

## AT TONSIL CLINIC 247 OPERATED ON HELD IN COUNTY

### Nearly 200 Children Were Treated Without Cost To Them

Two hundred and forty-seven Martin County children were operated on in the several tonsil and adenoid clinics held during the past several weeks, it was learned yesterday from the county relief office. Of that number, 187 were treated free of cost to the patients, the remaining 60 paying a comparatively small fee for the operations.

The last of the clinics was held at Everetts last Friday, when 31 operations were performed, some of them being pay cases.

In addition to the Everetts children receiving benefit of the clinic, there were 6 from the Parmele school; and 1 from Williamston. No trouble was experienced with any of the children, and all are reported by their parents to be recovering rapidly.

Friends and patrons of the school cooperated in making the clinic a success, and the opportunity is taken here to express appreciation not only to them but also to Dr. C. J. Sawyer and his assistants for their inestimable service to the Everetts school children.

## BEER LICENSES FIXED IN BILL

### Will Cost Retailer \$45 To Sell Beer on Premises After First of May

A bill passed by the State Senate and now before the House provides the following tax, as far as it could be learned here:

Manufacturer's license, \$500 annually.

Bottlers, \$250, plus a tax of 1 cent a bottle.

Wholesalers, \$150 for each warehouse distributing point.

Salesmen, \$25.

### Retail Licenses

Town license, \$15 for sale on premises and \$10 when beer is bought and carried out in container.

County may charge up to \$15, and State will exact a \$5 fee.

In addition to the license fees a tax of \$3 per 31-gallon barrel is levied or one cent per bottle of not more than 12 ounces.

In addition to the state, county and town license fees and tax, the federal government collects \$5 a barrel from the manufacturer.

If the maximum county fee, \$25, is charged, and it is likely that it will be in this county, then the retailer will have to pay licenses in the sum of \$45 to sell beer on his premises, and \$40 if he sells it for use off his premises.

The measure will be considered in the house, and definite schedules will be determined by Thursday of this week, it is understood.

No alcoholic beverages may be sold within 300 feet of a church or school outside of incorporated towns or within 50 feet of a church in town during church hours.

## Presbyterians Plan Meeting In Oak Grove Schoolhouse

Beginning next Friday night at 8 o'clock, the Presbyterians of Martin County, who have been holding prayer meetings each Friday night until recently, and Sunday school each Sunday afternoon at 1:30 in an old vacant tenant house on the Mark Ballard farm midway between Williamston and Hamilton, will hold a 10-day meeting in the old Oak Grove schoolhouse now used as a tobacco pack room. The messages will be delivered each evening by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, the local Presbyterian minister. There will be enough seats to accommodate everyone and each service will begin with a song program. The Christians and citizens of this community are cordially invited to attend these services.

## Five Clubs Have Canned Total of 939 Quarts Meat

Five clubs have reported having canned 939 quarts of meat, which is an average of 187 per club. It is very evident some are going to have some meat canned, which is safe because it was all canned by the steam pressure cookers. The meat is composed of beef, hog meat, and venison. At 20 cents per quart the meat canned would amount to \$187.80 and this is not the total report for the entire county. It is certain the folks in Martin County have canned more meat this year with the steam pressure cooker than ever before. With the coming of spring and summer the cookers will play a big part in preserving non-acid vegetables safely for winter use during 1933.

## 20 Men From County Sign Up for Reforestation Work

Twenty Martin County young men had signed up for work in the Civilian Conservation Corps up to yesterday afternoon, and more are expected to enter the service between now and the end of the week, it was learned from the relief office here this morning. Fifty applications were considered yesterday, but only 20 of the applicants were eligible to enter the service. Only one negro reported, and as he is married he could not be accepted.

The successful applicants will probably leave the latter part of this week and travel on trucks to

some Army camp, possibly Fort Bragg, near Fayetteville. Where there is a member of a family gainfully employed, another member of that particular family is not eligible to enter the reforestation work, it is understood. The applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 25 years. Applications were received yesterday from all parts of the county, only one being accepted from Williamston Township. The workers will receive \$30 a month, \$25 of which they will be directed to send home for family use. They will receive their board, lodging, and clothing free, it is understood.

## TEACHERS AND PARENTS MEET AT JAMESVILLE

### Make Plans To Can Food For Use In The School Kitchen Next Winter

The parent-teacher association of the Jamesville school met on Tuesday night and elected officers for another year. They made plans also for canning food stuffs this summer to be used by the school kitchen during the next school year.

After a short and interesting program by children from some of the grades, the selection of officers for the coming school year. Mrs. Bettie Hassell was chosen president to succeed Mr. R. O. Martin, Mr. J. R. Manning succeeded Mrs. E. H. Ange, and Miss Louise Roebuck was chosen secretary to succeed Miss Opal Brown.

The attainments of the year were reviewed. The outstanding accomplishment of the year being the operation of the hot lunch kitchen which has been managed by Mrs. P. C. Blount. This undertaking has met with unexpected success. The manager of the kitchen has served all children of the elementary school who do not go home for lunch. The average daily meals served during the first six months of the term was 242. The second undertaking carried out by this association was providing for the adenoid and tonsil clinic conducted by Dr. C. J. Sawyer. Thirty-one people received operations during this clinic.

The new officers will have charge of the next meeting, and different projects will be introduced and planned at the meeting under the new officers.

## Plan Organization Of Baseball League Here

Sport fans in this and several other towns in this section are considering organizing a baseball league and a regular schedule of play for this summer. A meeting of supporters was held here last week, but no definite action was taken at that time. A second meeting is scheduled in Ashok for Thursday night of this week, when it is hoped other towns will apply for entrance into the proposed league. The towns of Elizabeth City, Edenton, Coleraine, Ashok, and Williamston had representatives at the meeting held here.

## DEATH OF MRS. MOLLIE BROWN

### Funeral Services Are Being Held This Afternoon Near Oak City

Mrs. Mollie Brown, 86 years old, died at her home near Oak City about 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Suffering with cancer, she had been in ill health for some time, but despite her advanced age and infirmities she was very active almost to the end.

Mrs. Brown was born in Halifax County, but had lived in Martin most all her life. She was married to J. T. Brown, Confederate veteran who died some time ago.

She leaves five children, three sons, Thad, J. T., and H. E. Brown, all of Oak City, and two daughters, Mrs. James R. Perry, of Oak City; and Mrs. W. K. Hurst, of Greenville.

Funeral services are being conducted from her late home this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Elder W. E. Grimes. Interment will follow in the Concho Church Cemetery.

## Three Months Old Child Died Last Sunday Night

Lois Marie, three-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Mack M. Bowen, died at the home of her parents, near here, Sunday night of pneumonia. Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon, and interment will follow in the family burial ground near the home.

## BISHOP DARST TO VISIT IN COUNTY

### Will Appear In Three Pulpits In County During The Week-end

On Friday, April 28, the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will make his annual visit to the Church of the Advent here. Bishop Darst will remain in the county over the week-end.

Friday evening at 8 o'clock, the Bishop will hold a service in the church here when he will speak about the plans and needs of the Diocese for the coming year. On Saturday evening the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will give a supper in honor of the minister. At the morning service Sunday, the Bishop will preach and confirm a class. In the afternoon he will preach at the Holy Trinity Mission, near Bear Grass, and in the evening he will preach at Hamilton.

Bishop Darst is well known here and his many friends are looking forward to his visit. The public is cordially invited to be present at the several services.

## BEAR GRASS HONOR ROLL

### Fifty-Three Names Appear On List For Past School Month

Fifty-three names appear on the honor roll of the Bear Grass School for the past month, as follows:

First grade: Vernon Roebuck, Jack Roberson, Wade Mobley, Haywood Mobley, Luke Mizelle, Mayo Harrison, Dallas Harrison, Gilliam Rogers, Mildred Bowen, Sudie Martin, Eula M. Gurganus.

Second grade: Edward Bullock, Rufus Gurganus, Naomi Brown, Bessie Harrison, Sybil Pele, Jeannette Rogers, Olivia Rogers.

Third grade: Mary Lou Hodges, Nina Lee Britton.

Fourth grade: Ronald White, Rachel Ayers, Rachel Hardy, Magdalene Harrison, Carrie Dell Terry, Virginia Whitaker, Peggy Martin.

Seventh grade: Lee Cherry, Leon Rogers, Elizabeth Bailey, Irene Hodges, Elizabeth Knox, Mary Bet Rogers, Vady Shaw, Bessie Mae Terry, Catherine Wynne.

Eighth grade: William Mizelle, Hilda Roebuck, Retha Griffin, Susie Gray Harrison, Louise Taylor, Dan Pele.

Ninth grade: Mary Elizabeth Keel, Clifton Malone.

Tenth grade: A. B. Ayers, Theresa Rogers.

Eleventh grade: Ralph Mobley, Taylor Malone, Roland Rogers, Ruth Hazlett Rogers, Viola Harrison, Ruth Roebuck.

## Woman's Club Meeting To Be Held Thursday At 4 p. m.

The local Woman's club will hold its regular meeting in the club rooms Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, it was announced today by the president. All members are cordially urged to attend.

## Select Poultry Breeding Stock at 8 To 12 Weeks

Culling of cockerels and pullets is almost a continual process, but where all cripples and undersized birds have been eliminated the first culling should be made when the birds are between 8 and 12 weeks old. The birds, however, should be carefully watched during the entire growing period, and those that lack vigor or are slow in developing should be discarded.

## Orange 4-H Club Boys Plant One Variety Corn

One hundred 4-H club boys in Orange County are planting the Jarvis Golden variety of corn this season.

## CANNING MEETS IN COUNTY TO BE HELD THIS WEEK

### Meetings Will Be Held At Jamesville, Williamston And Parmele

In an effort to further advance the live-at-home program and provide food for the needy next fall and winter, Miss Lora E. Sleeper, county home agent, has arranged meetings for canning demonstration in the county for Thursday and Friday of this week.

The first of the meetings will be held in Jamesville Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in the club room. Interested persons from Dardens, Poplar Chapel, Angetown, Hardison Mill, and Jamesville sections are urged to attend the meeting there. A second meeting will be held in the home agent's office in Williamston and representatives from Bear Grass, Macedonia, Holly Springs, Cross Roads, Robersonville, Parmele, Gold Point, Hamilton, Poplar Point, and Oak City are urged to be present.

The following day the agent will hold meetings among the colored people. At 10 o'clock next Friday morning colored representatives are asked to meet in the Williamston colored school. That afternoon at 2 o'clock a second meeting will be held in the Parmele Training School.

These schools, Miss Sleeper pointed out, are very important in that those depending upon relief agencies and yet who fail to make an effort to preserve food for winter use will be denied aid next fall and winter. Instructions will be offered as to the various ways of preserving food, and it is important that the needy know them.

## SCHOOL NEWS AT OAK CITY

### Commencement Sermon To Be Preached There on Sunday Night May 7

Oak City, April 24.—The commencement sermon of the Oak City public school will be preached Sunday evening, May 7, at 8 o'clock by Rev. L. V. Harris, pastor of the Scotland Neck Methodist Church. Monday evening at 8 o'clock, the class night exercises will be held in the high school auditorium. On Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, Judge Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, will deliver the commencement address. The public is cordially invited to attend these exercises. The next two weeks of school will be very busy ones for the school of Oak City. Much work has to be accomplished as well as graduation activities. Every pupil is urged to be present during the last two weeks.

Senior examinations will begin next Monday, May 1, due to the fact that graduation exercises must be given practice. Examinations for remainder of high school will begin on Thursday of that same week.

Due to the fact that there is some doubt as to whether teachers will receive their full salaries for the eighth month, the town of Oak City is sponsoring their board for two weeks of that period. Committees have been appointed to collect food which is to be served at the teachers' meals. Mrs. J. H. Wiggins has kindly offered her services in preparing and serving the meals.

Hot lunch is still being served every day to sixty or seventy children. Records show a decided gain in the weight of these particular children. Reported by Miss Lena Allsbrooks.

## Local Man Gets Quilt Made by Church Women

Holding the lucky number, "137," Mr. B. F. Perry, local man, received a bed quilt made by members of the Riddick's Grove Baptist Church. The number was announced at the church Sunday, the scheme netting the society a comparatively large sum.

## Schoolmasters To Hold Last Meeting This Week

The Schoolmasters Club will hold its last meeting of the year at the Everetts High School Building on Thursday, April 27, at 6:30 p. m. Business matters of considerable importance to elementary and high school principals will be discussed.

## Mid-week Prayer Service in Presbyterian Church Here

The regular mid-week prayer meeting of the Presbyterian church will be held here Wednesday night at 8:00 o'clock. "We are studying the peculiarities and characteristics of our own church," the pastor said. The pictures taken two weeks ago will be shown on a screen. Be sure and attend.

## Judge Smith Says Assembly Might Adjourn Next Week

"We hope to finish up all work and quit Raleigh by Friday night of next week," Representative J. Calvin Smith said while here yesterday attending to business matters.

The Martin representative said that the beer control legislation would be made complete within the next day or two, and said that it was his belief that the beverage would be so heavily taxed that its sale would be almost prohibitive. And then there is the revenue bill to be considered, Mr. Smith said. "We passed the bill providing for a 2 per cent sales tax, and it looks as if the senate is going to increase the rate to 3 per cent. Then we

will have to vote on the bill again," he added. According to Mr. Smith, there are about 60 bills up now for consideration, but if too much time is not required to pass the sales tax measure, all work should be completed by Friday night of next week.

The representative said he was tiring of his stay in Raleigh and that he along with most of the others is ready to return home. There have been so many bills and so many changes effected, Mr. Smith said, when questioned here yesterday about a certain bill, that he found it difficult to remember all the details once the bills are passed.

## MINISTER HOPES DRUG SHOPS NOT TO SELL 3.2 BEER

### Fears Radical Change in Complexion of Drug Store Crowds

By CHARLES H. DICKEY

Possibly in all the world, no drug stores have come to be so happy and wholesome community centers as those in Williamston.

Into them, mornings, afternoons, and evenings, go a stream of men, women, and children who have found them not only places, but about the only places, the community offers where every one, of whatever sex or age, may go at any hour and pleasantly while away a few moments in innocent and pleasurable pastime, passing the time of day with neighbors and friends and enjoying the conviviality of the well-behaved groups.

It means a great deal to a community to have such places on its main thoroughfare. Children dropping in on the way to or from school; little tots running in for a sucker or a cream cone, young men and young women coming in for a soda, and women dropping in for a resting spell in a pleasant environment and men standing about talking crops, politics, and business.

It is submitted that few communities anywhere can offer a happier picture than the mixed groups of small children, young people and men and women who, smilingly and happily, greet each other in our drug stores, and have come to look upon them as community centers and places of innocent and wholesome pleasures, where the crowds are decent and the conduct of the people on the square.

Now it is commonly said that many people want these places—our public commons—to add 3.2 per cent beer to their stock, selling the same for consumption in their premises.

To have beer or not to have it is not now any longer the question. But where to have it is, reasonably, a question, and one that is of tremendous concern, one believes, to a large group of people in this community.

When one grants, for the sake of argument, that Williamston is "wet," and that a large percentage of its men, and of its women, feel free to drink what they like, when and where they like it, it is likewise true, on the other hand, that there are sizeable groups of men and women in the town who consume no alcohol at all.

And what is more, one imagines that a large number of the men who drink would prefer that their women do not; and in cases where both men and women drink, one can not but believe that they would just as soon rather their children would not.

And, following out this course of logic, it is believed that in Williamston, and primarily for the sake of some of its women and all of its children, a great proportion of the parents of the town would rather that no alcohol at all be handled in the places where their children, from babies, to young men and young women go, every day.

No one, as of today, can tell what difference the sale of beer in our drug stores would make. But a few conjectures are in order and conjectures which are reasonable:

It is believed that the sale of alcohol in these drug stores would perceptibly change the complexion of the drug-store crowds. Now, this may not happen all at once; but it will quite likely happen. This changing of complexion in the drug store groups would possibly manifest itself in these two ways:

First, the selling and drinking in the premises of 3.2 per cent alcohol would quite likely attract to these public places a type of men, and of women, who heretofore have not been attracted to them.

Second, the incoming of this undesirable type, would tend to have the effect of eliminating from these same places some of the men, women, and children who have always frequented them, because the environment was wholesome and because the groups were largely devoid of the undesirable.

Now, let's see how this runs: Alcohol, of any content, will always attract those who want alcohol. It will tend to repel those who do not want it. The consumption of alcohol does not tend to add to any one's poise, grace, or charm, but on the other hand, does have a tendency to produce a certain type of roughness, boisterousness, and "whoopie."

But alcohol, roughness and boisterousness and public "whoopie" do not tend to offer a conducive place to small children, school children, and to some women—and, for that matter, some men.

This writer has no commission to speak for any one; but he does believe that Williamston has a great many people who would quite naturally prefer that the public places

## Nominate John L. Hassell for Mayor

### PRESENT BOARD IS RENOMINATED BY ACCLAMATION

### Election Will Be Held In Municipal Building Next Tuesday

Mr. John L. Hassell, justice of the peace, was nominated to succeed Robert L. Coburn as mayor at a nominating convention held in the City Hall here last Friday night. No contest resulted for places on the board of town commissioners, and Messrs. L. P. Lindsley, Luther Peel, G. H. Harrison, V. D. Godwin, and N. C. Green were renominated by acclamation. The nominees will go into an election May 2, and in all probability will be unopposed. An independent ticket has been advanced by rumor, but the reports were made merely as a joke or to add interest to the town's biennial convention and election.

More than 200 citizens attended the convention, and in less than one hour they selected one of three candidates for mayor and renominated the old board of commissioners. A little ruckus developed when the question as to whether a majority or a plurality vote should be considered in the race for mayor. The convention, all powerful within itself, agreed that a plurality vote would determine the winner.

Completing the rules and regulations governing the convention, Judge Clayton Moore, permanent chairman, asked for nominations for mayor. Elbert S. Peel nominated J. L. Hassell, explaining that the law permitted a justice of the peace to also hold the office of mayor. Mr. E. P. Cunningham, in a few appropriate words, offered the candidacy of Mr. W. T. Meadows. Mr. J. E. King seconded the nomination. Mr. J. E. Pope was nominated for the place by Mr. S. H. Grimes, the vote getting under way a few minutes later.

The count was tabulated by Chairman Moore and Secretary C. D. Carstarphen. Mr. Hassell, the successful candidate, receiving 143 votes, or a majority, over his two opponents. Mr. Meadows was second with 41 votes. Mr. Pope received 22 votes. Mr. Hassell extended his thanks to the convention for the vote given him, and pledged his best services in heading the town government during the two years beginning the first Monday in June, subject to the election of May 2nd.

The other two candidates had a few words to say, and the convention, after renominating its commissioners by acclamation, adjourned and went home from one of the quietest political events held in the town in several years.

## SCHOOL CLOSES AT LILLEYS HALL

### Exercises There Tomorrow Mark End of Six Months Schools in This County

Lilley's Hall, the last of the six-months schools in the county, will close the 1932-33 term tomorrow. Appropriate exercises will be held and a community picnic dinner will be served, it is understood.

The Macedonia School closed the term about a month ago, and Griffins School finished its six-months work last Friday, the closing exercises having been held the Friday before.

The closing of the Lilley's Hall School tomorrow marks the end of six-months schools in this county. Under recent laws passed by the Legislature, all schools will operate for eight months and probably longer in some places.

Larger schools, operating for eight months in this county, will start closing about week after next.

## Marshals Are Chosen for Finals at Local School

Chosen for their scholastic leadership during the first seven months of the term, seven pupils in the local high school were named marshals last week for the school finals next month. Jessie Mae Anderson was chosen head marshal, and she will be assisted by Cora Lee Patterson, Roger Critcher, Grace Manning, Alta Critcher, Ben Manning, and Florence Lowe. The naming of marshals is one of the highest honors accorded in the local high school.