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## COUNTY ASKED TO AID STATE IN FORESTRY WORK

Would Organize Force of Wardens for Work in This County  
**WOULD REQUIRE \$700**  
198,732 Acres of Land in This County Listed As Forest Lands; Is 70 Per Cent of Total Area

The Department of Conservation and Development, through its division of forestry, is endeavoring to secure the cooperation of Martin County in the protection of the forest lands of Martin County from forest fires.

An appropriation of \$700 is being asked from the county commissioners as the county's share in the work, which will be matched with a like amount by the State.

Under this program a force of forest wardens will be organized in the county to fight forest fires, and an educational program carried on by the State to prevent fires.

Of the 280,320 acres in Martin County, 198,732 are listed as forest lands. This is about 70 per cent of the land area of Martin County, and as long as forest fires are allowed to burn unchecked, can not be depended upon to produce a timber crop up to its capacity. And when timber lands, the same as farm lands, do not produce up to their capacity the people of the community in which they are lost money.

## SAUNDERS TO SPEAK HERE

Elizabeth City Editor Will Make Commencement Address

According to an announcement made this morning, Mr. W. O. Saunders, publisher of Elizabeth City, will deliver the commencement address at the school closing here Wednesday, May 8. The selection of a commencement speaker was made by the members of the senior class this week, Mr. Saunders accepting the invitation yesterday.

The school although badly handicapped in the preparation of its commencement exercises by not having a place for practice, is working on the series of programs. It is understood that the new auditorium will be completed in time for the commencement program to be held there.

## Program of Services at First Methodist Church

Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, Pastor

Preaching service, 11 a. m., subject: "Reality in Religious Inquiry." Evening service, 8 p. m., subject: "The Divine Kingdom."

Sunday school, 9:45. Hi League Sunday evening, 7:30. Senior League Monday evening, 7:30. Junior League Tuesday afternoon, 4 o'clock. Prayer service Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock. We invite all people to worship with us.

## WATTS THEATRE

Monday-Tuesday April 29-30

GLORIA SWANSON

in "SADIE THOMPSON"

"Glorious Gloria" in One of Her Best

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

## PROCEEDINGS IN SUPERIOR COURT

Sixteen Cases Disposed of Since Tuesday; Term Ends Tomorrow

The two weeks special term of superior court called here for the trial of civil cases only will adjourn tomorrow, with most of the cases scheduled for trial disposed of. The jury will get its last case today, while a few hearings will be held by the court tomorrow.

The cases disposed of since last Tuesday noon, numbering sixteen, follow:

Plaintiff D. G. Matthews in a case against Gertrude Ewell took a voluntary non suit. Similar action was followed in cases against Sarah Ruffin and Henry Ruffin.

The Piedmont, Mt. Airy Guano Co. was given a judgment against W. F. Knowles amounting to \$398.97 with interest from July 1, 1929.

The case of J. S. Whitman against R. L. Smith was settled by agreement.

The J. F. Thigpen versus J. T. Stevenson case was continued in order to make J. N. Pugh a party defendant.

A settlement was effected by agreement in the R. S. Critcher case against B. D. Critcher, et als. Judgment in the sum of \$277.02 was given Slade, Rhodes and company in a case against L. H. and D. E. Gurganus, successors to Eli Gurganus and Son.

The case of D. G. Matthews against L. T. Fowden, Wheeler Martin and others was referred to J. S. Getsinger for accounting.

The plaintiff in the R. E. Hopewell versus J. C. H. Johnson case was given a judgment in the sum of \$70.

A \$250 judgment was given J. L. Corey in his case against Vance Collins.

A settlement by agreement resulted in the case of J. W. Crisp and wife against E. C. Winslow.

Judgment amounting to \$46.65 was given B. S. Courtney, plaintiff in a suit against Jas. R. Everett.

Chas. Beecham took a voluntary non suit in his case against J. L. Holliday.

A \$2,636.74 judgment was given A. T. Perry et als against W. M. Sykes et al.

The case of J. W. Hight against the Washington Tobacco company is before the court at the present time.

A large number of other cases have been agreed upon and judgments will be signed before the term's adjournment tomorrow.

## DRY AGENT'S CAR IS BURNED

Officers Leave Car to Tear Up Stills; Find It Burning When They Come Back

An old model Packard touring car belonging to the United States Government and operated out of here by Federal Agent King was burned yesterday afternoon in a small wood in the Biggs schoolhouse community near here. Agent King with assistants McCuffy and Roebuck left here shortly after noon and started a search for liquor stills near Reedy Swamp. They parked the Packard in a small wood and continued the search about. A short while later, while they were busy tearing up two liquor plants, some one shot a hole in the car's gas tank and set fire to the gasoline as it poured on the ground.

The body of the car was completely burned, but the engine escaped serious damage, it is thought.

The officers called for a ride and were brought here by Mayo Grimes. They brought the two copper stills they had captured and other equipment. No arrests were made at either of the liquor plants, and the person firing the automobile escaped.

## KIWANIS HEARS JUDGE MOORE

Talks on "Taxation" At Regular Meeting of Club Held Wednesday

Talking on "Taxation," much discussed and probably the least understood of the great questions of today, Judge Clayton Moore, in an address before the Kiwanis luncheon last Wednesday, stated that the McLean school bill, presented at the last session of the General Assembly, will become the law of the land in a short time. The constitution providing taxing method and taxing authority will have to be changed, however, before the bill can properly function, the judge added as one of his beliefs.

Continuing his talk, Mr. Moore mentioned the claims made by the wealthy people in which they say investors shun North Carolina on account of high taxes. The judge, however, did not express his personal opinion on this particular part of his subject.

## TAX COLLECTION IN THIS SECTION FALLS BEHIND

Approximately One-Third Of Total Amount of Taxes Unpaid  
**TUESDAY IS LAST DAY**

Many Farmers Unable To Sell Peanuts, Which Would Give Them Money To Pay Taxes

Pointed out to be the smallest in years, tax collections in this county are hardly more than two-thirds complete. \$90,000 of the approximately \$300,000 being unpaid at this time, it was learned at the sheriff's office here yesterday afternoon. Settlements are being effected rapidly at this time, but in spite of this it is believed that the majority of the \$90,000 will remain unpaid April 30, the time for preparing the list of delinquents.

With no market for peanuts, farmers as well as many others in this county are facing a problem that is causing much alarm. Settling their various accounts early in the fall with the expectation of paying their taxes with the money received through the sale of peanuts, many farmers are said to be facing a financial situation unknown to them before. Settlements of other accounts depending upon the sale of peanuts have not and apparently can not be made, causing poor collections in businesses other than in the farming industry.

There are, of course, and as usual, a number of property owners who are using the peanut situation as an excuse for their failure to effect tax settlements. But as the deputy collector stated yesterday afternoon the peanut situation is a good foundation for an excuse.

Even though there is no sale for peanuts and many of the property owners are hard-pressed financially, the law makes no provision for this and similar situations, leaving the county officials unable to stay the time of property sales for taxes.

Town tax collections here are about as far advanced as those of the county, but it is believed that payments will be greatly increased during the next three days, relieving the situation to some extent.

## MRS. GEORGE W. COLTRAIN DIES

Former Resident Dies in Rocky Mount; Funeral Here Today

Mrs. George W. Coltrain died in Park View Hospital, Rocky Mount, early Thursday morning, at the age of 38 years, after an illness of one or two days, supposed to have been Bright's disease and heart failure.

Mrs. Coltrain before her marriage was Miss Vivian Godard, of the Holly Springs section. Soon after her marriage to Mr. Coltrain they moved to Williamston, where they lived for several years. They moved from here to Rocky Mount about 10 years ago, where they have since resided.

Besides her husband she leaves six children, three boys and three girls; also five brothers, Opehus, Golden, Gothic, Grover, and Kader Godard, all of the Williamston section, and one sister, Mrs. Roland Hudson, of Dunn.

The remains were brought down on the A. C. L. train yesterday afternoon and taken to the home of the Godard brothers, from which the funeral was held at 3 o'clock today by Rev. C. H. Dickey. Burial took place in a new cemetery near the home.

## Plymouth Town Officials Considering V. E. P. Offer

Offered \$40,000 for their light and power franchise by the Virginia Electric & Power Co., Plymouth officials are considering placing the matter before the people of that town, according to a report received here. No definite action has been taken at this time by the officials who are waiting a report to be made by the power company on the cost of street lighting.

## Plymouth Juniors to Give Flag and Bible to School

The Plymouth Rock Council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics will present a Bible and a flag to the Jamesville school Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, according to a program announcement made this week. Appropriate exercises will feature the event, L. J. Spear acting as master of ceremonies. Rev. C. B. Mashburn, Professors A. L. Pollock and T. O. Hickman, Rev. A. Corey, Messrs. W. E. Norris and E. S. Peel and the school will take part in the program.

## TOWN ELECTION TUESDAY MAY 7

No Interest Being Shown by Citizens; Registration Books Open

Judging from the lack of interest in additional registration the municipal election here May 7 will go by unnoticed. While the election of the convention nominees is generally accepted, the polls will be opened on the set date to give the matter a legal status.

Up until last night no new names had been added to the registration, and should an independent ticket be presented, the battle will apparently be thrashed out by those whose names are now on the books. An independent ticket was discussed following the convention held the 18th of this month but the discussion carries little weight and no contest is expected at the polls May 7.

The registration books were opened by Registrar J. E. Pope in his office in the old Farmers & Merchants Bank Building last Friday and will be closed tomorrow evening at 9 o'clock, according to an official order calling the election.

Approximately 500 names are on the books at the present time, making it unnecessary for those who have previously registered to re-enter their names on the books.

## WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS MEETING

New Officers Are Elected; President Submits Biennial Report

The Woman's club held its regular meeting yesterday afternoon at four o'clock, the retiring president, Mrs. Wheeler Martin who has held the office and under whose direction the club has accomplished much good in the past two years, presiding for her last time.

The business of the meeting was varied in its nature, the election of officers and several reports coming before the club members.

The advertising chairman, Mrs. H. Saunders made a report on the progress in selling advertisements for the new school auditorium curtain. She stated that about \$800 worth of advertisements had been sold, leaving about \$200 worth more unsold. The treasurer reported \$73.82 on hand.

It was voted to ask the city fathers to have all vacant lots in town cleaned and have the trees whitewashed. Several of the club members volunteered to clean up the club yard to day in an effort to help clean the town during the clean up campaign. Mrs. A. R. Dunning was made chair man of this committee.

Miss Sleeper was given the use of the hall for her Better Kitchen contest exercises that will be held next Friday.

Mrs. W. H. Biggs and Mrs. Wheeler Martin were appointed delegates to the State convention which meets in Charlotte next week.

It was decided to give \$10 each to the Sallie Southall Cotton Loan fund and to the Music Loan fund, these funds being used to educate worthy girls.

The nominating committee made its report for the following offices: President, Mrs. W. C. Manning, jr., second vice president, Mrs. C. A. Harrison; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. B. Clark. Mrs. P. B. Cone was suggested to fill the unexpired term of first vice president.

The report was unanimously accepted. Upon motion of Mrs. A. T. Crawford, the retiring president was given a vote of thanks for her splendid work carried on during the past two years. Miss Sleeper gave a talk on "Better Homes Week", telling of the origin, history and accomplishments of the movement.

## Aulander and Locals Play To 4-4 Tie

Playing Aulander for the second time this season here last Tuesday the local high school baseball team tied the visitors, 4 to 4, the game being called on account of darkness. The locals were scheduled to play Jamesville here yesterday afternoon, but the game was postponed on account of rain. The two teams are playing here this afternoon.

## Pender's and Cafe Have Buildings Repainted

In keeping with the clean-up and paint-up movement in progress here this week, D. Pender had his store here remodeled and the front repainted. The work was carried on during regular store hours, interrupting the general business very little. The Williamston Cafe also carries a newly painted front, adding to the progress of the paint-up movement.

## PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER DIES IN AUTO WRECK

Rev. J. L. Yandell Almost Instantly Killed Near Greenville Yesterday

THREE OTHERS HURT  
Dead Minister Resided in Tarboro, but Had Been Conducting Services in This Section Recently

Rev. J. L. Yandell, Presbyterian minister of Tarboro, was fatally hurt and Rev. A. J. Crane, also of Tarboro, was slightly injured about the knee yesterday at noon when their car, a Chevrolet coupe, was hit on the Greenville-Bethel highway by a machine driven by J. W. Crafton and Dick Leonard, of Greenville. The minister's neck was broken; and he died before attendants could rush him to a hospital.

The accident occurred about two and one-half miles from Greenville when Crafton attempted to pass a wagon. Mr. Yandell, in an effort to avoid the collision, turned his car to the shoulders and on into a ditch where he was hit by the Crafton machine which was said to have been travelling around 40 miles an hour.

Pending an investigation by Sheriff Sam Whitehurst, Crafton is being held under a \$1,000 bond. He was able to leave the hospital yesterday afternoon, but Leonard, at that time, was still in an unconscious condition. The extent of his injuries had not been determined late yesterday.

Messrs. Yandell and Crane were en route to Greenville on church business when the fatality occurred. The body is en route to the old home in Mecklenburg county where interment will be made at Sharon tomorrow.

During the past several months, Rev. Mr. Yandell had held services regularly here and at Bear Grass. A card mailed shortly before the accident carrying announcements for services here Sunday morning, Farm Life in the afternoon and at Bear Grass in the evening was received here after he was killed. The local church will hold its Sunday school at the regular hour, but it is understood there will be no other services for the day.

## LAST POULTRY CAR OF SEASON

Here Tuesday and Wednesday; Also at Oak City and Robersonville

The poultry car scheduled to make three stops in the county next week will probably be the last for the season, according to schedules announced by County Agent Brandon.

Anticipating heavy loadings during the four days that the car will be in the county, Mr. Brandon has arranged to have the car remain here two days instead of one, as has been the case heretofore. Although the loadings might be small, the agent is planning to care for a rush should one present itself.

Prices are a fraction stronger than those offered for the last car, and this with the fact that many growers are anxious to thin out their flocks on account of growing crops is expected to meet the loadings.

## 86 WOMEN IN STATE PRISON

Constitutes New High Record; Most of Them Are Killers

Raleigh, April 26.—There are 86 women in Warden's Prison, a record for all time, Warden H. H. Honeycutt revealed yesterday.

Recently records of all kinds have been falling at the prison. Nearly every month sees more new prisoners brought in than the month before. The majority of them young men—many of them young white men. Now the record for women prisoners has fallen.

Of the 86 women, 24 of them are white women. Most of them are killers. The oldest, both in years and term of service is Nancy Curley, 82, who was sent up from Swain county in 1914 to serve 30 years for murder.

The women are employed in the sewing rooms and the laundry. A few work at making chair bottoms. Old "Aunt Nancy" has no regular task. When she is able, she does odd jobs. She still looks forward hopefully to the day her sentence will be ended.

Already this month 107 new prisoners have been received, making the total number of inmates 2,175.

## Sunday Services at Christian Church

Services at Christian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at 8:00 in the evening by the pastor, Sunday school at 9:45. A cordial welcome awaits you at each of these services.

## To Build Another Warehouse Here

CLEAN-UP DRIVE IS SUCCESSFUL

No Official Reports Yet In, But Much Good Has Been Done

Although no definite reports on the success of the clean up and paint up campaign in progress here this week have been returned at this time, it is apparent that the movement has been a decided success, as a whole. The trash cart has been swamped all the week with requests for the removal of trash and rubbish. And while there is still room for improvement, there has been a splendid work carried on in general, and in certain quarters the activities have been thorough.

While a determined drive for cleanliness around practically all the homes has been made, feeble effort have been put forth in the store backlots. Other lots are understood to be in bad condition, furnishing a breeding place for flies by the million. Still other lots that are water-soaked furnish the mosquito a breeding place.

The clean up and paint up week was planned in an effort to start a uniform drive for better health conditions here, a movement in which every one could take a part without being required to do so by the law affecting sanitary conditions. The week designated for the work to be done ends tomorrow, but it is the expressed desire and hope of those interested in better health conditions that the business of cleaning and painting will continue.

Reports placed in the hands of the school children the early part of the week will be returned next Monday, when a check of the work will be made.

Mr. J. C. Anderson, general chairman of the campaign, expresses himself as being very much pleased with the apparent success of the undertaking, stating that the citizens, both white and colored, had cooperated in the movement and that the drive this week forms a foundation for a continuous clean up and paint up work.

The Woman's club, sponsor of the campaign, at a meeting held yesterday afternoon, discussed the movement, and will, it is understood, continue to stress the importance of the work.

## Thirteen Students On High School Honor Roll

The local high school honor roll for the seventh school month recently ended, shows a healthy increase over the honor list for the preceding month. It was announced this morning by the principal. The list, carrying the names of thirteen pupils, follows:

Eighth grade—Pearl Griffin, Marjorie Lilley, Lucy Rae Spruill.

Ninth grade—Edith Peel, Mary C. Williams, Charles Manning and Reginald Simpson.

Tenth grade—Louise Coltrain, Eliza Coltrain, Josephine Harrison, Marjorie Taylor.

Eleventh grade—Mary Carstarphen, Viola Grimes.

## Program of Services At Baptist Church

"If we let Him thus alone, all men will believe on Him," is the text for the Sunday morning's sermon. "At Jesus' Feet" will be the theme Sunday evening.

At the evening service baptism will be administered to two candidates. A short course in church history is now being offered by the pastor at the Wednesday evening hour. It is proposed to give a bird's eye view of the progress of the church from its earliest days up to the present time. This course should have great value for those taking it. It naturally leads into, and will be followed by, a course of study on "Where we got our denominations."

## Lilleys Hall School To Close Term Next Week

The Lillys Hall school will close the 1928-29 term Thursday of next week with appropriate exercises, it was announced yesterday by Miss Warren, the principal. Dr. Maynard Fletcher, president of the Washington College Institute, will deliver the principal address at 11 o'clock, a picnic following.

The children will appear in a short program in the afternoon at 2:30, it was stated.

An invitation is extended the public. L. A. Carter, district forester, was here yesterday. He was accompanied by J. R. Miller, forest warden, located at Ahsokie.

## MEETING WILL BE HELD AT TOWN HALL TONIGHT

Plans for Erection of Third Warehouse To Be Discussed

\$10,000 IS SUBSCRIBED

Movement Endorsed by Business Men of Town, Who Have Subscribed For Most of Stock

One of the most vital and important questions to come before the people here in several years will be discussed tonight at 8:15 o'clock when interested citizens of the town and community assemble in the City Hall to make plans for the erection of a third tobacco warehouse here. The meeting, called by the Chamber of Commerce, developed when a few citizens interested in the welfare and progress of the community started a drive a day or two ago for a third tobacco warehouse here. The session will last only a short while, and every citizen interested in the future of the town is urged to attend.

Immediately after the Brick warehouse was destroyed by fire, leading citizens here began formulating plans for its replacement. Their findings will be discussed at the meeting tonight, and it has been pointed out that the attendance of every citizen is essential.

During the investigation, facts have developed that point to the success of a third warehouse here. These facts within themselves have been the basis for the sale of approximately \$10,000 worth of stock up until now, and will, no doubt, interest many others. Believing this, those interested in the erection of a third tobacco warehouse here are calling the meeting tonight that the matter might be placed directly before the citizens of the section.

As a result of the preliminary investigation made by the committee, it was found that the old Brick warehouse site could be purchased for \$3,000 and a new building erected for approximately \$17,000. It was also pointed out by the committee that experienced, reliable warehousemen are anxious to enter the business here, that should a house be built they would rent it, paying around \$2.00 a year for the use of the house.

While it is certain that the proposed plans will carry, the meeting tonight will determine the success of the movement for a third tobacco warehouse here. Complete plans of the proposed undertaking will be laid before the meeting for discussion. Should the proposition reach maturity, and it is very likely that it will, officers of the company will be elected and a working organization effected.

The movement has been endorsed by the leading business men of the town, and they alone have subscribed to practically the entire amount of the stock pledged.

Tobaccoists here are frank in stating that the undertaking should pay, that the movement is worthy of the support of the people here.

## STUDY KITCHEN IMPROVEMENT

Women of County Learn How to Make Offices More Attractive

Making the women's offices (kitchens) more convenient and attractive has been one of the minor topics which the women in this county have been studying the past two months. This is the first of a series of home improvement projects which will run four years.

The object has been to improve one or more rooms in each community center which will serve as demonstrations. The follow-up work of this will be to secure five hundred raised table surfaces, five hundred proper groupings of stationary and small equipment and the installation of five hundred water systems.

As the result of the work, twenty-four improved kitchens will serve as demonstrations of how time and labor may be saved.

Miss Pauline Smith of State College has cooperated with Miss Sleeper the local home agent, in this project and last week completed the second scoring of these improved rooms. The contest will close with a county-wide meeting scheduled to be held here next Friday.

It is believed that this campaign will be one of the most far-reaching pieces of educational work up in the county recently.