates will apply to all the connecting companies of the A. T. & T., including the Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co., which operates the local exchange. Many people have felt for a long time that the charges have been entirely too high, and the reduction is particularly pleasing to merchants and business men generally.

Cedar Branch Church Services Next Sunday

Rev. W. B. Harrington, pastor, announces that the regular church services will be held at the Cedar Branch Baptist Church, near Jamesville, next Sunday, January 6th. The morning service will be held at 11 o'clock, and the evening service will be held at 7 p. m.

All members of the congregation and the public at large are given a special invitation to be present at the first service of the new year.

29 PERMITS TO MARRY ISSUED

Past Month Is Much Leaner For Dan Cupid Than December, 1927

Although Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger had one of the busiest months of the year, insofar as issuing marriage licenses is concerned, in December, 1927, he fell far below the mark of December, 1928. A total of 29 licenses were issued in the past month, 15 to white couples and 14 to colored, as against an even 50 for the month of December, 1927, when 22 white and 28 colored couples were married in the county. However, the December mark was exceeded by only one other month during 1928, 37 couples applying for license last January.

One particularly noticeable feature in the record of licenses issued is the youth of the participating parties, especially among the white feminine contingent. Only five of them were above 20 years old.

Licenses were issued to the following during the month of December:

White
Carson Taylor, 20; Louise Gray, 14; Marshall Sayage, 28; Mary Ambrose, 17; Marion B. Barber, 21; Ollie Ruth Gardner, 18; Johnnie Brady, 21; Pearl Williams, 18; Robert Thompson, 35; Patsy Elizabeth Lee, 22 (both of Richmond, Va.); Jesse J. Leary, 24; Manie Rogers, 21; Joseph A. Lassiter, 19; Emily Jolly, 15; John A. Hodges, 19; Jennie Gray Stalls, 18; Claud Hadley, 23; Nannie Beddard, 19; Clifford Baker, 21; Jodie Lee Strickland, 18; Willie P. Harris, 32; Annie Mae Davis, 21; James P. Baker, 22; Virgil White (Bertie County), 18; Clyde Manning, 23; Bettie Taylor, 24; Halsey Hardison, 31; Lettie Robertson, 19; Herbert Taylor, 38; Martha Crawford, 38.

Colored
James Evans, (Durham, N. C.), 26; Carrie Jones, 20; Joseph W. Peel, 50; Lizzie Rogers, 35; James Brown, 28; Ida Sheppard, 27; William Little, 45; Hattie Highsmith, 35; Mack Woolard, 38; Flossie James, 31; Claud Manning, 52; Louisiana Brown, 43; Clinton Rogers, 18; Francis Wilson, 17; Leroy Lawrence, 21; Maggie Mayo, 18; Daniel Taylor, 19; Allie G. Forest, 19; George Brown, 20; Ida Hassell, 18; Archie Latham, 36; Bell Gurganus, 25; Willie Hollis, 24; Lela Cherry, 19; Vance Gainer, 22; Ethel Congleton, 18; Roy Taylor, 22; Melvinnie Dolberry, 18.

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Local Parents-Teachers Will Meet Thursday

The local parent-teacher association will hold their regular monthly meeting at the school auditorium Thursday afternoon, January 3, at 3:45. Officers of the association are urging all parents and teachers to attend.

Windsor Boy Hurt in Automobile Accident

A. C. Mitchell, of Windsor, was seriously injured Monday when he ran his car into a telephone pole on the Greensboro-High Point highway. When the car struck the pole it skidded down a high embankment and was almost completely wrecked.

It is thought that young Mitchell, who is a 20-year-old Duke University student, dropped off to sleep and lost control of the car. He was taken to a Greensboro hospital, and it is believed that he will recover.

Bear Grass School Opening Postponed Account of 'Flu'

Several families have moved to new homes in the town recently. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jones have moved to the Ellison home on Watts Street, in New Town, formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John D. Lillie. Mr. and Mrs. Lillie have bought and moved to the Gano home on the Washington road about a mile from town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Harrison have moved from their home on Smithwick Street to the Beach home on Houghton Street. Mr. and Mrs. Levi Reddick moved into the home left vacant by Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, and J. H. Beach moved to the home vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Reddick on Smithwick Street. The three families evidently, with mutual consent, decided to exchange homes, and all three moved the same day.

Little Roberta Wynne Is 'Hit' of Exposition

Little Miss Roberta Wynne, "The Dancing Doll," of Raleigh, more than pleased the large crowds at the peanut exposition Friday night, Saturday afternoon and night. Advertised as a special added attraction, she more than fulfilled expectations of the patrons, receiving more applause than any other act presented during the show. Only seven years old, the lithe grace of the little lady completely captivated the audience, and should she have occasion to visit this section again she is assured of a hearty welcome.