

TOWN BOARD IN SPECIAL SESSION HERE LAST NIGHT

Leave Several Important Matters Open for Discussion Later

MEET AGAIN TODAY

Give Permission for Dance Here on August 30; Assessments on County Property Are Decided

Meeting in special session here last night, the board of town commissioners discussed and passed a few minor orders, leaving several matters open for discussion at a later date. The commissioners are meeting again this afternoon to dispose of certain matters connected with the widening of Main Street, including removal of the Britt Hotel porch and gasoline tanks.

A schedule of assessments was ordered prepared for the county that the paving costs in front of the courthouse and the county's home on lower Main Street might be paid. Through an error or misunderstanding, the assessments supposed to have been charged to the county were never placed on the books. The matter has been considered by the present board for a number of months, but not until recently were they assured by county officials that the assessments would be cared for.

W. B. Watts was granted permission to hold a dance here the 30th of this month, with the understanding that the rules and regulations governing dances held here be complied with. W. K. Parker, petitioning the board for the paving of the sidewalk on the west side of Watts Street from the corner of Main to the Smith property, was told that the program had been temporarily brought to an end, but that his request would be considered before the contractor withdraws his equipment.

E. P. Cunningham asked that his water meter be tested, adding that something was wrong, as his water meter registered 15,000 gallons last month.

Mayor Coburn was appointed to investigate the possible removal of the middle support to the railroad underpass at the end of West Main Street. It was pointed out at the meeting that some action for the removal of the pillar should be taken.

B. Y. P. U. Meeting at Everetts Next Friday

The Baptist Young Peoples Union of the Roanoke association will meet in annual session in the Baptist church at Everetts next Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock, it was announced today. A splendid program has been prepared for the meeting, many prominent leaders in the B. Y. P. U. circles taking part. Miss Minnie Rickett, junior-intermediate leader will address the meeting, and other outstanding speakers will make short talks during the morning and afternoon sessions.

A picnic lunch will be served, and a large number of representatives from all the unions in the association is expected. The session will be brought to a close at 4 o'clock. All B. Y. P. U. members are urged to attend and a cordial invitation is extended to those interested in the work.

Kills Water Rattler With 48 Little Ones

With four witnesses to bear him out in his statement, Mr. W. L. Chesson established a new record, as far as snake stores are concerned, last Saturday when he killed a water rattler bearing 48 small ones. The reptile was 4 feet and 3 inches long and measured 13 inches in circumference. The small ones averaged 5 inches in length and were slightly larger than a pencil. The snake had been seen around Mr. J. D. Bowen's country home several times, but all attempts to kill it had failed until last Saturday, when Mr. Chesson cut the reptile in two.

WATTS THEATRE

Wednesday August 14

BOB CUSTER

in "LAW OF THE MOUNTED"

Also COMEDY and New Serial "The Pirate of Panama"

Thursday-Friday August 15-16

"THE LION AND THE MOUSE"

with MAY McAVOY, LIONEL BARRYMORE, and OTHERS

Also NEWS and COMEDY

MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE

Early Edmondson, Young White Man, Is Killed By A. C. L. Train Saturday

STORE MANAGER HALED TO COURT

Charged With Failing to Remove Trash From Back Door

The local Pender store will be closed or the manager locked up if trash is allowed to accumulate again in the rear of the store, was the warning given E. T. Coley, the store's representative, by town officials yesterday morning.

Allowing trash to accumulate in the back lot, the manager of the store here was carried before Mayor R. L. Coburn yesterday, judgment in the case being suspended, however, upon the defendant paying the cost. The manager of the store, Mr. Coley, had been warned of the violation several times by Chief of Police W. B. Daniel and Mr. H. D. Harrison, fire chief, and while feeble attempts were made following each warning, to dispose of the trash, the store's operator would, within a short time, allow rubbish to pile up again. Yesterday morning the warrant was served by Officer Daniel.

At the trial, the mayor found it necessary to call down the store manager, who apparently became indignant when the officials pointed out the necessity of keeping the lot clean. Coley stated that the Pender stores were responsible for the removal of the trash and asked the town officials why they pulled him into court. The mayor asked the representative if he managed the store, and if he did why wasn't the removal of the trash considered as one of the store's regular duties. It is understood that the manager will be locked up or the store ordered closed if trash is allowed to accumulate in the future.

During the latter part of May a fire started in the store's back lot, making it necessary to call out the fire company. Since that time, the store representative had been warned on several different occasions, and the warrant yesterday was issued as a last resort to have the store comply with the law. The arrest yesterday marks a more strict enforcement of fire regulations, and similar action will result in other cases where the requirements are not met, it was stated by a town official this morning.

ALL HELPING TO BOOST MARKET

Business and Professional Men Making Rounds - With Warehousemen

Following an agreement reached last Friday night at the tobacco "pep" meeting held in the town hall here, merchants, professional men, and others are going the rounds with local warehousemen this week, visiting the farmers and boosting the market in general. According to present plans, the system of drumming will continue up until the time for the opening of the market.

The warehousemen expressed their appreciation for the aid, and stated that they would be glad to have any one make trips with them.

According to present plans, another booster meeting will be held Thursday evening in the town hall, a cordial invitation to all being in order.

Boxing Smoker, Benefit Ball Team, Here Friday

Promoted by "Kid" Wilder, of Richmond, the town's first boxing smoker will be staged in the city hall auditorium next Friday evening at 8 o'clock when the "kids" and "hat-tlers" of varying weights meet. The bouts have been well advertised, Eddie Wagner, of Philadelphia, and Battling Mason, of Norfolk, featuring the meet. The evening's program also includes a 6-round bout between Kid Wilder and Battling Juthros, of Norfolk; a 4-round bout between Battling Whitehurst, of Robersonville, and Kid Summerell, of this place. Bud Bud Lucas and Big Boy Bill Bailey, colored, are scheduled for a four-round exhibition, and then there is a big battle royal to be held with five colored boys taking part.

Martin and Bertie Teams In Post-Season Play-Off

As runners-up in the second half, the Martin Monks have entered a seven-game contest with Bertie, winners of the first and second halves, to determine the Bright Leaf Belt League champions. The two teams met in Windsor yesterday, and are playing here today. Tomorrow they will play again in Windsor, returning here for another match Thursday. The fifth game will be played Monday, the series ending when the teams wins four games.

BODY FOUND ON TRACK IN UPPER PART OF COUNTY

No One Saw Train Strike Him; Find Blood on Pilot Of Engine at Weldon

LIVED IN HOBGOOD

Coroner S. R. Biggs Makes Investigation and Jury Finds That Victim Was Killed By Train

Believed to have been hit by an Atlantic Coast Line train bound for Weldon, the lifeless body of Early Edmondson, young white man of Hobgood, was found a few feet from the tracks about 150 yards on the Martin County side last Saturday afternoon. The man's head was split open, but no other cuts or bruises were found about the body. Two colored men returning to their homes via the railroad discovered the body and reported it to officials at Hobgood.

Dr. Leggett, of Hobgood, examined the body, and learning that it was in this county he notified Coroner S. R. Biggs. A jury was collected and the officer made a thorough investigation that afternoon. Train Dispatcher Fountain, at Norfolk, was notified of the discovery of the body, and he ordered the train examined at Weldon. Conductor Hawks and his crew, examining the train, found blood stains on a step near the "cowcatcher." According to reports, the members of the train crew knew nothing about the man's death until notified by the Norfolk dispatcher.

The step where the blood was found is only 6 or 8 inches from the rail, and the height puzzled the coroner in determining how the man was hit. Mr. Biggs stated that one or two people viewing the body were of the opinion that Mr. Edmondson attempted to hop the train and, failing to do so, was killed. Other opinions were offered, but the jury in its report only stated that the man was killed by A. C. L. passenger train No. 62.

According to statements made, Mr. Edmondson left his farm in the upper part of this county for Hobgood, riding in a wagon with one of his colored tenants. When they crossed the railroad near the county line, he instructed the wagon driver to continue to Hobgood, that he was going to walk down the railroad. Nothing was heard of him until his body was discovered by two colored men - walking the tracks.

Mr. Edmondson was 26 years old, the son of John Buck Edmondson, of Hobgood. While he made his home in Halifax, Mr. Edmondson farmed in this county. He leaves a widow and three children.

Shoots At Colored Girl Who Painted Too Much

Because she had too much paint on her face, Rowena Purvis, colored, of near Gold Point, narrowly escaped a pistol shot fired by Jobie Gainer, colored, last Sunday afternoon when the two quarreled over the thickly applied rouge. It is said that Gainer demanded the woman to remove the paint, and when she stated she had nothing to remove it with, he offered his assistance, using the weapon to clear her face. The woman moved her head and threw her hands about her face, the ball barely touching the fingers. Babe Briley's head was two inches out of the ball's path, and a miss was registered but his hat was punctured, according to the story told here.

Gainer made his escape and was still at large today.

Infant Dies at Home Of Parents in Oak City

George Wilbur Barrett, jr., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Barrett, died at the home of his parents in Oak City last night. Interment will be made in the new cemetery at Oak City this afternoon.

Earthquake Shakes Upper New York State

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Throughout parts of five Eastern states and one Canadian province belated sleepers-rolled from tilted beds while earlier risers leaped from the breakfast table and rushed in alarm to the streets as the earth's crust vibrated in a series of quakes of varying intensity and duration today.

When the last tremor died away it was found that while the shocks were felt from Connecticut to Ohio and from Pennsylvania to the Province of Ontario, the resultant damage was but slight. Residents of a score of cities resumed their daily tasks and left to the scientists the work of determining the extent, intensity and location of the quakes.

CHANGE IN DATE FOR OPENING OF MARKET TALKED

Association Suggests Opening Bright Belt on August 27

PLAN NOT FAVORED

Local Board of Trade Believes It Is Too Late Now To Make Any Change in Date

A change in the date for opening the Eastern Carolina tobacco markets is being considered by warehousemen in the belt, according to a wire received here yesterday from the secretary of the East Carolina Tobacco Association, asking the local tobacco board of trades opinion as to changing the date from September to August 27. While the proposed change carries several advantages, the local tobacco board of trade wired that all their advertising matter had been prepared and that the date of September 3 appeared on it, that a change would result in a great loss to all warehousemen.

It is not known just where the movement for changing the opening date originated, but it is believed that this belt is losing much tobacco to the border markets and that an effort is being made to check the tobacco going from the belt to the other markets.

According to reports, much tobacco is being offered for sale on the border markets by farmers in this belt. It is understood that several farmers in this vicinity have placed small amounts of tobacco on the border warehouse floors, but the amounts have been negligible so far. One farmer as far away from the markets as Hertford County is said to have tried out the markets near the border. Another is said to have gone down to sell from Halifax and one or two went from this county to sell, but the prices paid to one were very low, and the tobacco was returned. The Halifax farmer is said to have received a 15-cent average for his offerings.

MRS. ANNIE E. GRIFFIN DIES

Was 70 Years Old; Died at Home of Her Son Near Here

Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Griffin, age 70 years, died this morning at 10:00 o'clock at the home of her son, N. R. Griffin, near here, following an illness of several months. She had suffered, without murmur, cancer during that time, and for weeks she had been unable to get up.

The funeral arrangements had not been announced at noon today, but it is understood that the services will be held from the home early tomorrow afternoon. Interment will follow in the John B. Griffin burial ground near Smithwick's Creek.

A woman loved for her kindness and expressions of service to neighbors and friends, Mrs. Griffin would have been 70 years old next October. She married John B. Griffin who died several years ago. She leaves five daughters, Mrs. Marina Bateman of Aulander; Miss Mary E. Griffin and Mrs. C. E. Hines, of Williamston; Mrs. Levin Ange, of Jamesville and Mrs. W. F. Ange, of Plymouth and two sons, Henry D. and N. R. Griffin. One son, Harmon, died when a lad. Two brothers, John Alfred Roberson, of Pollockville and Luke L. Roberson, of Parmele, also survive.

Monks Wins First of Post-Season Series

Starting a seven-game series to determine the champions in the Bright Leaf League, the Martin baseball nine defeated Bertie at Windsor yesterday afternoon by a 5 to 4 score. The game was declared to be one of the best played by the two teams this season, hundreds of fans witnessing the exhibition.

Cherry worked on the mound for the Monks and allowed only nine scattered hits, while the Martin aggregation made 16. The Monks were off to a good start in the first frame when they made five clean hits to score three runs.

Carroll Brown, Martin's right fielder, led with the stick, registering a triple, two doubles and a single out of five trips to the bat. Jimmie Brown made a high fielding average, robbing the Bertie boys of several hits.

Many People Attending Court Session Here Today

The recorder's court took on superior court proportions today when the courtroom was practically filled with spectators, witnesses and defendants. Twenty-one cases were on the docket, and several were a few hours too late to get on the day's calendar. Practically every section of the county was represented.

MARTIN COUNTY MAN IS KILLED BY CONVICT GUARD

Roy Lilley Fatally Wounded Friday in Attempt To Escape

DIED LATE SATURDAY

Was Sent Up For Housebreaking and Larceny Last December; Had Escaped Once

White attempting to escape from a convict camp, near Selma, last Friday afternoon, Roy Lilley, young white boy of this county, was shot and fatally wounded by one of the convict guards. The boy was removed to the State prison hospital immediately, dying there late Saturday.

While the convicts were being carried to the camps late Friday afternoon, young Lilley made a dash for his freedom, the guard firing and striking him in the back. Charles Henderson, a fellow prisoner, of Asheville, who dashed for freedom at the same time young Lilley made his attempt to escape, went unscathed.

Young Lilley, the adopted son of Lon Lilley, of this county, was sentenced to the prison for a term of two to three years for housebreaking and larceny. He was committed to the prison last December and since that time he had escaped from the State farm and returned to the county. While here he is said to have stolen a car and misplaced other articles. Hunger forced him to return to his adopted home and Mr. Lilley returned him to prison. Before leaving the farm he was made a trusty, but upon his return to Raleigh he was assigned to work on the roads near Selma.

A few hours before he died, he called for Dennis Griffin and dictated a letter to him in which it is understood he acknowledged his mistakes too late.

MAN IS ARRESTED AFTER SMASH-UP

Dardens Negro Is Charged With Drunken Driving; One Is Hurt

Struck by a Ford roadster driven by N. James, colored, of Dardens, the big Studebaker sedan belonging to Mr. C. Fleming, of Jamesville, was badly damaged last night about 10:15 on the Sweeten Water Creek fill, near here. The steering apparatus of the big car was damaged, causing the car to run off the high embankment and injuring Onward Gaylord about the shoulder. Guy Fleming, riding with young Gaylord, escaped injury. James and his girl, Tooley Hall, of Roper, were unhurt.

At the scene of the accident, James stated that he was traveling around 20 miles an hour. His account of the wreck varied, and was unable to explain just how the accident happened. He denied that he had been drinking. Wallace Fleming, accompanied by Harry Martin, was driving a Pontiac and towing the Studebaker. It was clear that when he started to round the curve he observed the path the Ford was taking, and he put the right car wheels off the concrete. When the cars hit, the Studebaker had two of its wheels on the shoulders of the road. The four witnesses, Wallace and Guy Fleming and Harry Martin and Onward Gaylord, stated that they were not driving fast and preferred a charge of drunkenness against James in addition to the reckless driving count. James was carried before Justice of the Peace A. T. Crawford shortly after 11 o'clock last night and bond in the sum of \$200 was required.

Mrs. G. H. Burnett Dies In Washington Hospital

Mrs. G. H. Burnett, of Jamesville, died early last Friday morning in a Washington hospital following a several months' illness. She had received treatment previously at the hospital and returned there about ten days ago, but medical aid failed to cure her.

Interment took place in the cemetery at Mt. Olive, her former home last Saturday afternoon.

She was first married to Tommie Martin, ten years ago. A daughter, 9 years old, survives that union. She was married later to B. G. Burnett, of Mississippi, who with a 3 year-old son, survives.

Prayer Meeting at Christian Church

W. M. Weigman, Pastor
The Christian church will hold its regular prayer meeting service Wednesday night. Continuing our study of the teachings of Jesus, we will use "What Jesus taught about the Old and the New Dispensation" for our topic. We cordially invite those of other churches who do not have services Wednesday evening to worship with us in these short mid-week programs.

Local Schools Will Open September 2

NEGRO IS BOUND OVER TO COURT

Philip Escoffery, Durham Lawyer, Tried in Bertie Saturday

One of the most sensational cases to come before a Bertie County court was heard in Windsor last Saturday morning by Justice of the Peace P. T. Perry.

The case was against Philip Escoffery, a colored lawyer of Durham, and charged him with procuring false affidavits from Lem Pritchard, colored. Escoffery is said to have induced Pritchard to repudiate and deny the testimony given by him in the trial of State against Percy Miller, in which Miller was found guilty of murdering Chief White of Windsor. The affidavit also charged Solicitor Parker, Attorneys J. H. Matthews, J. H. Pritchett, J. W. Davenport, Moses Gillam and E. R. Tyler, prosecuting attorney, Sheriff Cooper and Deputy Sheriff Askew with coercing and intimidating the witness, Lem Pritchard, barely sparing the court in the charge of high crime and misdemeanor.

Escoffery was represented by L. P. McLendon, of the firm of McLendon and Hedrick, of Durham, and H. Clay Carter, of Washington. The State's charges were handled by Judge F. D. Winston alone as all the attorneys who had represented the State in the case against Miller at the trial in May were charged with fraud and were witnesses in this case.

The courtroom was packed with spectators, equally divided between the whites and coloreds and all were apparently anxious to hear every word said.

Pritchard, held on a perjury charge, was the first witness placed on the stand against Escoffery. His testimony offered at the trial is practically all repudiated in the affidavit written by Escoffery and subscribed before C. D. Carstarphen, of Williamston.

Pritchard was questioned at great length by both the State and defense. His testimony fully substantiated that given at the Miller trial and repudiated the affidavit. He claims that Escoffery sent for him early in June to come to the home of Rachel Lutten, that Escoffery telephoned for him three times and that he went about 4:30 one afternoon to see the colored lawyer. Escoffery took him into a room and asked him if he did not know it was a penitentiary crime to swear to a lie and send a man to the electric chair. He stated that he told Escoffery he had not lied. Escoffery, according to the evidence, also asked him if the sheriff, deputies, solicitor and lawyers had forced him to swear falsely in the Miller case. He told Escoffery they did not and that he had told the truth at the trial.

Escoffery later got Pritchard to come to Williamston and sign the paper, Pritchard stating that he could not read and that he did not know what was in the paper. Escoffery, he claimed, did not read the paper to him, that the lawyer had misinformed him as to the contents of the paper.

A number of other witnesses including court officers, lawyers were examined, all denying the statements relating to them as pointed out in the affidavit procured by Escoffery.

The defense offered no testimony. The court held that there was probable cause and Escoffery was required to give a \$2,500 bond for his appearance in the Bertie Superior court the last week in August.

It has been stated that the defense will move to quash the indictment on account of want of jurisdiction in Bertie county as the signing of the affidavit was done in this county and also upon the ground that the affidavit was not actually used and on account of other technical errors claimed to have been committed in connection with the case.

Former Resident Praises Town and Its Newspaper

And then comes along a much appreciated letter from one of our old subscribers, Mr. Geo. S. Williams, of Farmville, which we take the liberty of passing on to our other readers and friends. Twice each week Mr. Williams views the Enterprise columns, keeping in touch with the town and county and old friends. If you have a relative living away from home, order the paper sent to him; it will be just like a letter from home, and he'll get it twice each week.

Mr. Williams says: "I certainly enjoy reading the Enterprise, and the good work you are doing. It is the best paper I know of for its size, and from the best town in the State. Williamston is still my home; I love it and all the people there."

TWO VACANCIES IN FACULTY YET TO BE FILLED

High School Pupils Must Register With Principal August 23 and 24

FIX AGE LIMIT DATE

Children Who Will Be Six Years Old By First of Next January Are Eligible To Enter

Monday, September 2, was officially announced yesterday as the opening date for the local school, the announcement following a meeting of the local school board held last Friday evening. The date had been under consideration for some time, but not until the meeting last Friday was the date definitely set.

Contracts for the two vacancies in the faculty were mailed but the applicants had not had time to file their acceptances up until this time. The faculty will be announced as soon as the two contracts are returned; it was stated by Principal W. R. Watson. One of the vacancies is in the primary department and the other is in the high school.

Considering the age limit for first-grade entrants, Professor Watson stated that all children six years old by January 1, 1930, would be eligible to enter on the regular fall opening date. Crowded conditions in the school last year made it necessary to limit the number of first-year pupils and only those children 6 years of age at the time of opening were accepted. This year, with the new building, the school will be amply able to handle the children.

Parents should enroll first-year children by filing out an enrollment blank. This should be done Friday, August 23, and Saturday, August 24, up to 12 o'clock noon. Proper blanks may be secured at the principal's office.

The principal is warning all parents to have their children vaccinated against smallpox at this time, so as to avoid unnecessary delay when the school opens for the fall term. The health laws require every child to be vaccinated against smallpox before entering school, and all pupils failing to meet this requirement will be subject to dismissal with the understanding that admittance will be refused until the requirement is met, according to the officials.

All high school pupils will be expected to register at the principal's office in the grammar school building according to the following schedule:

- Tuesday, August 27, 1 to 5 p. m., juniors.
- Wednesday, August 28, 8 to 12 a. m., sophomores.
- Wednesday, August 28, 1 to 5 p. m., freshmen.

At the time of registration each pupil will be given a schedule of work and a list of books to be secured. It should be remembered that many of the text-books have been changed. Pupils should not secure books until the list is obtained at the time of registration. Parents are invited to accompany pupils when they report for registration. Parents of seniors are especially urged to come in order to go over the records of their children.

All pupils who have had coaching in special subjects during the vacation period should confer with the principal at once in order to have the records corrected. Such pupils should present a signed statement from the teacher under whom the special work was done. This statement should show the time devoted to the work, amount of work done, or number of pages covered, weekly grades, and final examination grade. Only certificates from approved teachers will be accepted.

The grammar school building is now being renovated for the opening of school. The work of moving the high school equipment to the new high school building will soon be completed. The list of teachers is complete with two exceptions. The complete list will be announced within a week or ten days.

Man Jailed Here Today For Disorderly Conduct

J. B. Hooten, a man giving his residence as Arkansas, was placed in jail here this morning on a disorderly conduct charge. Hooten, who claims he is looking for work, went to the Geo. Harris filling station, near the river, this morning and started cursing everything and everybody in general. Mrs. Harris, who was at the station at the time, asked him to continue on his way, but she found it necessary to call the officers.