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AMONG WHITES IN MARTIN COUNTY

But Nine Counties in State Have Higher Percentage Than Martin

STATE AVERAGE IS 13.1 18.6 Persons Out of Each 100 in This County Can Neither Read Nor Write, Report Says

Out of every 100 white people in Martin County, 18.6 of them can neith er read nor write, according to the findings reported by the State Literacy Commission, appointed by former Governor A. W. McLean to make a study of illiteracy in the several counties of the State. Uusing the 1920 census, the report would show that 4,092 people in this county can neither read no

According to the report there are only nine more counties in the State that have a greater illiteracy percent age than this. Edgecombe is credited 21 22.4 illiteracy; Caswell, 21.1; Wilson, 20.4; Scotland, 20.9; Anson, 20.1; Greene, 19.9; Robeson, 19.8; Halifax, 19.5; Hertford, 18.8. There are 15 other counties in the State having an These figures only take into consider-

commission's report shows number of illiterates in nine States, Dakota, with 8,109; and Utah, with 6,264; or a total of 103,047.

For the State, as a whole, the report states that 13.1 persons in every

In transmitting the report to the General Assembly the members of the commission says this to the legislators:
"These facts and figures on the serious problem of illiteracy are submitted for your constituents are hopeful that you

LOCAL LICENSE **BUREAU CLOSES**

Total of 4,548 Plates Sold Elizabeth Taylor, 20. Bonnie Ange, 175 To Close of Business 23; Addie Modlin, 18. Robert Dewey Yesterday

The sale of automobile licenses at the close of the local bureau yester-day was smaller by 346 than the sale for the previous year, according to figures given out this morning by Mr. N. C. Green, manager of the office. Last year there were 4,894 tags sold by the bureau here while the number vis year dropped to 4,548. The high ale mark in the bureau's-history was eached year before last when an even 000 plates were sold to automobile owners in this and adjoining coun-

The tags sold for \$65,955, an mount almost one-fourth as great

Baptists To Have But One Service Sunday

Sunday is Communion Day in the Baptist Church. It is always featured 32; Clydie Lloyd, 26. Nathaniel L. as one of the most important services held in the church.

The pastor will conduct this service Sunday morning, but because of recent illness will not preach Sunday night, there being no service in the church at all at the night hour.

The program Sunday morning will be as follows:

Scripture reading by the congregation, prayer, song and a special solo by Mrs. Harper Holliday, with Mrs. Warren Biggs at the organ. Com munion will follow and the congrega tion will immediately be dismissed.

THEATRE

BUZZ BARTON in The YOUNG WHIRLWIND

Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 4-5 CHARLIE CHAPLIN in "THE CIRCUS"

Yews Reel and Aesop's Fable

ws at 7:15 and 9 P. M. Daily MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE

ILLITERACY HIGH Three Bills Introduced By **Martin County Legislators**

Representative J. A. Everett and now collecting a special tax of 25 cents Senator E. S. Peel broke into the leg-islative grind this week when they in-there will be an increase is uncertain, troduced two or three bills, minor as as the passage of such a measure might to their scope probably, but of interest have been considered necessary in makto county people. House Bill 225, introduced by Mr. Everett, has not been passed at the present time, but another authorizing a special road tax in Goose motor vehicles in Bear Grass Town-

he law relating to credit unions to maintenance of roads there. In the are an error in the old statute. As primary last June the voters of the for the speial act authorizing a special township voted 99 to 20 in favor of the road tax in Goose Nest, it is under- levy of such a special tax and the passstood that the measure will make pos- ing of the act by the legislature make ible a larger one, as the township is it legal.

Yesterday Senator Peel introduced Nest Township was passed this week. ship. This tax is to be levied on ever The House Bill 225 would amend car and truck in the township for the

33 LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED LONGERSCHOOL

Colored and 12 White Couples Apply; 29 Issued In December

In his work in Martin County, Dan Cupid is very irregular, for in the past illiteracy percentage of 15 or more, month there were 33 marriage licenses issued at the register of deeds office ation the illiteracy among the whites, here, as compared with 50 in Decem-no report for the blacks having been ber, 1927, 29 last December, and 37 last January. December, 1927, still with 50 licenses issued here; where there are 104,844 white illiterates while January of last year takes sec-in the State, or more than the total and place with 37 licenses issued. Even the colored couples continue to show a Colorado with 24.208; Delaware, with loss, but as a whole they are holding 10,508; Idaho, with 4,924; Montana, their own. Last month 21 licenses with 9,544; North Dakota, with 9,937; were applied for by members of that lowa, with 20,240; Oregon, with 9,317; race, while only a dozen were issued to white people.

Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger states that while the marriage license business is showing a loss, the registration of automobile and mule notes continues to increase steadily.

Licenses issued during the month just closed follow:

Mobley, 17; George H. Leggett, 22; will make possible, during this session Myrtle Williford, 23. Linton C. Bell, the Legislature, a vigorous State-24; Mary Ann Leggett, 18. George W. Coltrain, 50; Mrs. Mary E. Purvis, 50. Joshua Leonard Coltrain, 21; Ethel Biggs Roberson, 18. David O'Mary, 26; Lillie Waters, 18. Henry Roberson, 39; Hattie Mac Bailey, Samuel Bruce Everett, 22; Nancy Perry, 23; Elsie Long, 18. Clarence Bailey, 19; Mary Anna Rodgers, 18.

Colored John S. Walker, 57; Hannah Mc-Clean, 35. Joe B. Walker, 18; Nannie speller, 20; Edward Cordon, 21; Luth-Towe, 18. Sam Moore, 49; Katie Bell, 37. John Henry White, 21; Jonna Cherry, 18. Howard Whitfield, 21: Ethel Pierce, 19. Sam C. Williams, 21: Lillie Mae Shields, 18. J. Alfred Walker, 40; Tannie Knoble, 38. Paul 19. Wash Rascoe, 21; Lizzie F. Smallwood, 21. James Downing, 21; Berta saving was stressed by Senator With a deadly weapon. With a suspended road sentence hanging to his record, Teddy Jackson and probably will be in hanging to his record, Teddy Jackson

tie Smith, 27. Augustus Latham, 20; Maggie Lou Brown, 17. William Rodgers, 31; Lenora Robertson, 25. Benjamin Barnes 22; Clotie Chester, 18; Johnnie Etherdige, 23; Madie Jones, 22. Azor White Pool, 30; Lizzie Latham, 25. Moses S. Simpson, 58; Janie Bryant, 35.

ANOTHER 'BABY' STILL CAPTURED

Sam Moore, Colored, Makes Valiant Effort to Explain Presence of Outfit

The story offered here yesterday by am Moore, colored after officers had visited his home in Hamilton Township Wednesday and found three empty barrels near the house, a 5-gallon glass jug carrying a whisky odor, a lard stand rigged with a copper coil, and not far away under a bundle of broomstraw a 5-gallon copper still, was well told but considered unfounded by of-

In explaining the presence of the three barrels. Sam stated they were him by a man below Jamesville, but that he did not know the man's name according to Sam, belonged to his wife, she having generally used it for a wastrong wine in it. Moore was given a few more days to think over the matter when he promised to appear at a later date to explain any other details

Last year Moore lived in the Tyner Town section and was caught at a still there. His story, maintaining that he was only a visitor at the stifl, was so convincing that his case was dismissed at the time.

PROSPECT FOR TERM IS FADING

Bill Introduced by A. D. McLean, of Beaufort, Appears Doomed BILLS CONSIDERED

Proposal of Representative McLean May Not Be Scrapped Entirely, But 8-Month Term Is "Out"

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—It appears more likely that North Carolina will conwith a six months school term, depending on an increased equalization fund to cut ad valorem taxes, than that it will go the whole way and adopt the proposal of Represen-tative MacLean of Beaufort, to put in the State-wide eight months limit the county rates to 40 cents on the \$100 valuation, and pay the rest of the maintenance bill with an equal ization fund of nine and a half mil lion dollars raised by means sug gested but not perfected.

That much developed at the first meeting of the joint sub-committee Henry L. Harris, 53; Katie L. Gib-son, 42. Roy Cullipher, 22; Ormise House and Senate Education Comappointed by the chairmen of the mittees.

The committee yesterday took up the three bills so far introduced on the matter of schools and tax relief therefor. The proposal of Judge Winston to abolish all special school districts and have the State take over all indebtedness of counties for schools and limit the county tax rate for schools to 25 cents was eliminated as unfeasible at this time.

The bill introduced by Represen tative Halstead of Camden, was held over for further consideration. It provides for two bases—a county tax of 35 cents for a six months term, with an equalization fund of seven million dollars on a strict basis by the State Board of Equalization, taking much of the jurisdiction out of the

hands of county education boards. This last feature had its counterpart in the MacLean eight months bill, which proposed setting up a Reddick, 24; Martha Lee Ore, 21. State board of supervision for the Alexander Bonner, 20; Rosa Langley, purpose of enforcing economy in the oeration of schools. This idea of corporated in some manner in the school bill eventually reported out.

A definite stand against the eight months term was taken by Senator Johnson, who proposed a 25 cent county rate with an equalization fund of from six to six and one half millions. Senator Johnson said he was about ready to commit himtor for education.
Senator Johnson said he was

gainst the eight months term for two reasons one that he did not know where the money could be raised and the other, that the people who can use the longer term now have it.

Governor's inaugural utterance about the time not being ripe for the longer term at this juncture.

Representative MacLean defen his proposal, declaring the eighmonths State-wide term was the only wa yto get at the defects in the system and to give greatest tax re ief. He estimated that only one mil lion dollars in new money would be necessary to get the longer term and contended that the money could be raised by a tax on electric energy, by stricter collection of income taxes and by an automobile drivers' licens fee, and then if necessary by a lux

The committee adjourned to mee again Tuesday without reaching any

Town and County Boards To Hold Meetings Monday Moves To Bank Building

Motions, complaints, arguments boards of education, county commis-sioners, and local aldermen are scheduled for regular sessions.

PROPONENTS OF WILL WAGE WAR EARLY RETURNS

40 Out of 206 Cards Mailed Out Wednesday Have Been Returned

FOR: 10 AGAINST Those Receiving Cards Are Urged to Return Them to Kiwanis Club

Secretary At Once

Early returns from the Kiwanis uestionnaire give a three to one lead favoring the use of the funds derived through the sale of the local light and power system to the Virginia Electric and Power Company for paving the town's sidewalks and a few of its principal streets. The questionnaire was mailed out only last Wednesday and up until noon to-day only 40 had been returned, the count standing thirty for and ten against the use of the funds for paving the sidewalks and principal streets. The cards returned represent almost 20 per cent of the possible number to be received, 206 having been mailed out to the property own-

of the matter, one stating, "The town has absolutely no legal right to use the money referred to in paving the streets or sidewalks except by purchasing street improvement bonds from the town." The other card, in substance, stated that the property owners are over-burdened already without adding more on.

A check of the cards clearly indicates that a paving program will meet with favor of those who are interested in the town's progress. However, there are one or two among the ten voting "no" who hav played prominent parts in the town's progress during past years.

To reach as definite a conclusion

as is possible to be reached regarding a possible paving program for the town, those holding cards are asked to mail them to the Kiwanis secre-

RECORDER HAS **ELEVEN CASES**

Several Defendants Fail to Answer; No Cases of Importance

Eleven cases were called in the last Tuesday session of the recorder's court here, there being none of any importance as far as financing the court and schools were concerned.

William Ellis and Henry Page, accused of stealing the last pound of meat Jack Everett had in his kitchen last Saturday night, were bound over by Judge Bailey to the March term of Superior court. In default of the \$400 bonds, the two alleged thiefs were placed in jail.

The case in which Roy Roberson was charged with operating an automobile while he was intoxicated was continued for one week.

A nol pros resulted in the case against Booker Teel, charged with an

told all of his friends goodby last the leaders and gave a demonstration monday afternoon and failed to return last Tuesday to answer in the fact and escalloped peanuts. The return last Tuesday to answer in the fact and escalloped peanuts. The return last Tuesday to answer in the fact and escalloped peanuts. case charging him with violating the liquor laws. The suspended road sen tence was meted out some time ago when Teddy partook too freely of the "spirits".

Ebb Clark plead guilty in the case charging him with non support. Prayer for judgment was continued for six months upon the defendant's paying the cost of the action.

In the case charging Dennis Bailey with passing a worthless check, capias was issued when he failed to swer the charge.

In the case charging Willie Jackson with allowing children to trespass a nol pros resulted.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost by the defendant when J. B. Roberson plead guilty to

a simple assault charge.

Pleading guilty of simple assault. by paying the cost of the action

The scifa was discharde in the case of C. C. Hoggard and P. T. Everett penalty and the cost of the action.

LeRoy Tyner plead not guilty in the case charging him with non support. And the court found him no guilty as to the non support of his wife but it was proved he had not been supporting his child. Prayer for Judgment was continued for six months upon Tyner's paying the cost of the action and promising to pay \$6 each month for a half-year for the support of the child.

Until Home Is Rebuilt d with a few other various and things, more or less routine in day morning, Mr. Theodore Roberson and family are now living in the third story of the Farmers & Merchants Pr. Bank building. They will live there 7:30. until a rebuilding program, now under You way, is completed.

PAVING LEAD IN ON CUTWORM IN MARTIN COUNTY

County Agent Offers Advice as to Poisoning of Tobacco Pest

STARTS FIGHT EARLY Many Farmers in County Suffered Considerable Loss Due To Pest

Last Year

In an effort to control tobacco cut worms in this county this spring, Demonstration Agent Brandon is offering a special formula in combating the pest. Last year in this county many farmers experienced heavy losses aused by the cutworm, and in many nstances the transplanting of plants was necessary in entire fields.

The formula offered by Mr. Brandon and the cooperative extension division ncludes 50 pounds of wheat bran, 1 pound of Paris green and enough wato moisten the two. This formula will give the best results, it was stated by the agent, who added that lead arenate and calcium arsenate should not be used in poisoning the worm, as these two poisons are not as effective as wheat bran and Paris' green for-

Mr. Brandon, realizing the damage resulting from the pest in Martin County last year, is starting an early fight against it, and all farmers who have had trouble with the worm or who anticipate any are asked to consult him on the matter, In preparing the material for use.

ccording to the agent, the bran and poison should first be thoroughly mixed dry in a tub and should then be gradually moistened with water and again thoroughly mixed so that all the bran is damp. The bran should be wet enough to crimble readily after being squeezed in the hand. The bait should ot be sticky and by no means should be a soft mush.

The bait should be broadcasted at weight) per acre. It is best to apply fresh when the cut worms become ac-In making applications at the hill the bait should not be thrown upon the plants or against the stems. The bait will continue to be effective for several days, but should be repeated at once after a heavy rain.

In case cut worms are found damaging plant beds, the poisoned bait should be broadcasted at the rate of 4 pounds (dry weight) to each 100 square yards of plant bed. The cloth should be removed before making ap-

HOLD NUTRITION SCHOOL HERE

Leaders of Various Home Economics Club Here Yesterday

The first leaders' school in nutrition of the year was held in Miss Sleeper's office from 10:30 a. m. to 4 p. m. yescipes used can be had from the home demonstration agent or from the leaders. The following leaders were present: Mrs. John D. Biggs and Mrs. A. R. Dunning, representing William-ston; Mrs. C. L. Wilson, Mrs. R. L. Smith, and Mrs. C. Abram Roberson, from Robersonville; Mrs. Charlie Dan-iel and Mrs. Lucian Hardison, from Holly Springs; Mrs. Don Hyman and Miss Margaret Everett, of Williams Chapel, and Miss Effic Waldo, of Hamilton. Three clubs failed to have leaders to represent them.

Bear Grass Farmer Dies Suddenly Tuesday

Claude A. Lee, a farmer living in the Bear Grass section, fell dead from his chair Tuesday while engaged in a family conversation around the fire. Mr. Lee had just completed his dinner and was apparently in good health. Apoplexy was supposed to be the cause of his sudden death.

He was 52 years old and leaves vidow, four sons and three daughters Services were held at the home and interment was made in the family graveyard on the home farm Wednes

Program of Services at

Dr. O. P. FitzGerald, Pastor Preaching service, 11 a. m., subject "The Queen of the Mansion." Also communion service. Evening service, 7:30; subject, "World Responsibility

Hi-Le gue Sunday evening, 7 o'clock Senior League Monday evening, 7 Prayer service Wednesday evening

vill enjoy the Sunday school at

Soon to Get New **Insurance Rating**

COMMISSIONERS WILL GET \$14,000

Sheriff To Turn That Much Of Tax Money Over to County Board Monday

There will be at least one pleasant feature to the meeting of the county board of commissioners here next Monday, for Sheriff A. L. Roebuck is preparing a third turnover of collected taxes to the county heads. payment may not be as large as the commissioners might wish it to be but the \$14,000, or approximately that amount, will come in very handy in any body's old coffer about this

Not including the amount that will be turned over to the county commissioners Monday, around \$121,000 have been placed at the disposal of the county officials so far. This is the third payment that the tax collecto: will have made to the commissioner from the 1928 collections.

Collections have been coming in strong so far this week, Sheriff Roe buck stated yesterday afternoor Comparatively speaking, the collections this year are almost as large as they were last year for the same

Begin Scoring Today in County Kitchen Contest

Miss Pauline Smith, district agent, and Miss Sleeper, county home demonstration agent, are beginning the kitchen contest, announced some time ago, today, scoring kitchens in Robersonville. There are 21 homes to be scored there. The women will have kitchens. It is expected that prizes areasset, or at the latest on the same the completion of the contests. Mrs. day. Applications should be made late John D. Biggs, of this city, and Miss in the evening so that the bait will be Sleeper are working toward getting

7 Pupils on Macedonia Honor Roll Last Month

Seven pupils in the Macedonia school made the honor roll during the third month, announced yesterday by the school's principal, Mrs. W. K. Parker. The roll, by grades, follows: First grade: J. D. Ausborne. Third grade: Mary Bet Webb, Sarah

Griffin Holliday. Fifth grade: Reba Revels, Robert

Sixth grade: Clayton Revels Seventh grade: Mary Frances Had-

Will Hold Service at County Home Sunday

Rev. George Leggett, Baptist minister of Bertie, wil conduct the special services at the Martin County home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, it was announced this morning by a member of the local Christian federation. Rev. the Riddicks Grove Church and holds regular services at Oak City, it was

Christian Philatheas Will Meet Tonight

The Christian Church Philathea class will meet at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Brown tonight at 8 o'clock. The class was scheduled to meet with Mrs. J. D. Woolard at her new home on Academy street, but on account of the illness of Mr. Woolard Mrs. Brown is entertaining the mem

Everetts Wins and Loses In Games With Ahoskie

Everetts divided in a two-game series played with Ahoskie this week. winning 17 to 12 on the local court last Tuesday night and losing to the Hertford county boys in Ahoskie last night. Both games were well played, t was stated

Kiwanis Club Meeting Wednesday Called Off

The meeting of the local Kiwanians scheduled for last Wednesday was called off right at the last minute when it was learned that several women on the serving committee were sick. The club will hold its regular meeting next-First Methodist Church Wednesday, according to present

> People Disappointed Because It Didn't Snow

It was bitter disappointment for years. many local people this morning when they looked out their windows and saw no snow on the ground, for last night the flakes were falling in small numbers. And even the flakes were few and small, snow enthusiasts said this morning it missed a good chance to cover the ground.

Tonight Coach Flood carries so the teams to Nashville where they will play return games with the boys and girla of that school there. Next Tuesday hight, Rhersonville is scheduled to invade the locals' territory with the teams, assuring two good chance to cover the ground.

TOWN HAS MET SECOND - CLASS REQUIREMENTS

Application for New Rating To Be Made Within Few Days

MEANS A BIG SAVING Workmen Now Building Sleeping

Quarters at Firehouse for 2 Men. Completing List Requirements Application for a new fire insurance ating for property here will be made within the next few days, not later than the 15th of this month, accordng to present plans of Mr. Henry D.

Harrison, chief of the local fire com-pany. All requirements necessary for second-class rating will have been met by the middle of the month, and an adjuster will be summoned here rom Atlanta to pass upon the town's fire-fighting equipment, Mr. Harrison stated yesterday afternoon.

The requirements set out by the Southeastern Underwriters Associaion have been fully met with one exception, and workmen are busy at the present time making the list complete. With the completion of the sleeping quarters in the town hall, the town will be in a position to call for a better insurance rating, according to the chief engineer of the Southeastern Undervriters Association, Atlanta, Ga.

In addition to cheaper insurance rates called for by a second-class rating an additional decrease will be made available for property in certain locations. According to the recommendations made by the underwriters' assotwo months to make improvements and ings and 12 cents on contents of merciation, a decrease of 10 cents on buildhe rate of 15 or 20 pounds (dry Miss Smith will return again to score cantiles within 500 feet of a hydrant and within three-quarters of a mile of the bait several days before the plants will be awarded every contestant at a fire station equipped with motordriven apparatus will be added to the decrease coming about through the lass rating. On all other risks within three miles of a fire station and within 500 feet of a hydrant, the second-class rating will apply. According, to this, practically all the propery in town will enjoy the cheaper secnd-class rating, plus the 10 and 12 ents additional decrease.

The requirements, as pointed out by the Southeastern Underwriters Association to be necessary in bringing the second-class rating into effect in-

.1. That an approved triple combination pumper, chemical and hose truck, with pumping capacity of at least 750 gallons per minute at 120 pounds net pressure be installed, loaded with 1.000

feet of hose. 2. That the present Ford, chemical and hose truck be held in reserve fully quipped and carrying at least 800 feet of hose.

That a full-time operator be added o the department to be on duty at all times, both day and night, and in charge of and responsible for the truck That the number of volunteers be

increased to at least 15 men.

ions made, conditions found, and of fires and losses be kept. 6. That regular drills be held and that men be trained in the use and

5. That complete records of inspec-

care of equipment. 7. That a minimum of 2,000 feet of hose be kept in service at all times. 8. That a telephone be installed in

the fire station for fire calls only. With the new classification in effect olicyholders here will be given a reduction in their premiums varying from 15 to 20 per cent, effecting a saving of several thousand dollars each year. At the present time fire insurance policies are priced under the third classifica-

Two of the members of the local fire company, Ira Harrison and George Harris, have agreed to remain at the ation at night in exchange for their lodging, and Mr. Theodore Roberson will serve as day-time operator, adding no expense for that service.

Local Boys and Girls Defeat Winterville

Two more victories were added to the list of the local boys and girls basketball teams last Tuesday night when they defeated Winterville's two teams at Ayden, the boys winning 27 to 7 and the girls taking the big end of a 22 to 7 count. In their win over the Winterville lads, the local boys added another victory to their unbroken chain this season.

Both teams played well, and are off to a good start to make this season the best for the local school in