

## FAIL TO ACT ON PROPOSAL FOR HEALTH NURSE

### Board of Commissioners Understood To Oppose Full-Time Nurse

#### IS NOT INVESTIGATED

Proponents of Full-Time Nurse Claim Costs To County Would Be Lessened

Pointed out as one of the most important questions coming before the county board of commissioners here the first Monday in March, the proposed establishment of an all-time health officer or nurse for Martin was passed off apparently as a mere joke by the board members in session here yesterday. After the officials had promised a study of the matter at the March meeting, the resolution ordering the appointment of a committee to make a preliminary study of the matter went by apparently unnoticed, the board chairman stating yesterday that he had not had time to appoint the committee. To further point out that the matter was of little concern to those in charge, nothing whatever had been done in the way of investigating the cost of the proposed all-time health officer as compared with health expenditures under the present system in effect in the county.

Those who were interested enough in the health conditions of the county to make a preliminary study of the costs, the number of deaths caused by the lack of medical attention and other similar phases of health work, were given the understanding that it was not facts and figures they wanted but rather a public demand for the office, instead. One member stated that should the matter be put to a popular vote, it would be turned down. While only one or two of the board members expressed themselves publicly on the matter, it is understood that the proposed plan is opposed by all the commissioners, or a majority of them, at least.

It is believed that the opposition to the proposed measure is founded on the presumption that the all-time feature of the work will necessitate increased expenditures, and that such an increase is to be avoided regardless of the cost in the number of lives lost at birth or the sufferings that might otherwise be prevented. A comparison of present health work costs and those that would be incurred under the new system, were apparently turned aside even though the figures indicated the proposed system to be cheaper of the two.

The matter has not been dropped by those who are interested in bettering general health conditions, and it is understood that additional requests urging a study of the matter will be made of the officials.

## Chevrolet Coupe and 2 Cases Liquor Captured

A Chevrolet coupe with two cases of liquor aboard was captured last Friday night by Federal Agents King and Street at Swift Creek bridge, 15 miles out of New Bern. The two occupants in the car stopped so quickly and fled so rapidly that the officers could not even determine the color of the transporters. The car was stored in a local garage that night, while the liquor was fed to the little fishes in Swift creek.

## Canton Newspaper Praises Singing of Mr. R. F. Pope

The Canton Enterprise in its write up of an evangelistic meeting recently held there, has the following to say: "The singing has been good and has added much to the meeting. Mr. R. F. Pope, evangelistic singer of Williamston has conducted the song service in a very efficient manner and the church has been blessed by his coming. His solos throughout the meeting have been inspiring and enjoyed by all."

## WATTS THEATRE

Wednesday April 3  
TIM MCCOY  
in  
"The Overland Telegraph"  
COMEDY  
Thursday-Friday April 4-5  
SALLY O'NEIL  
in  
"HARD-BOILED"  
Also M. G. M. NEWS and COMEDY  
Shows at 7:15 and 9 P. M. Daily  
MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE

## Flea Beetle Causing Damage To Tobacco Beds in County

Although many farmers in this section were handicapped by unfavorable weather in preparing their tobacco plant beds, a large number are experiencing now a second drawback with the flea beetle destroying their plants. A number of these complaints have reached the office of the county demonstrator here during the past few days. The extent of the damage varies, several farmers stating that the insects are leaving nothing but the plant's stem.

A pound of arsenate of lead mixed in 20 gallons of water has been offered as the most effective formula for controlling the insects, but this, it is understood, is not guaranteed, as the plants are too tender to permit a heavy application of poison or the use of more deadly formulas. Few, if any, farmers preparing the plant bed suggested by the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture, have complained of flea beetle damage, according to Mr. Brandon.

## SCHOOL FINALS AT BEAR GRASS

### Will Be Held Week After Next; Program Now Being Planned

Exercises marking the close of the Bear Grass School for the 1928-29 term will be held week after next, according to an announcement made yesterday by Principal Frank Barnhart. While the first of the exercises will be held Wednesday, the 10th, a special sermon is being prepared by Rev. J. L. Yandell, of the Presbyterian church for the school commencement. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Mr. Yandell the evening of the 14th, it was stated. Mr. R. J. Peel will deliver the principal address. Final arrangements have not been completed at this time, according to the school's principal, but appropriate exercises will be held during the week in connection with the school's work.

## WEATHER FOILS EASTER PARADE

### Comparatively Few Brave Weather With New Frocks and Flowers

Disappointment, as a whole, reigned in this section last Sunday, when unfavorable weather checked a warmly anticipated parade of Easter frocks and flowers. There were a few who challenged the day's weather offerings, but they were so few in number that disappointment was apparent in more than one quarter.

While the annual display of fine gowns was greatly hampered in many sections, New York reports one of the most colorful Easter parades in the history of the city, "a spectacle replete with fancy raiment, orchids, gardenias, top hats, swinging sticks, clicking cameras, social register names and traffic jams."

After and during the church services the actual battle of styles was fought out on the twin boulevards, Fifth and Park Avenues. If there had been any real uncertainty as to the continued popularity of the short skirt, it was soon dispelled. Whatever might have been occurring in Paris at the moment, in Fifth Avenue the knee-line was still the hem-line, and if any lowering had occurred since last year, it was too trifling to be apparent.

A few lavishly attired young women who appeared in noticeably longer skirts and posed for photographers seemed to be mannequins.

## Dr. Saunders Elected To Hospital Board

Dr. J. H. Saunders has been elected Diocesan representative of St. Luke's International Hospital, of Tokio, Japan.

This hospital is the largest in the Japanese Empire, and has been the means of not only educating the Japanese along sanitary and hygienic lines but is responsible, in a large measure, for the marked improvement in the health of the Japanese people. The Japanese Empire is one of its most interested patrons, and since the hospital was founded, medical science along American lines has been adopted by the Japanese people.

Dr. Saunders is an authority in his profession, and for this reason his election to this high office was brought about. While Dr. Saunders will not be in attendance at the hospital, he will be consulted from time to time in an advisory capacity.

## Noted Preacher at Church Of Advent Friday Night

Captain Mountford, of the Church Army, and head of that organization in the United States, will preach at the Church of the Advent here next Friday night at 8 o'clock, at which time the Woman's Auxiliary of the church will make its annual presentation thank offering.

## Meeting of Town Board of Commissioners Postponed

Through a misunderstanding, the regular meeting of the town commissioners was postponed last night. While no definite time was set for the meeting to be held, it is understood that the officials will meet some time this week.

## POULTRY CAR TO BE LOADED NEXT WEEK

### Car Will Stop at Williamston, Robersonville, And Oak City

#### PRICES ARE HIGHER

Car Will Be Here on Wednesday; in Robersonville Thursday; and in Oak City Friday

With a second advance in prices advertised for poultry, another record shipment will, it is expected, be loaded in the county next week. Prices have advanced for the several types, in some instances going from 28 cents to 40 cents. An increase of at least 1 to 4 cents per pound is recorded in the last quotations over those for the loadings early in March.

The car will make three stops in the county this month, stopping here on the 10th, in Robersonville on the 11th, and in Oak City the 12th. County Agent Brandon is asking the Bureau of Market Heads to have the car handled by the passenger trains in an effort to provide more time for loadings in each town. Mr. Brandon thinks this request will be granted, and under this arrangement it is believed that the rush will not be so bad.

According to reports received by the agent, the poultry raisers are planning on thinning their flocks still further, indicating that a large shipment will be made from the county next week.

## NEGRO WOMAN LEFT ON ROAD

### Is Mentally Unbalanced; Unable To Find Out Where She Is From

Left on a road Sunday, March 24, in the upper part of this county, as though she were an unwanted house cat, Annie Hines, middle-aged negro and mentally unbalanced, wandered from farm to farm in Poplar Point Township until last Sunday, when she was taken into custody by county authorities. Completely lost, apparently without relatives and friends, and not knowing where she was from, the woman wandered at random in an easterly course. She waded a creek in Poplar Point and was nearing the Roanoke River when stopped by residents near Poplar Point landing.

When taken into custody by Deputy S. H. Grimes, the woman was practically without shoes, but was clothed in a coat and a few undergarments. She carried a bundle of old rags, constituting the remainder of her worldly effects.

"How old are you?" Deputy Grimes asked the Hines woman. "Eighteen years old," she replied, and it was evident that she was not less than 30. An endless number of questions were asked in an effort to establish the woman's identity, but for a long while all that could be learned was her name and who she once lived with. Stating that she lived with Mary and Daniel Yarborough, she had no idea where they lived other than they were in the country.

She stated that she was carried away Sunday morning, March 24, by two strange negroes, that she was going to look for her 8-year-old boy. She added that they carried her about 2 miles before they put her out and drove away, leaving her in a section strange and new to her.

When asked if she had ever been to Washington, Bertie County, and one or two other near-by sections, she answered in the negative. When Tarboro was mentioned, she stated that she had been there. Her memory was better at this point, and when asked if she was acquainted with any one there she stated that she knew Chief of Police Lewis. One or two other acquaintances were mentioned, indicating that she was an Edgemore resident. Officers were notified there, and an investigation was started.

While the woman did not say so, it is believed that her friends or relatives in Edgemore grew tired of her and dumped her in this county with the hope that they would be free of her, regardless of the woman's fate.

## Parents and Teachers To Meet Thursday

The local parent-teacher association will hold its regular meeting in the school building next Thursday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock, it was announced this morning. The program, it was stated, will have to do with the preschool child, and every parent who possibly can do so is urged to attend the meeting and hear a discussion of the subject.

## Regular Luncheon of Kiwanis Tomorrow

Rev. Charles H. Dickey will have charge of the program at the Kiwanis meeting tomorrow, it was stated today by an officer of the club. The meeting will be held at the regular hour and members are asked to attend.

## Judge Meekins Handing Out Jail Sentences Right Along

"He's right severe with them," was the way one visitor to the Federal court in Washington described Judge J. M. Meekins' sentences. Backed by the Jones law, the judge left the impression yesterday that he had an unlimited supply of 6-months sentences and others of no definite length.

Only one case is said to have come up yesterday under the Jones law. The defendant, a young white man, found guilty of manufacturing, was sent to prison in Ohio for a year and a day.

Very few cases originating or af-

fecting people of this county were called yesterday. In one of them J. R. Cherry and Clayton Bailey were given six months in jail for manufacturing. Arthur James was fined \$100. Clyde Craddock, caught riding with a bootlegger, was fined \$50. The owner of the car escaped capture. W. M. Sykes, aged colored man, charged with manufacturing wine, was released. Guy Evans was found not guilty. The court is being largely attended by people from this county, and it is understood that several of the 36 cases originating in Martin County will be called today.

## COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEET

### Routine Matters Constitute Bulk of the Business. Transacted

Caring for the financial operation of the county featured the meeting of the county board of commissioners in session here yesterday. Two \$15,000 county notes, maturing April 10, were ordered renewed for 60 and 90 days. The commissioners also ordered the county to borrow \$25,000 in anticipation of tax collections for 90 days.

Other work of the officials was minor in its nature. C. L. Nelson was relieved of 90 cents special poll tax in Hamilton township. Abram Outterbridge, colored of Hamilton township, was also relieved of payment of poll tax there when it was pointed out that he was a non-resident of that township.

O. G. Carson presented constable bond in Jamesville township, the board giving the paper its approval. J. Sam Getsinger was re-appointed county accountant for a term of two years, the term beginning the first of this month. An election was ordered for Cooper's school district.

A motion was made that the board of county commissioners cooperate with the members of the county board of education in making application to the State Board of Education for a loan of \$30,000 from the State Literary fund for Williamston colored school.

The report on the laying off by the sheriff of a road in Bear Grass township, beginning at Kneezee Harrison's and running through to road leading by D. L. Peel's was presented. The commissioners withheld their approval until the road is put in passable condition, the county assuming no liability for the road until certain work is done and approved by the board.

An order granting Bill Tyner a \$4 monthly allowance from the indigent account came too late, for the aged colored man died about the time the allowance was provided.

## HAS 9 SERVICES. EASTER SUNDAY

### Rev. A. H. Marshall Put in Full Day; Traveled 185 Miles

Traveling 185 miles and holding nine services in one day, the Rev. Arthur H. Marshall, local minister, is believed to have established a record in the religious field last Sunday. The minister started his work at 7 a. m. that morning and ended the scheduled work at 1 o'clock the following morning, the time he arrived here.

His appointments for the day follow: Church of the Advent, Williamston, Holy Communion, 7 a. m. Grace Church, Plymouth, Holy Communion, 9 a. m. Grace Church, Plymouth, Holy Baptism, 10 a. m. St. Luke's, Roper, Sunday school, 10:30 a. m. St. Luke's, Roper, Holy Communion, 11 a. m. St. Luke's, Roper, Holy Baptism, at 12 m. St. Martins, Hamilton, 3 p. m. Church of the Advent, Williamston, 5 p. m. Grace Church, Plymouth, 8 p. m.

## Boys' Education To Meet on April 17th

The Martin County Board of Education will meet here Wednesday, April 17, when a superintendent of the county's schools will be elected. No other business, as far as it is known at this time, is scheduled to come before the board at that time, it was reported.

Mrs. W. H. Newell and daughter, Miss Katherine Newell, of Scotland Neck, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Britt Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ruffin and children, of Tarboro, spent Sunday with Mrs. Ruffin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Britt.

## HOLD DEBATE AT LOCAL SCHOOL NEXT MONDAY

### Weldon, Scotland Neck, And Williamston Teams In Triangular Contest

#### REHEARSE THURSDAY

Oak City Will Debate Chowan High School Friday; Public Urged To Attend Contests

The triangular debates sponsored by the University of North Carolina will be under way the latter part of this week when more than 400 high school pupils argue pro and con the question, "Resolved, That the United States Should Enter the World Court." Only one school in this county, it is understood, will debate the question next Friday night, the local school debate being postponed until next Monday night.

The triangle formed of Winton, Chowan High School, and Oak City was broken at the last minute when Winton found it impossible to enter. The other two schools will debate the question Friday evening at 8 o'clock, the Oak City negative debating the Chowan affirmative at Winton, and the Chowan negative, debating the Oak City affirmative in the school auditorium at Oak City.

Postponed at the request of Weldon school officials, the debates between Scotland Neck, Weldon, and the local high school will be held next Monday night, it was announced yesterday.

Since both the local teams debate in other towns, a public rehearsal has been scheduled to take place in the city hall here next Thursday night. Misses Ollie Marie Roberson and Josephine Harrison will uphold the affirmative and Misses Marjorie Taylor and Viola Grimes the negative side of the question. The public is invited and urged to hear the debate Thursday night, as it will be similar to the finals to be held here next Monday night.

## HOME ENTERED MONDAY NIGHT

### Intruder Frightened Away After Entering Home of Mr. J. A. Barnhill

In the early hours Monday morning while Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barnhill and little daughter were sleeping in their home on West Main Street here, a man entered their room. Mrs. Barnhill who thought she heard a rear door to the house open, raised her head just in time to see the man advance three steps into their room. The burglar seeing that he was discovered turned and fled.

Mrs. Barnhill was so badly frightened that she could not speak or even move for ten minutes. She finally called to her husband who immediately arose, but too late to see the man. No clue was established, but it is believed the man had suspected that Mr. Barnhill, an employee of the Standard Oil Company, had carried the oil sales receipts home with him and that they were in a trousers' pocket.

Mrs. Barnhill stated that there was a light burning in the room at the time the man entered, but she was unable to identify him. She thought him to be white, wearing a dark suit and a light cap. Yesterday morning the burglar's tracks were seen at a window near the head of the bed where Mr. Barnhill was sleeping. His foot prints were also discovered near the door where he entered. A hand print was also found on a window sill, indicating that he had peeped in to locate things before entering the room. He apparently saw the trousers, for Mrs. Barnhill stated he was slowly making his way toward them when she raised her head.

## Highway Commissioner To Be Here Thursday

The county commissioners will hold a special meeting here next Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock, when Mr. Frank Kugler, highway commissioner for the first district, will come here to discuss road building in this county. While the announcement could not be officially verified, it is understood that the highway system in this county will be reviewed.

## Prominent Farmer of Bear Grass Dies Sunday

Harry Rogerson, prominent farmer of Bear Grass township, died at his home there Sunday evening, following an attack of apoplexy suffered several years before. Mr. Rogerson was about 70 years old and is survived by a widow and three sons, Edgar, Augustus and Theodore Rogerson. Two brothers, Samuel Rogerson, of Williamston and Wiley Rogerson, of Robersonville, and one sister, Mrs. J. D. Leary, of Williamston, also survive.

The funeral rites were held by Elder John N. Rogerson at the residence yesterday afternoon, interment following in the family plot on the home farm.

## TWO WOMEN IN FIGHT AT BANK

### Plenty of Excitement Furnished Few Spectators At Noon Today

What proved to be one of the most interesting fights of the season took place in the lobby of the Farmers and Merchants bank here shortly after the noon hour when Connie Foster, said to be a resident of "Blue Heaven", Bertie county, was accosted by a girl named Allen, a woman of the same ilk.

The Foster woman was in the bank when the Allen girl walked up and stated, "I have been looking for you for a time." Bank employees, separated from the two women by a counter and railing, stated that the fight was started at this juncture, both the combatants pulling dozens of strands of short hair from each others head. The Allen woman backed her adversary twenty or thirty feet down the lobby and threw her to the floor where the hair pulling and head-beating waxed more warm. It is said that the Allen woman was pounding with much force the head of the Foster woman against the tile floor.

A call for a policeman was made to W. D. Ambers' pressing club, and thinking someone was robbing the bank, Pete Fowden rushed over to find the women battering each other. Mr. Fowden parted the fighters and after they had patched up their torn clothes and punched once or twice at the few remaining strands of hair, the two women got in an automobile and left, one riding in the front seat and the other in the rear.

As one or two of the local officers were called as witnesses in the Federal court at Washington, no arrests have been made at this time. While neither of the women received serious injury, the amount of hair left on the bank's floor reminded one of a barber shop.

## MONK BAGLEY SHOT SUNDAY

### Colored Man Accidentally Shot By Another While Cleaning Gun

While standing on the railroad near the Sinclair oil tanks here Sunday afternoon, Monk Bagley, colored, was hit by a buck shot fired from a gun by James Thomas James, another colored man who lived near the oil tank. So unusual was the shooting that, for a while, Bagley did not know what had happened to him, nor did James know he had shot anyone.

Bagley with another man was watching a third person patch an automobile tire when suddenly the gun fired. He first thought the tire had blown out and he had been hit by a part of the tire. However, when he saw the blood running down his hand, Bagley yelled, "I'm shot! I'm shot!" James heard the cry and ran out to learn that he had shot Bagley. James stated that he was cleaning his gun and that it accidentally fired, sending the shot out the window. He had no idea that the shot hit any one.

An X-ray examination was made, physician learning that the shot had flattened when it struck the bone. It was thought best to leave the shot, so Bagley is now carrying around lead.

Shortly before the shot was fired there were several other people watching the man patch his tire, but they moved just in time to get out of the gun's range.

## Special Term of Civil Court Begins April 15

With Judge Clayton Moore presiding, a two-weeks special term of Martin County Superior Court for the trial of civil cases only will be held here this month. The special term is scheduled to begin April 15. There are 63 cases on the calendar, a number of which were to have been heard at the regular term here last month, but the heavy criminal docket crowded them out. Although the calendar for the term is almost a foot long, none of the cases is of marked importance.