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BURGLARIES ARE REPORTED HERE OVER WEEK-END

Ingram and Teel Homes Are Entered; No Arrests Have Been Effected

Two daring burglaries were reported here over the week-end, when the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ingram and Mr. and Mrs. Val Teel, both of Main Street, were entered. No arrests have been made in either of the cases. Entering the rear door of the Ingram home early Friday night, the burglar searched for money in one room, and was frightened away when a member of the family entered. He fell over a chair and made his escape through the front door.

About 4 o'clock Sunday morning, an intruder entered the Teel home, pulling the light switch as he entered the rear door. He found his way around with a flashlight. Going to one of the bedrooms, he pulled the bed clothing from one of the beds and was frightened by the screams of one of the children. He ran into Mr. Teel's room and then made his escape, the family being in the dark and in a panic was unable to stop him. Nothing was missed in either home, the intruders having been frightened before they completed their pilferings.

7 PERMITS TO MARRY ISSUED

Marriages Are Few and Far Between in This County During Past Month

Marriages in Martin County last month were few and far between, the register of deeds' office issuing only seven licenses during the period. The number was smaller by six than during the previous month. One year ago the register of deeds issued 18 marriage licenses during the month of March.

Licenses were issued to the following:

- White**
Paul Whichard and Ella Mae Hoell, both of Martin County.
Dr. Joseph E. Smith, of Bertie County, and Esther Harris Stubbs, of Martin County.
Hubert Wobblenton and Ella May Rodgers, both of Martin County.
Colored
Jodie Gaynor and Lillian Leathers, both of Martin.
Fred Hudson and Corolanda Walton, of Martin County.
Alex Faulk and Willie B. Rascoe, both of Bertie.
Jack Tell Ebran and Ruth Cherry, of Martin.

COTTON CO-OPS TO MEET HERE

Will Discuss Loans And Pedigreed Cotton Seed Next Monday

On Monday morning, April 11, at 11 o'clock at the courthouse at Williamston, members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association will meet and elect delegates to the district meeting to be held on April 14th, at district headquarters. The delegates which are elected to attend the district meeting will nominate at that meeting a director to represent the district during the coming year. Directors of the cotton association are practical business men, are real cotton growers and are vitally interested in the growing and marketing of cotton.

At the county meeting, a representative of the cotton association will be present and discuss (1) how to obtain money to farm on this year; (2) how to obtain pedigreed seed that will produce a better staple of cotton that will bring additional premiums. Since its organization, the cotton association has made much progress in helping the grower to produce a better quality of cotton.

MASS MEETING AT BEAR GRASS

Voters There Considering Naming a Candidate for County Commissioner

A mass meeting of voters in Bear Grass Township will be held in the school auditorium there Thursday evening of this week at 8:30 o'clock, it was announced this morning by Mr. A. B. Rogerson, chairman of the township Democratic executive committee. The committee is calling the meeting to nominate township officers and center on county nominees, it is understood. The voters will select nominees for offices of township constable, justice of the peace, and, according to rumors heard this week, mention a man for county commissioner.

Fire Early Monday Morning Threatens Town of Everetts

Prepare For Cleaning Up Next Week

Plans and preparations for a big clean-up and paint-up campaign here next week are going forward rapidly, Mrs. Myrtle Brown, president of the Woman's Club sponsoring the movement, said yesterday.

Individual letters are being forwarded to the business firms of the town, urging the support of the owners, and public appeals are being made to every resident in the hope that the worthy task might be properly handled. Make your plans now to take part in the campaign.

FORD ON DISPLAY HERE THIS WEEK

New Car Will Be Seen at Motor Company Here Thursday and Friday

The New Ford V-8 will be displayed in the show room of the Williamston Motor Company on Washington Street here Thursday and Friday of this week, and Manager Green is extending a cordial invitation to all the people of this section to see the car.

There are more than 14 new basic principles employed in the make-up of the V-8, and each of them is unusually interesting within itself. There is the automatic spark; there is the rubber mounting and there are many other features that you are invited to see and investigate at the showing Thursday and Friday.

The new car will be on display early Thursday morning here, Manager Green announced today.

SUPERIOR COURT ENDS SATURDAY

Two of 91 Cases on Court Calendar Heard by a Jury During Week

The two weeks term of the Martin County Superior Court was brought to a close late last Saturday night, when the jury returned a verdict favoring the defendant in the Dill, Cramer, Truitt Corporation against Downs. The case was one of two heard by a jury during the week, leaving virtually all the 91 cases on the calendar untouched.

"If all the cases on the calendar required as much time in their trial, the court would find it necessary to sit an entire year to clear the docket," Judge Paul Frizzelle said Saturday morning. A two-weeks term of court for the trial of civil cases only will convene the 18th of this month. The trial calendar for that term has not been prepared.

One Farmer Planning To Sell 1,000 Young Chicks

Nashville.—Going into poultry raising as a major line and conducting demonstrations under the guidance of experts of State College has enabled J. H. Harrison, of the Rocky Mount community to have 1,000 broilers ready for sale this spring. The birds are averaging two pounds each and are bringing 25 cents a pound. Five other farmers of the community will each have as many broilers as Harrison, or more, County Agent H. G. Wharton reports, as the six have all cooperative demonstrations with Plymouth Rocks and Rhode Island Reds.

The broilers are showing a nice profit over the cost of production, Wharton said.

Felicitates the Survivors He Attempted To Drown

Portland, Ore.—Best wishes from the commander of the German submarine which sank their troopship 14 years ago were applauded here when received by survivors of the *Tuscania*, torpedoed off the coast of Ireland on February 5, 1918, who met here in annual session. The cablegram was received by Dr. Wilhelm Meyer. The *Tuscania* was the only American troopship sunk in the World War. All but 256 men of more than 2,000 aboard were picked up by British vessels.

FIREMEN HERE ANSWER CALL; LOSS OVER \$9,000

Three Stores and Storage Warehouse Burned; Little Insurance

Fire, believed to have been started by rats, destroyed three stores, a warehouse, and resulted in much damage to other buildings in Everetts early yesterday morning. The blaze, swept by a strong wind, threatened one whole section of the town and wrought a loss estimated at \$9,400, with little or no insurance carried on any of the property.

Goldie Hyman, colored teacher and owner of one of the stores burned, discovered the fire about 4 o'clock as she was leaving to conduct her classes in the school six miles away. She called for aid, and it is believed that the fire could have been checked before much damage resulted had there been any buckets and water in reach. Mr. John Cherry, in whose store the fire started, was called, and when he and others reached the business section, the fire was burning beyond control. His loss is estimated at \$4,500, with no insurance. Spreading to an adjoining store, owned by the Clark estate, the fire destroyed that building in a loss estimated at \$2,000. Insurance policies carried on the Clark building are said to have expired about a month ago and had not been renewed. The loss incurred by the Hyman woman when the fire burned her store and its contents, is estimated at \$900. A small storage warehouse, containing machinery, peanuts, and other articles belonging to Mr. J. S. Ayers, was the next structure to burn, adding about \$1,000 more to the losses.

Smoke filled the store of J. S. Ayers and Company and heat from the burning buildings damaged adjoining wall and caused a damage estimated at \$1,000 to the company's stock and building. Mr. Ayers had insurance on his building, but had none on the warehouse contents.

Unable to combat the blaze, Everetts citizens called on the local fire department, 10 members of the company and a goodly number of other citizens going to the scene. The truck emptied one well there in a very short while, and found it necessary to go to a larger one near the Barnhill cotton gin across the railroad. Arriving too late to check the store fires, the firemen prevented the blaze from spreading and are said to have saved two or three homes in the path of the fire and which could hardly have been saved by the bucket brigades.

Rivers Johnson Out for A Seat In Congress

Raleigh.—State Senator Rivers D. Johnson, of Warsaw, veteran of more than 20 years of public service, including eight years as senator from the ninth district, last Saturday said he would seek the Democratic congressional nomination in opposition to Charles L. Abernethy, veteran representative from the third North Carolina district.

Last week, during debate on salary cuts in Congress, Abernethy declared that he was opposed to cutting the pay of congressmen and asserted his constituents would renominate him without opposition.

Name of Local Boy On University Honor Roll

William C. Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Griffin, of this place, was again included in the list of honor students at the University of North Carolina during the second quarter. His name appears frequently in the list.

Board of Education To Hold Meet Next Monday

The regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Education scheduled to have been held here yesterday was postponed when one of the members was called out of town. The board will meet next Monday, according to an announcement made yesterday.

Forwarding Final Warning to Taxpayers of the County

Individual notice are being forwarded to approximately 3,000 Martin County taxpayers this week, warning them of their unpaid tax accounts and urging them to make settlement between now and the first of next month, advertising time.

According to a recent ruling of the Attorney General, the sale of property for taxes can not be delayed this year, and the notices are being forwarded to delinquent payers as a last warning.

SINGING CLASS

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class will appear in a public concert in the auditorium of the old school building here Thursday night at 8 o'clock. The young singers are expected here at 11 o'clock that morning and will be assigned to individual homes for the remainder of the day and that night.

No admission fee will be charged, but a free-will offering will be taken. It is hoped that a large crowd will hear the singers and support them whole-heartedly.

ATTENDANCE AT LOCAL SCHOOLS HOLDS UP WELL

Increased Attendance Earns Additional Teacher for the Next Term Here

While the attendance percentage in the local schools for the six-months period, recently ended, is not as large as it was for the period last year, the total attendance has been increased, earning for the school an additional teacher in the elementary school next session, it was learned from an attendance report filed for the period by Principal Watson yesterday. It was explained that while the additional teacher was earned, the State Board of Equalization could increase the teacher load and limit the faculty to the present number of teachers employed.

During the six-months period there were 817 pupils enrolled, but during that time 18 were lost in the high school and 75 in the grammar or elementary grades, leaving a net enrollment of 724 pupils. The average daily attendance was 164.28 pupils in the high school and 516.58 in the elementary school, a total of 680.86, or a total percentage of 91.6 for both schools. In two grades, it was pointed out, the enrollment had passed the 100-mark, the first grade reporting 108 pupils and the third grade 102.

Attendance percentage was lowered during the term by an increased enrollment and unfavorable economic conditions, Principal Watson stating this morning that actual want and needs for clothing were threatening the welfare of a goodly number of pupils in all the several grades. The most disappointing feature of the report is that there are 64 high school pupils and 189 elementary pupils from one to five years retarded in their work.

SCHOOL CLOSURES AT MACEDONIA

Closing Exercises Will Be Held There Friday of This Week

Vacation days are just ahead for children in the Macedonia section of the county, the school there closing the 1931-32 term next Friday. The school is one of three in the county having the six-months term.

The first of the exercises will be held Friday afternoon following a community picnic on the school grounds. The primary pupils will appear on the afternoon program, and that evening a play will be staged by the higher grades, Miss Irene Tetterton, teacher, said yesterday afternoon.

Junior-Senior Banquet Here Much Enjoyed

The annual junior-senior banquet held in the Woman's Club hall here last Friday evening was one of the most enjoyable events of the term, according to reports released yesterday. Centered around a miniature circus, the banquet was carefully planned in minute detail, the actors royally entertaining their guests.

PAYS TAXES

Maude Ward, colored woman, came all the way here from New York this week to pay her county taxes, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck saying that there were other property owners within shouting distance who could but who have not paid their 1931 taxes. The Ward woman owns property in Robertsonville Township but lives in New York.

Collection on the 1931 levy were numerous last week, many property owners heading off the increased penalty that went into effect Saturday.

REGULAR MEET COUNTY BOARD HELD MONDAY

Several New Names Added To List Given Aid By County

The regular meeting of the county commissioners here yesterday was without note, the body handling no important business matters during the day. The poor and needy made a number of appealing appeals, the commissioners taxing the poor fund \$15.50 more each month, the small sum being divided among six applicants. A few were refused aid. No tax complaints were entered, a rather unusual happening in the meetings of the county leaders.

Miss Lois Dozier, State welfare worker, appeared before the board and explained that the State would appropriate \$700 for the support of an all-time welfare officer in the county, provided the county would raise a like sum. Miss Dozier also explained that several of the counties instituting the service recently are saving enough funds in certain departments to more than pay the salary of the agent. The commissioners heard the State worker, but they did not officially accept or reject the State offer.

Mrs. Verona Ange, of Jamesville, was allowed \$3 a month.

Mrs. Elitha Johnson, of Williamston Township, was allowed \$2.50 a month.

Tamer Brown, colored, of Williamston Township, was allowed \$3 a month.

Ernest Johnson, of Poplar Point, was allowed \$3 a month.

Lelia Etheridge, also of Poplar Point, was allowed \$2 a month.

Jordan Slade, colored, was placed on the poor list and is to receive \$2 a month.

The commissioners recommended that two roads, one leading from the Coburn road, near the farm of N. O. VanNortwick, in Robertsonville Township, to the Hassell Road, near the Jesse Matthews' place, and a second leading from Slade, Rhodes and Company's store in Hamilton to the river wharf there, be placed on the State Highway map as a part of the road system.

ORDER CHANGE IN HEADLIGHTS

Use of Glaring and Dazzling Headlights Prohibited By Ordinance

There has recently been published throughout the State a special ordinance of the State Highway Commission revising the rules with regard to automobile headlights. Under the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina cited in this ordinance, it is illegal to operate an automobile on the highways of the State with glaring and dazzling headlights. The legislature has empowered the commission to pass such rules and regulations from time to time as may seem proper to carry out traffic regulations set up by it.

Section two of the ordinance reads: "When the headlamps of motor vehicles have been properly adjusted, as required by the ordinance of the State Highway Commission and Section 2621 (93) of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, and an approved anti-glare device applied, then the said headlamps shall be deemed to comply with the requirements of the Consolidated Statutes, Section 2621 (91) (Section 49 of the Revised Motor Vehicle Laws issued April 1, 1929) prohibiting the use of glaring and dazzling headlights, so long as said headlamps so equipped are set to throw the headlamp beams straight ahead of the vehicle."

Section five of the ordinance reads: "That motor vehicles equipped with approved anti-glare device shall be exempt from the restrictions as to candle power of bulbs as provided in State Highway Ordinance No. 25."

The anti-glare device now approved and distributed throughout the State is sold for one dollar a pair. The cost of adjusting the headlamps has been reduced from seventy-five cents to fifty cents, which fifty cents also includes the installation of the said anti-glare device. It is ruled that the headlamps need not be adjusted again when they are once equipped with an approved anti-glare device so long as they remain set to throw the beams straight ahead of the vehicle.

The State Highway Commission has ordered the headlights of all of its automobiles which travel extensively at night equipped with the approved Nodimolite headlight device.

Methodist Missionary Society Meets Tomorrow

The local department of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mrs. W. C. Manning, jr.

Listing of Property Is Begun in County

Farm Loans Expected in County Soon

Cash returns from applications made for government loans are expected in this county before long. So far no checks have been received by any of those making applications. An unexpected delay was experienced last week when a technical error was made in each of the applications, but these errors have been corrected and many of the blanks have been returned to the government in Washington City for further consideration. It is believed here that a majority of the loans will go through without any more trouble, but applicants are asked to be patient and wait for developments. Hundreds of thousands of the applications have to be considered, and the task requires much time.

TOWN BOARD IN REGULAR MEET

Hear Request for Extension of Water Lines To Cemetery Section

"We are being taxed to pay for the waterworks system in town, and yet we are receiving no benefit from the system," a committee from beyond the cemetery said when they went before the town commissioners last night, asking that body to extend the water mains in their direction. Recent fires there and high insurance rates are said to have prompted the visit of the citizens whose property is unprotected against fire. The request was attentively listened to by the officials, but they stated that financial conditions were not very favorable with the town right at this time, and that the matter would be given more consideration later on.

After listening to a welfare report offered by welfare leaders, the commissioners made a small donation that the present program of work might be completed.

Several tax reports were heard and current bills were investigated.

HEALTH REPORT FOR PAST MONTH

Many Whooping Cough and Chickenpox Cases In County last Month

Chickenpox and whooping cough cases almost reached the epidemic stage in two sections of the county last month, according to a report filed in the office of County Health Officer J. H. Saunders last week. Williamston Township reported 25 chickenpox cases, all but one being among white people. No other chickenpox cases were reported in the county during the month. Bear Grass Township reported 25 whooping cough cases, and all of them were among white children.

Other than the 25 cases of chickenpox and 28 cases of whooping cough, there were no contagious diseases reported in the county during March.

Meeting of Young Church People Here Next Friday

Episcopal young people of the third district, Diocese of East Carolina, will meet in the Church of the Advent here next Friday morning, it was announced yesterday by Chairman Katherine Harding. The meeting will be opened at 10:30 that morning, adjournment following a friendship circle that afternoon.

A goodly number of young people from Beaufort, Pitt, Hyde, Dare, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties is expected to be here for the meeting. Prominent leaders in the church are also expected to attend and take part in the meeting.

Arrangements Complete For Senior Play Friday

Arrangements for the annual senior play in the high school auditorium here next Friday evening at 8 o'clock are complete, and a very entertaining performance is assured by the pupils and their director. The play, "At the End of the Rainbow," is complete in three acts and has to do with college life during the football season. Interesting scenes and a puzzling plot are features.

COOPERATION OF PEOPLE IS ASKED BY LIST TAKERS

Direct Particular Attention To the Farm Census Questionnaire

The listing of property for 1932 taxation was started in the county yesterday to continue throughout the month. The 10 listers are making individual listing schedules, and property owners are urged to list their belongings as early as possible that a last-minute rush might be avoided at the end of the month. Mr. Roy T. Griffin, listing for this township, will be at the Farmers Supply Company store on Washington Street here today and Friday of this week, and again on the 12th, 14th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th. Late listing subjects the property owner to a penalty provided by law.

A few of the listers in the smaller districts will not sit until after the middle of the month, but where property owners are desirous of completing the work before that time, special arrangements can be made.

In an effort to expedite the listing tasks, the list-takers are appealing to the property owners, urging them to make a preliminary list of answers to questions advanced by law in what is known as the "Farm Census."

Each farm owner or his agent is to come prepared to report the acreage of each crop to be harvested on his or his tenants' farms this year. Also acres cultivated, lying out, number of bearing fruit trees, and the tons of fertilizers used for all crops. Prepare your list now. This Farm Census is required by State law, but is not for taxation purposes.

The following information will be required: Number acres of corn, cotton, tobacco, oats, peanuts, cowpeas, soy beans grown alone and for hay, how many Irish and sweet potatoes, garden crops, peach trees, sows for breeding, hens of laying age, milk cows, and number of hives of bees.

NEGRO WOMAN IS BADLY HURT

Fannie Purvis Dangerously Cuts Caroline Faulk Here Sunday

Caroline Faulk, local colored woman, was dangerously cut about her back and throat early last Sunday evening by Fannie Purvis, colored. The Purvis swung her knife at random, inflicting nine wounds that nearly bled the woman to death before she could be carried to a doctor. Forty stitches were necessary to close the wounds. Disapproving the close friendship between her husband and the Purvis woman, the victim called at the Purvis home, allegedly to tear down the intimate friendship of the two. The Purvis woman was prepared to defend herself, it was stated, and freely used the knife before she could be stopped.

Officers arrested and jailed the Purvis woman that night, releasing her under a \$300 bond Monday morning. A preliminary hearing will be held next Monday before Justice Hassell.

MAKE PLANS FOR DISTRICT MEET

Program Planned at Meet Held in Courthouse Here Last Week

By Miss LORA E. SLEEPER
Representatives of four counties were present at the meeting held in the home agent's office last week to plan a program for the district meeting of the home demonstration clubs. Miss Ethel Nice, home agent in Pitt County, brought with her Mrs. O. H. Jackson, district chairman. Miss Eugenia Patterson, home agent in Washington County, brought with her a representative from the demonstration clubs. Miss Georgia Piland, home agent in Tyrrell County, brought Mrs. B. H. Owens, council president. Martin County was represented by Mrs. T. M. Woodburn, secretary of the State organization; Mrs. Will Taylor, council president; Mrs. G. A. Peele, county program chairman; Mrs. Bettie Roberson, of Parmele, and Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home agent.

The program is difficult to plan, owing to lack of space. A recreational program had been planned for out of doors, but thus far there is not space available. The home agent is anxious to make the visiting counties welcome.