

## OLD SCHOOLS IN COUNTY BRING VERY LOW PRICE

Several Thousand Dollars Worth Property Sold For Only \$661

The Martin County Board of Education yesterday sold ten school buildings and eight tracts of land for \$661, the sale being made at public auction at the county courthouse door. All the sales, handled by Mr. W. O. Griffin, chairman of the board, were made subject to the approval of the Martin County Board of Education at its next regular meeting to be held the first Monday in November.

Several thousand dollars would be required to replace all the buildings sold at auction yesterday, but for one or two exceptions the sales were about as good as some others made in more favorable times. The board has a right to resell at higher figures any of the ten tracts, and it is believed that one or two of the offerings will command a higher price later on. It might be that some of the bids will be rejected altogether at the next meeting of the educational body.

Several of the pieces of property offered at auction are said to be deteriorating rapidly, and under the law the board deemed it wise to offer the property for sale this week.

The Ange school property was sold to S. H. Ange for \$110.

Ferd Holliday bidded in the old Cooper's School property for \$150.

Finding no bidder for the Poplar Run school property, C. A. Harrison mentioned \$5, and it was "knocked out" to him.

V. G. Taylor agreed to pay \$75 for the Spring Green school property, no other bids being made in competition.

Fair View school property was sold to Ed Harrison for \$25.

The Sandy Ridge school property, a three-room structure and two acres of land, was sold to Joshua L. Coltrain, who raised the bid from \$25 to \$50.

The one room Burroughs school building was sold to Haywood Rogers for \$16.

Bidding was strong on the Cross Roads building, but there was some question as to the validity of the deed, and the property was sold to V. G. Taylor for \$200, subject to deed and action of the education board. Starting at a much lower figure, the bid was bounced up \$5 at a time, then \$1 at a time, finally Mr. Taylor jumping it from \$176 to \$200.

Smith school property was sold to Mr. Hugh Roberson for \$25.

The James school property, formerly a house occupied by colored children in Goose Nest, was sold to C. A. Harrison for \$5.

## WOMEN'S CLUBS WILL MEET 13TH

Local Club Asked To Send Full Representation By President

The annual meeting of the Woman's Federated Clubs of the fifteenth district will take place in Washington on October 13. The meeting will begin at 10:30 and both morning and afternoon sessions will be held.

Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, State president, will be the main speaker on the program, and her message alone will be worth the time it will take to attend this meeting. The president of the local club is anxious for a good attendance, from Williamston, and asks all members to go who possibly can.

As is the usual custom, those attending are asked to carry light lunches and the hostess club at Washington will serve the luncheon.

## Number Chickens Are Stolen From Dr. Rhodes

Entering the chicken lot of Dr. James S. Rhodes, a thief, believed to have been George Perkins, cleared the roosts as he went, removing a half dozen bantams, a few Rhode Island Reds and several of another breed. Perkins borrowed a box from the Central Service Station here a few days ago, and it was found on the chicken lot. Apparently the box was too small, so he discarded it and took a coop. Perkins has not been seen since the theft.

## Capacity of Sweet Potato Curing House Increased

A 5,000-bushel unit is being added to the 10,000 bushel sweet potato storage house at Kings Mountain, in Cleveland County.

## Carteret Farmers Plant 200 Acres To Broccoli

Carteret County farmers are planting 200 acres of broccoli as a test of this new green crop for the early market.

## Last-Minute Rush To Pay Taxes Develops This Week

In an effort to head off the advertisement of their property for unpaid taxes, property owners from all parts of the county were rushing to the sheriff's office here yesterday and today to settle their accounts. If the rush experienced yesterday and today lives through tomorrow, the list of delinquents will not be much larger than the one advertised last year, it is believed. While virtually all the old names appearing on the lists in the past two or three years are there again this time, they will be accompanied by a few new ones, unless taxes, penalty, and interest are paid tomorrow.

## TOWN BOARD IN REGULAR MEET HERE LAST NIGHT

Consider Ordinance Against Curb Service at Soda Fountains

Meeting in regular session here last night, the town commissioners discussed two or three matters, but no final action resulted.

Drug curb service was one of the subjects discussed, the commissioners finally abandoning hope of trying to stop the throwing of drinking cups, napkins, and straws on the main streets by visitors to the fountains.

An ordinance making it unlawful for one to throw rubbish on the streets was considered, but the matter was dropped when the commissioners were led to believe that the cold weather just ahead would limit the practice to a great extent.

While no direct complaints were heard, the meeting instructed Chief W. B. Daniel to order owners of hog pens now a nuisance in town to remove them outside the town limits.

Going into executive session, the board discussed a previous bond issue and other features of the recently completed audit.

## D. W. MORROW DIES SUDDENLY

New Jersey Senator Was at Peak of Career; Leader in Political Circles

Englewood, N. J., Oct. 5.—Senator Dwight W. Morrow died in his sleep today at the peak of a career which carried him into international prominence as a financier and diplomat. He was 58 years old.

A secretary tried in vain to awaken the New Jersey Senator late in the morning and then called physicians. Although Mr. Morrow lived for two more hours, he never regained consciousness, and died at 1:52 p. m., of a cerebral hemorrhage.

The news of his death was intensified by its unexpectedness. The father-in-law of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, who was a partner in the Morgan banking house until he resigned to become ambassador to Mexico, appeared in excellent health last night as he addressed a large gathering in New York and was cheered by 1,200 men and women for his advice about welfare work.

## LOCALS DEFEAT WINDSOR, 12 TO 0

Williamston Shows Punch To Score Twice On Visitors Friday

Williamston's football team registered its first win of the season here last Friday afternoon when Windsor's eleven was turned back by a 12-to-0 score, Hardison scoring a touchdown in the third period and Anderson crossing the goal for a second score near the end of the game.

Making eight first downs as compared with the six made by the visitors, the locals made their gains and won the game by resorting to the aerial route. Hardison, a small but alert lad from the Sandy Ridge district, took a pretty pass in the third quarter and raced 60 yards for a touchdown. Godard failed in his attempted drop-kick for the extra point. Oscar Anderson received a well-timed pass from Cook and made a short but close run for the second score of the game.

The teams were about evenly matched, the visitors offering a strong opposition, forcing the locals to resort to passing for their greatest gains.

## New Legume Being Tried Out in Harnett County

The new legume, crotalaria, is over three feet high on some poor sand-hill land in Harnett County and seems to be adapted for soil improvement purposes in that section.

## JUDGE MEEKINS BEARS DOWN ON RUM SELLERS

Five Martin County Men Get 3-year Sentences in Atlanta Prison

According to reports, the conviction of alleged bootleggers under way in Washington this week will go into a second session, which will be held in the Federal prison at Atlanta. Three-year sentences in the prison at Atlanta were handed out often by Judge I. M. Meekins in the Federal court at Washington yesterday, the jurist refusing to accept what he termed sob stories.

The activities of the session yesterday are said to have had the results of a bursting bomb in a peaceful camp.

Witnesses, going to the court from here yesterday, stated they found it very difficult to gain an entrance to the crowded courtroom. Hundreds of people were in Washington yesterday to answer court charges, testify as witnesses and plead the cases. The judge heard very little argument from the lawyers, and the mill rapidly turned out cards calling for three years in the Federal prison.

As far as it could be learned only six cases originating in this county were heard yesterday, and only one defendant, Henry Roberson, colored, escaped. Each of the other five defendants, Spence Bendenhall, Stancil Jenkins, Staton Gurganus, Arthur Peel and Jas. R. Harrison, all white, was given three years in the federal prison.

## CHAIN STORE TAX IN HIGH COURT

Legality of State's Levy To Be Argued Tuesday, October 13

Raleigh, Oct. 6.—Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, of North Carolina, was informed yesterday that the United States Supreme Court will hear arguments on the State's chain store tax, contested as unconstitutional by 19 chain operators, Tuesday, October 13.

The hearing previously had been set for today. Mr. Brummitt will go to Washington next week to represent the State.

The chain store tax, passed by the 1929 General Assembly, imposes a \$50 levy on each store operated in the State by a chain organization, but with one store exempted.

A chain store tax passed by the 1927 General Assembly was held unconstitutional by the North Carolina Supreme Court. The 1927 law taxed each store operated in the State by a chain with more than five stores, exempting the small chains. It was held discriminatory. The 1929 statute has been upheld in the State courts.

Mr. Brummitt said he believed, in view of the United States Supreme Court's decision in the Indiana chain store tax case, the 1929 law would be upheld. Charles W. Tillett, Jr., of Charlotte, and New York attorneys will represent the chain store operators at the hearing next week.

## Burke Farmers Go In Strong For Poultry

Thirteen farmers in Burke County have 2,342 breeding birds after culling and blood-testing their flocks for disease and laying ability.

## Catawba County Man To Build Up Beef Herd

Earle Sipe, of Catawba County, has begun the establishment of a pure-bred beef cattle herd. He recently purchased four Angus cows.

## Twenty High Grade Bulls Sold in Moore County Recently

Twenty high grade Guernsey bulls have been placed in Moore County in recent months.

## POSTAL SERVICE AT OFFICE HERE BEST IN HISTORY

Rural and City Carriers Are Back on Old Schedules in Morning

Following added mail facilities at the local post office last week Williamston patrons are now enjoying their best postal service. Schedules in the morning have been advanced more than an hour for all mail with the exception of that sent out from Plymouth, Dardens, and Jamesville to this point. Rural and city carriers leave the post office here at 9 instead of 10:15 a. m. under the old schedule.

Mail, which was left in the office after 4 in the afternoon under the old schedule, is dispatched at 9 p. m., and delivered in Raleigh, Norfolk, and other points early the next morning. Before the change was made, a letter dropped in the post office box here after 4 in the afternoon was not sent out until the following morning shortly before 10 o'clock.

Under the new schedule mail is received here at 8:15, 9:44, and 11:20 a. m., and at 3:55 and 4:20 p. m. Mail is sent out at 9:44 and 11:2 in the mornings, and at 3:55, 4:20, and 9 p. m. The 8:15 a. m. and 9 p. m. service is not offered on Sundays. The early and late schedules only handle first-class mail, leaving newspapers, packages, and other matter to be handled as usual.

## WEEK SET ASIDE FOR EMPHASIS ON DANGER IN FIRE

State Has Annual Loss of Twenty Millions; Urge Prevention Work

While Williamston has had a limited fire loss during the past year, the State of North Carolina reports an average fire loss of approximately \$20,000,000 more than enough to operate all the schools in the State for six months. In an effort to check this loss, fire prevention week has been proclaimed throughout the State, and similar appeals are being directed to the people all over the nation urging them to guard against fires.

Each fall and winter, several fires are reported here as a result of carelessness. Shingled roofs, dried and almost rotten from years of service, have caught fire in many cases, and insurance commissioners and fire company chiefs are urging the owners to be careful with their house fires.

No inspections will be made locally, but all citizens are asked to note the common causes of fire listed below and remove as many of them as possible:

Rubbish, especially in basement and attic; unprotected joists above furnace; stove pipes and furnace pipes too close to woodwork; joists resting on brick chimney; stove pipe too close to ceiling; old shingle roof; inflammable cleaning fluids; defective chimneys and flues, matches left in reach of children and rats, old and rusted stove pipes, storing car under or near house, careless smoking, electric drop cords hung on nails, radio antenna not properly grounded, bridged electric fuses, wood box too close to stove, oil or gasoline stoves, sweepings in registers, ashes in wooden boxes, furniture polish and other oily rags allowed to accumulate, no mat under stove, careless use of electric iron and other electrical appliances, chimney not high enough above roof, carelessness with matches.

## RECOVERS AUTO STOLEN MONDAY

Negro Abandons Car When Frightened by Salesman in Town of Windsor

A Ford car, belonging to Mr. Roger Critcher, was stolen yesterday morning by a negro, unknown here, and was later recovered in Windsor. The car was parked just off the Roanoke River fill when the negro stole it.

While driving toward Windsor, a traveling salesman attempted to pass the stolen car, but the negro refused to share the road with him. Continuing behind, the traveling man saw the negro stop the car in Windsor to let out a passenger. The traveling man angered by the action of the negro and not knowing that the car had been stolen, drove up and before he could say anything to him about "hogging" the road, the negro, apparently taking the man for an officer, jumped from the car, left the motor running, and escaped through a backlot. Windsor officers were notified, and they reported to Mr. Critcher.

Only a few weeks ago, Mr. Titus Critcher, a brother, lost his car when a thief drove it away.

## NUMBER FAILING IS REDUCED BY CONTRACT PLAN

Oak City School Trying Out New Idea During Current Term

By adopting a unit assignment or contract plan, pupil failures have been reduced in the Oak City schools. Principal H. M. Ainsley stated yesterday in announcing that the school there had enrolled 100 per cent in the North Carolina Educational Association for the year 1931-32.

In connection with the reduction of pupil failures, Professor Ainsley stated: "The problem of dealing with individual differences is a source of constant perplexity to the high school teacher. There the unit assignment or contract plan is organized in the Oak City High School. First, to adapt instructional procedures; second, to provide properly for the wide ranges of ability in these traits, and third, to evaluate adequately and reward progress."

"The plan requires written specifications within a unit of teaching for mastery at four levels of difficulty. A class group may be allowed such time on the unit of work as is required for all pupils to complete the low assignment."

The Oak City school, in organizing the unit assignment, has received valuable information from the University of Virginia Record, Extension Series, bulletins numbers 5 and 8.

"Since the assignment is made in written form and may involve two or four weeks of work, then the teacher is free after the first presentation of the unit to the group to give her time to the direction of the individual pupils."

"Each high school teacher has attempted the unit plan for one class, as follows: Miss Myrtis Zetterower, senior class in English; Miss Ruth Williams, second year in home economics; Mr. P. S. Williams, biology; and H. M. Ainsley, geometry. The school has already noticed that the method is reducing pupil failures, and teachers' marks are more reliable."

## SPECIALISTS ON DUTY AT FAIR

State College Men at Head Of Practically All Departments

All crop and livestock departments at the North Carolina State Fair to be held in Raleigh October 12 to 17 will be headed by extension specialists or agricultural workers at State College, announces Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the extension service.

The county, community and individual farm displays, as usual, will be one of the most important departments of the fair and will be headed by Fred E. Miller, director of branch station farms, assisted by R. J. Harris, superintendent of the Experiment Station farm at the college. Dr. J. H. Beaumont, horticulturist, will have charge of the display of fruits, nuts, vegetables and flowers, and C. L. Sams will head the beekeeping department.

Mr. Schaub says the livestock pens will be of greater interest than usual this year, by reason of the increased interest in dairying. John A. Arey will head the dairying department, while John E. Foster will be in charge of beef cattle and sheep. W. V. Hays, formerly assistant swine specialist, and now county agent in Tyrrell County, will be in charge of the swine exhibits, and Prof. Earl H. Hostetler will judge.

Two other interesting displays this year will be the ham and bacon show handled by R. E. Nance and the dairy products show in charge of W. L. Clevenger. The poultry show has been growing in recent years until it is now one of the best and largest in the south. This will be under the direction of C. F. Parrish. David S. Weaver, agricultural engineer, will be in charge of the farm implements and machinery department, and Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon will direct the home demonstration exhibits. Club work will be in charge of L. R. Harrell and Miss Elizabeth Cornelius, club leader.

## Commissioners Hold Regular Meet Here

TEACHERS WILL NOT HOLD MEET HERE SATURDAY

Postponed on Account of Welfare Meeting in Edenton

The first of the county teachers' meetings for the current term, scheduled to be held here next Saturday afternoon has been postponed, it was learned yesterday, Superintendent James C. Manning stating that several of the principals and teachers were planning to attend a district welfare meeting to be held in Edenton that day. The teachers will meet here Saturday, the 17th, it was stated.

In an effort to limit the expense incurred by teachers attending the county meetings, Superintendent Manning is considering calling only two of the sessions during the 1931-32 term. This decision was classed as not final by the superintendent when questioned yesterday. One meeting is to be held this month, and a second will be held early in the second semester, probably in January, if the limited number of sessions is agreed upon by the proper authorities. Ordinarily there are eight meetings held by the teachers in this county yearly. Salary reductions were mentioned as one of the main causes for the proposed limited number of county meetings to be held during the 1931-32 term.

## ALL READY FOR BENEFIT PLAY

Proceeds Will Be Used For Charity Work in This Community

On Thursday and Friday nights of this week, the Woman's Club will stage the college comedy, "The College Flapper." This production promises to be an outstanding community event this season. The production is being coached by Miss Myra Kimmons, who is working in cooperation with the Woman's Club.

The members of the cast proper have been hard at work for a week, and every one who has seen the rehearsals state that the show is a riot from start to finish. Mr. W. C. Manning plays the part of Professor Gadsby, the bachelor professor, and Mrs. J. S. Gotsinger plays the part of Dean Howard, the old maid dean of women. These two characters have been in love for 30 years, but the professor falls in love with every new woman who comes on the campus. Other characters who show much skill in their parts are Hubert Coburn, as the star football player who impersonates the old house-mother, and Mrs. Jack Downing, who plays the part of Jean, Jerry's girl. The parts of the three college boys who share in Jerry's misfortunes are ably handled by Mayo Grimes, Jessup Harrison, and Bill Bouknight. Bill Spivey, as the tough football trainer, and James Manning as the coach, are excellent characters. In addition to these plays are John Pope, the college president, John Hassell, a wealthy alumnus of the college, Katherine Harrison, the wife of the president, and the two college girls, Mary and Nellie, played by Trulah Page and Frances Williams.

Perhaps the biggest sensation of the whole show will be the flapper chorus. This group consists of 30 of the most prominent business men playing the parts of famous beauties—C. D. Carstarphen as the girl with the million dollar legs, Harry Biggs as Cleopatra, Gus Harrison as the bathing beauty, Frank Margolis as the vamp of Williamston, and so on down the list.

Other features include the college glee club, composed of 25 singers; the baby pageant, in which a large group of children take part, and the girls' choruses. Reserved seat tickets go on sale at Clark's Drug Store Wednesday morning.

## Henry Williams Dies At Home in Williams District

Henry Williams, Williams Township farmer, died at his home there last Sunday morning, following a stroke of paralysis suffered a few hours before. He was 67 years of age, and was able to be up and about his work until almost the last. Born in Williams Township, he had farmed all his life.

Mrs. Williams, with two sons and two daughters, survives.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon from the late home by Rev. W. B. Harrington. Interment was in the family burial ground, near the home.

## SCHOOL BUDGETS ARE DISCUSSED AND APPROVED

No New Names Added To Poor List for First Time in Many Months

For the first time in many, many months, no appeals of the poor were entered upon the minutes of a meeting of the county commissioners, held Monday. And the old indigent list, a sure target for the poor during the past months, remains unchanged. Probably they are getting ready for a concerted attack upon the county's dele when the first pinch of winter presents itself, and that will be next first Monday, no doubt. The commissioners heard a few appeals for help, but turned them down when it was learned that relatives of the applicants were able to care for their kindred.

While final action of the board was limited, the commissioners discussed the school budgets which they approved as presented by the county board of education. A motion to accept the budgets as presented was made by Commissioner Coltrain, seconded by Commissioner Everett. The budgets are now on their way to Raleigh, where they will receive final inspection at the hands of equalization board members.

A few tax matters were heard, the board relieving several citizens of payment, and ordering the sale on the first Monday of next month of the tax delinquent list for the year 1930. On account of disability, Fred W. McDaniels was relieved of payment of poll tax. George F. Whitehurst, of Bear Grass Township, was relieved of the payment of tax on 25 acres of land when the commissioners learned that the land had been properly listed by C. S. Roberson.

W. P. Powell, Williams Township, was relieved of the payment of tax on 75 acres of land that had been also listed to G. W. Blount and Company.

Buck Outerbridge, serving a sentence at the county home, was hired to Mr. J. H. Rogers for 40 cents a day during the next three months, the county to be free of expense in the man's upkeep during that time.

## WOODMEN WILL HAVE BIG MEET

To Be Held at Nashville Tomorrow; Many From County To Attend

Modern Woodmen of America of the Eastern District Association are planning a big meeting in Nashville tomorrow. Paul Bailey, of the Everetts camp, stated yesterday. A very unique program has been arranged for the semi-annual affair, and hundreds of members from this and surrounding counties will attend. Mr. Bailey stated. At least 50 candidates will be initiated at the evening session, it was stated.

Rev. A. Corey, president of the district association, will open the meeting at 10:30 tomorrow morning, and following the address of welcome and response, Messrs. Baxter Durham, State auditor; Dennis G. Brummitt, Attorney General; Dan C. Boney, insurance commissioner, and Francis R. Korns, director of Modern Woodmen of America, will speak. Dinner will be served at 12 o'clock.

In the afternoon the Jameville camp baseball team will play the Nashville woodmen, the event following a business meeting of the Woodmen.

## EVERETTS MAN DIES MONDAY

Albert Edmondson, 42, Dies In Rocky Mount Hospital

Albert Edmondson, 42 years old, of Everetts, died in a Rocky Mount hospital early yesterday morning of diabetes and bright's disease. He had been ill for more than a month, and was removed to the hospital for treatment only last Saturday. He was confined to his bed while at home during the past few weeks.

He married Miss Vera Mills and to this union three children were born, all of them dying in youth. Mrs. Edmondson survives. For some time, Mr. Edmondson operated a small business in the town of Everetts.

Funeral services are being held from the home this afternoon, and interment will follow in the family grave yard on the Thomas Mills farm, near Everetts. Rev. R. A. Phillips will officiate.