

## NO ACTION YET IN LEGISLATURE ON REVENUE BILL

### "Wine, Women and Song" Said To Feature in the Legislative Deadlock

So long has that part of the revenue bill having to do with raising revenue for the support of the six-month school term been before the General Assembly that a scandal bomb was set off in the House this week in an effort to awaken the legislators and re-interest in legislative proceedings. Representative MacLean, stating that wine, women and song—although few legislators can sing—had limited the proceedings, was taken to task by members of the Senate. Bribery, also intimated in the attack on the legislators' conduct, was vigorously denied.

The revenue bill is like unto a ball, the assembly first tossing it to the committee conferees who, in turn, toss it back. And then the same thing is repeated. The House instructed its conferees "to work to the end that a revenue measure be provided for the support of the constitutional term without ad valorem tax." The House refused to adjourn.

## SCHOOL NEWS OF OAK CITY

### Senator Elbert S. Peel Will Deliver Commencement Address Tonight

The commencement sermon for the class of 1931 was delivered Sunday evening, May 3rd, to a large and attentive audience. For over forty minutes Rev. F. M. Dick, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Ahsokie, talked to the young people, using as his theme, "What Makes One a Success in Life."

Wednesday evening the Department of Conservation and Development gave a free moving picture in the school auditorium. This was an educational picture dealing with fish, game, and the forests of North Carolina.

Thursday evening the class day exercises were given in the form of stunts, each representing his part as an asset or a liability. The twenty-five seventh grade graduates took part in the closing scene of the evening and received their certificates.

The graduating exercises are scheduled for Friday evening, when Hon. Elbert S. Peel will deliver the annual address to twenty high school seniors, nine boys and eleven girls, the largest class in the history of the school. The class is as follows: Hilton Rawles, Woodrow Purvis, Alma Harris, Ruth Harrell, William Haislip, Evelyn Davis, Mary Ruth Ross, Lorey Daniel, Nancy Davis, Ruby Davis, Annie Bell Etheridge, Thelma Parker, Henry S. Johnson, Jr., Erma Powell, Haywood Crisp, Gladys High, Russell Turner, Marjorie Johnson, Elie Edmondson, and J. C. Johnson.

### To Name Camel Contest Prize Winners Next Week

Prize winners in the Camel cigarette \$50,000 cash prize contest will be announced next week, according to information given out today.

The contest judges and their staff who have been carefully reading the approximately 1,000,000 entries, have completed their work, it was stated, and plans are now being completed for the actual awarding of the checks.

Thirty-eight prizes, including a first prize of \$25,000, are to be awarded for the best letters on how the new cellophane moisture-proof wrappers on Camel cigarette packages benefit smokers. Second prize will be \$10,000 and third prize \$5,000. There will be five awards of \$1,000 each, five awards of \$500 each and 25 awards of \$100.

More than 150 people in this county submitted letters in the contest, and there is a decided interest in the forthcoming announcement of prize winners.

### Announces Schedule Curb Market Prices for Saturday

Miss Lora E. Sleeper yesterday announced that the following prices would prevail at the curb market here tomorrow morning:

Live hens, over 3 lbs., 18c; live hens under 3 lbs., 20c; dressed hens, 28c. Layer cakes, 75c and \$1.00; cabbage, 4 lbs., 10c; lettuce, 1 lb., 3c; old Irish potatoes, 1 lb., 2c; radishes, bunch, 3c; onions, bunch, 3c; rutabagas, pound, 2c; cream, pint, 20c; cottage cheese, block, 15c; country butter, 35c lb.; eggs, 15c dozen.

## Town Tax Sale Postponed By Board at Special Meet

### Authority for Postponement Made Possible By Amendment To Law Passed in General Assembly Last Week Affecting Counties Only

In a called session here late last Wednesday afternoon, the town commissioners ordered the sale of land for taxes temporarily postponed, the order holding up at the last minute the advertising of the delinquent list today. The postponement followed the order of sale issued at the regular meeting held last Monday night.

The delayed sale was made possible by an amendment to the bill passed by the general assembly last week, empowering the county commissioners to postpone their sales to a date not later than November 1. The amendment was introduced

to extend the authority of postponing the sales to the town and city officials.

Bond attorneys are understood to have advised some counties and towns against the postponement of sales, stating that the credit of the governmental units might be impaired as a result of any delay. The act does not relieve the property owners, for the interest continues, and even before the sale is made, there will be another group of taxes due, making two at one time for some.

Many towns and a few counties have made preparations for the sale next month, it is understood.

## ARREST NEGRO FOR ABDUCTION

### Expect Federal Authorities To Investigate Case At Early Date

Arrested in Norfolk early this week on an abduction charge, Clarence Whitaker, colored married man, and Elisha Mitchell, colored arrested for aiding and abetting abduction, were returned here last Tuesday by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Officer J. H. Allsbrooks. They are now being held under the abduction charge, and it is understood that Federal authorities will investigate the case under the white slave act.

Whitaker, with Sarah Williams, 16-year-old colored girl, and Mitchell with Gladys Joyner, 16-year-old colored girl, left here early Monday morning for Baltimore. When arrested in Norfolk, Mitchell, 42 years old and said to be already married, and the Joyner girl stated that they were planning to get married. The man, however, claims he is not married. It was brought out in a preliminary investigation that he aided Whitaker in encouraging the other girl to leave home.

Whitaker, who is said to have carried two girls away under similar circumstances several years ago, was planning to establish a home with the Williams girl in Baltimore, it was stated.

## HOME AGENT'S APRIL REPORT

### Agent Reports Many And Varied Activities During The Month Just Past

By Miss LORA E. SLEEPER

The month was well filled with varied activities. In the 22 days spent in the field the agent traveled 1,304 miles, conducted 9 meetings with women, in the major project of clothing, held an organization meeting at which the Everetts' woman's home demonstration club was organized, held one meeting with the women in Oak City in the interest of canning and continuing the school lunch, one meeting with the women in Farm Life, and four canning schools. The total attendance at the 16 meetings for adults was 251.

Fourteen meetings were held with the girls in their major project of foods, and one meeting was held with the boys in the Everetts club. The total attendance for the juniors was 333.

The home agent prepared 15 press articles, distributed 113 bulletins, prepared 2 circular letters, and circulated 250 copies, wrote 26 individual letters and made 27 home visits.

The curb market started the last week in March returned \$182.17 to the sellers during the month.

The better homes tour conducted last Thursday to Currituck County cost the women for the round trip 87 cents, each and every woman going stating that she had had the very best time possible, gaining new ideas, and planning to do everything possible to carry out improvements in her own home.

### Blythe Long, 14 Years Old, Dies In Pinetops

Hamilton, May 8.—Blythe Long, 14-year-old daughter of Dr. E. M. Long and the late Mrs. Mary Long, died at the home of her aunt in Pinetops last Wednesday afternoon. She had suffered only a short time with some form of stomach trouble. Her death came as a decided shock to friends here.

Spending much of her life here, Blythe had numerous friends in Hamilton. Following her mother's death she went to live in Pinetops. Burial was beside her mother in the Concho Church Cemetery at Oak City this afternoon.

## SCHOOL FINALS HERE TONIGHT

### Hon. J. C. B. Ehringhaus of Elizabeth City Will Deliver the Address

The final exercises on the local school commencement program will be held tonight when the Hon. J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of Elizabeth City, delivers the annual address to the thirty graduates and their friends. Mr. Ehringhaus is a speaker of much prominence, and a goodly number of the people of this community is expected to hear him.

Last evening the seniors held their class day exercises before a fair-sized audience in the high school auditorium. The program was well rendered and thoroughly enjoyed.

The school children will assemble next Monday for the last time during the 1930-31 term.

## LETTER FROM FORMER CITIZEN

### Recalls Fishing on the Roanoke As It Was Carried On Thirty Years Ago

The association of thoughts and happenings is a great thing. Mainly because a dog bit a woman in Roper a few days ago, the Enterprise received a letter from far-away New Albany, Miss., this week.

Mrs. Charles A. Martin, formerly Miss Lucy Biggs, of Williamston, saw the Williamston date line appearing over the dog story, and that prompted her to write and state that she still loved the town, recalling several happenings of interest during her stay, and particularly mentioning the her fishing on the Roanoke.

Thirty years ago, Mrs. Martin, with her father, the late W. H. T. Biggs, and sister, Mrs. J. M. Tucker, moved to Mississippi. Mrs. Martin married in Mississippi and Mrs. Tucker married in Oklahoma. They have many kinspeople in this section of North Carolina.

### Battle of Ballots Reported At Robersonville Tuesday

A hotly contested election was reported in Robersonville last Tuesday when one of the largest votes ever polled was cast in the municipal contest there. Mr. C. M. Hurst was re-elected mayor, and Messrs. A. R. Osborne and R. L. Smith were elected to succeed themselves as commissioners. Messrs. E. G. Anderson, W. A. Everett and J. M. Kilpatrick were elected as commissioners for their first terms. One hundred and seventy-seven votes were cast in the election, it was stated.

### Rev. W. B. Harrington Announces Two Services

Regular worship services will be conducted by Rev. W. B. Harrington in the Farm Life School auditorium next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, it was announced by the minister yesterday. Preaching services will be held that afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Riddick's Grove, it was stated.

### 22 Martin Women Attend Meeting in Greenville

Martin County was well represented at the second district meeting of home demonstration club members held in Greenville last Wednesday afternoon. There were twenty-two women from this county, representing a majority of the clubs.

Mrs. T. M. Woodburn, member of the Parmele Club, was appointed secretary of the district federation. All the women, 200 or more, from the five counties in the district, received valuable information and reported a very enjoyable time.

## ELECT FACULTY FOR NEXT TERM

### Elections Made Pending Outcome of Proposed School Legislation

Meeting here last Tuesday evening, the local school board conditionally re-elected the Williamston School faculties in their entirety for the 1931-1932 term. Applications were filed a few days ago by all the teachers with the understanding that contracts will be made in accordance with whatever changes are made necessary by the bills now pending in the legislature and having to do with the schools.

As far as it is known at the present time, the following teachers will again be included in the faculties for the coming term:

Miss Margaret Spurgeon, music; Miss Serena Peacock, Mrs. Pattie E. Taylor, Miss Estelle Crawford, Miss Bessie Harrell, Miss Ruth Manning, Miss Velma Harrison, Mrs. Edna Barnhill, Miss Lucille Allen, Mrs. Ethel Roberson, Mrs. Frances Parker, Miss Esther Galling, Mrs. Mary Lee Hassell, Mrs. Bettie M. Harrell, Miss Bessie Willis, Miss Annie S. Van Dyke, Messrs. W. R. Banknight, L. C. Thornton and Mr. Wm. R. Watson, principal.

E. J. Hayes was re-elected of the local colored school, and he with the county supervisor will elect the teachers for that school.

## IS BOUND OVER IN AUTO DEATH

### William Hopkins Required To Furnish \$500 Bond In Gardner Killing

William Hopkins was placed under a \$500 bond by Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell here last Wednesday morning in connection with the killing of George Gardner on the Jamesville highway late last Saturday night.

After hearing the evidence in the case, Justice Hassell was of the opinion that there was probable cause for further investigation of the case.

John Hogard, witness to the accident, testified at the hearing held by the justice, stating that he was walking on the dirt and Gardner was on the edge of the concrete when Hopkins ran over the man. According to the evidence advanced by Hogard, Gardner was not drunk when the accident occurred.

The case will be referred to the grand jury meeting here next month.

### Election at Jamesville Last Tuesday Very Quite One

Mr. O. W. Hamilton was elected to succeed Mr. A. Corey as mayor of Jamesville, and Messrs. W. R. Roberson, G. M. Anderson and J. E. Sexton were chosen to serve the town as commissioners during the next two years in a quiet election held there last Tuesday. Very few votes were cast there, it was learned.

### Arrest Young White Man At Liquor Still Wednesday

Roland Rogerson, young white man, was arrested at a liquor still one and one-half miles west of Corey's store last Wednesday. He furnished bond for his appearance in Federal court at Washington next October.

The still with a few gallons of whiskey and a quantity of beer was destroyed.

### Bethel Man Hurt When Car Is Ditched Near Here

A Mr. Martin, of Bethel, was cut about the face when his car, a Model T sedan, was ditched near the county home on Highway 90 early Wednesday evening. According to information learned here, Mr. Martin turned off the road to avoid hitting a passing car.

Mr. Martin was not seriously hurt, and the damage to the car is limited to a smashed wheel and running gear.

### Makes Donation to Help Offset Legislators' Cost

The Enterprise acknowledges the receipt of a check for \$5 from Mr. F. M. Johnson, highway bridge foreman, as a donation of \$2.50 each to Representative J. C. Smith and Senator Elbert S. Peel to help pay their extra expenses incurred during the long deadlock in the legislature.

Mr. Johnson says he wished to do this in recognition of their service, which he so heartily approves.

### Aged Colored Man Dies at Home Here Last Tuesday

Blount Moore, aged colored man, died at his home here Tuesday and was buried in the local cemetery for his race yesterday afternoon. Moore was well and favorably known here, having performed with his ax on many of the wood piles here.

## Little Interest Is Shown in Town Election; But 75 Vote

### Convention Nominees Are Elected by Practically Unanimous Vote; New Board Takes Office First Monday in June

The town election here last Tuesday was a minor event in the lives of local voters, only 75 out of nearly 500 visiting the polls during the day. With only four exceptions the vote was solid for the convention nominees. Two people failed to vote for the mayoralty nominee, one voted for Mr. Leslie T. Fowden, and another failed to vote for one commissioner. The election, as far as the number goes, was as near complete as any one ever recorded here.

Voting was light throughout the day, and the registrar and judges of election were tired out by the inactivity at the polling place in the mayor's office. The vote:

For Mayor  
Robert L. Coburn 72  
Leslie T. Fowden 1

For Commissioners  
N. C. Green 75  
L. P. Linsley 74  
G. H. Harrison 75  
E. S. McCabe, 75  
Luther Peel 73

The new boards is scheduled to take the oaths of office the first Monday in June, Messrs. Peel and McCabe going in on that date for their first time as town commissioners.

### Will Observe Mothers' Day Here Next Sunday

Sunday, May 10, is Mother's Day, a day that commands a strict reverence throughout the nation. Special programs have been arranged by the churches of the town in the furtherance of the idea, and large congregations are expected at the services Sunday morning.

The Boy Scouts will canvass the town early Sunday morning for the red and white flowers, which they will distribute.

## SCHOOL FINALS AT HAMILTON

### Hon. R. O. Everett, of Durham, Will Deliver the Address Wednesday

The Hon. R. O. Everett, former Martin County man and now a prominent member of the Durham County bar, will deliver the commencement address at Hamilton next Wednesday evening, it was announced yesterday by Professor W. E. Plyler, principal of the schools there. A goodly number is expected to attend the exercises and hear the former Martin man that evening.

Sunday morning at 11:30 o'clock, Rev. A. H. Marshall, Episcopal minister, will preach the commencement sermon in the high school auditorium. A program by the primary grades will feature the exercises Tuesday night.

The salutary will be given by Floried Cox, and Glenn Grimes will give the valedictory address, it was announced.

### Mothers' Day Program at Christian Church Sunday

As Sunday is Mother's Day, we are very anxious to have a large attendance to pay tribute to the motherhood of this community. We feel that this is the most important of our national days, one that touches us closest. The subject for the morning service will be "Motherhood and the Future."

The sermon for the night service will be "The Spirit of Conversion," the third in a series on the Holy Spirit.

At prayer meeting next Wednesday evening, we will take up the study of the Beginnings of the church. 9:45 a. m.—Sunday school. 11 a. m.—Morning worship. 7 p. m.—Christian Endeavor. 8 p. m.—Evening worship.

We are very happy to announce that Rev. John Bagley has been secured to conduct a week's meeting at the Christian Church beginning May 25 and closing May 31.

### Banks Will Have Holiday Next Monday, May 11th

Memorial Day, May 10, falling on Sunday this year, the Branch Banking and Trust Company here and the Planters and Merchants Bank, Everetts, will not open for regular business Monday, it was announced yesterday. Business will be resumed by the institutions Tuesday morning, as usual. As far as it could be learned other business firms will not observe Monday as a holiday.

Several of the employees of the local bank are planning to be out of town that day.

### Will Hold Service in the Episcopal Church at 10:30

The church school and morning service will be combined in the Church of the Advent here Sunday, the Rev. Arthur Marshall stated this morning, the two services being combined that the rector could go to Hamilton and preach the commencement sermon there at 11:30 a. m.

## NEGRO IS FREED OF 'VOODOOISM' CHARGES HERE

### Believed To Have Hoodooed-Identified Woman Out of \$21 Here 8 Years Ago

Charged with false pretense, Dr. Willie White, Charlotte negro, was freed in Justice J. L. Hassell's court here yesterday after on when witnesses were unable to identify the man who is alleged to have practiced "conjure" antics and hoodooed Ida Faulk, colored, out of \$21 here eight years ago.

Ida Faulk, in the hope of regaining her eyesight, listened to the babble of a man, claiming unnatural powers, Ida is of the opinion that White was the man who promised to restore her sight but she was blind then and could not identify him.

At the hearing yesterday, it was brought out that the "conjure" doctor had offered certain prayers in the beginning, but the work did not start until later. He called for \$21 in halves and a quart of milk. Taking the money and milk he went into hiding to foil an ointment. The man, probably in a milk diet, made a meal of it and used the silver coins for his own pleasure. That was eight years ago, and when White came through here several days ago he was arrested by Chief Daniel for an investigation.

White, 45 years old, is small in size, has the marks of the typical "conjure" doctor, but maintains he heals by power. It's just another case of voodooism, apparently.

## DRAW JURY LIST FOR JUNE COURT

### 53 Citizens Are Selected for Duty at Regular Term Superior Court

Fifty-three citizens were selected by the county commissioners this week as jurors, to serve during the two weeks term of Martin County Superior court convening here the 15th of next month. Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, will preside during the first week and Judge Clayton Moore will be on the bench during the second week. The list selected to serve on the jury follows, by townships:

**First Week**  
Jamesville township: O. W. Hamilton.

Griffins, Henry Roberson, A. J. Hardison, S. J. Lilley, C. E. Hines, M. W. Bissell.

Bear Grass: H. D. Harrison, Williamston township, Jno. R. Peel, R. A. Critcher, M. D. Wilson, P. H. Brown, W. M. Bowen, H. L. Barnhill, J. G. Statton, Walter Halberstadt.

Cross Roads: J. S. Ayers, Jimmie L. Roberson, Archie Roberson, R. A. Phillips.

Robersonville: L. C. Roebuck, D. L. James, L. H. Matthews, J. W. Bailey, B. F. Coburn, W. J. Ward, Marion Smith, S. H. Gurganus.

Hamilton: W. J. Beach, R. E. Downs, D. W. Etheridge, P. C. Edmondson, F. L. Haislip.

Goose Nest: Jasper H. Harrell, H. A. Eads, L. A. Thompson, J. C. Ross.

**Second Week**  
Jamesville township: E. W. Hardison, J. L. Hardison.

Griffins township: Claudius Hardison, Allen Griffin, W. D. Daniel, J. David Griffin.

Bear Grass township: W. R. Roebuck.

Williamston township: W. J. Keel, J. O. Manning, G. S. Moore, C. J. Roberson, Gaston Savage, G. H. Harrison.

Robersonville township: H. L. Everett, L. C. Crisp.

Poplar Point: V. U. Bunting.

Goose Nest township: W. J. Harrison, L. T. Chesson.

### Presbyterians Plan Series Of Services at Bear Grass

"The Church with an Open Door." Sunday, May 10, 1931. True sayings: "A river ends at its mouth, and so do many people." Church school at 9:45 a. m. Worship service and sermon at 11 a. m.—Dr. E. E. Gillespie, of Greensboro, N. C., preaching.

**Roberson's Farm**  
Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Preaching immediately afterward.

Prayer meeting Thursday nights at 8 p. m.

**Bear Grass**  
At Bear Grass we begin a series of services under the leadership of Dr. E. E. Gillespie, of Greensboro, N. C. Mr. R. F. Pope is to lead the singing. Services begin at 8 p. m. At 4 p. m., Sunday, a Sunday school will be organized in the new chapel at Bear Grass. Those in charge desire all the children to come at this hour. You are invited to each of these services.

Please mother—by going to church Sunday.