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## BIG DECREASE IN NUMBER PERMITS TO MARRY ISSUED

However, Number Issued Is Still Larger Than That Year Ago

Although there was a marked decrease in the number of marriage licenses issued in this county in February, the number is far greater than in February of last year, and for the same month in the year before that. Twenty-three licenses, 7 to white and 16 to colored couples, were issued in February, as compared with 5 in February last year and 13 in the same month of 1932.

Licenses were issued to the following couples:

**White**  
John Paul Jones and Arrie Virginia Byrum, both of Bertie County;  
Joseph Carl Griffin and Velma Clyde Griffin, both of Griffins Township.

Willie Vick and Thelma Virginia Everett, both of Pitt County.  
George Walter Roberson, of Jamesville, and Carrie Wells, of Williams Township.

Mayo Moore and Annie Lee Ward, both of Robersonville.

Joseph Peaks and Ruth Price, both of Williams township.

**Colored**

Percy Land and Rosie Ore, both of Martin County.

David Spruill and Lillie May Williams, both of Martin County.

Clinton Andrews and Lizzie Highsmith, both of Martin County.

O. C. Johnson and Josephine Boston, both of Martin County.

Walter Godard and Delzora Brown, both of Martin County.

Isaiah Green and Lucy Burnett, both of Martin County.

Roosevelt Fagan and Bettie Lee Carson, both of Martin County.

James Peel, of Martin, and Martha Chance, of Pitt County.

Dallas Lee and Charlie Frances Woolard, both of Martin County.

Joe Henry Andrews and Beadie Stokes, both of Martin County.

Herman Morning and Anna Bennett, both of Martin County.

Clyde Spruill and Irene Spruill, both of Martin County.

Hugh Pitt, jr., and Carrie Council, both of Martin County.

Alphonza Lynch and Catherine Sherrod, both of Martin County.

Noah Walston and Scottie Smallwood, both of Martin County.

James Brown and Emma Norfleet, both of Martin County.

## MAY COLONIZE UNEMPLOYED

Committee Holds Meeting In Greenville To Discuss Colonization Plans

Committees of the North Carolina Rural Life Group, an organization recently formed by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, met in Greenville Wednesday and discussed the location of federal subsistence homestead projects in this section of the state.

The United States Government is providing small homesteads for the unemployed in crowded centers, and already has established one project in this state. Others are being considered, it is understood.

The North Carolina Rural Life group will survey available lands and gather certain data in an effort to have the government locate two or three more projects in this state.

Messrs. R. L. Smith, of Robersonville; J. S. Ayers, of Everett; and W. C. Manning, of Williamston, represented Martin County at the meeting in Greenville.

Plans surrounding the subsistence homestead undertakings are to take the place of aid made available through CWA and direct emergency relief.

## Regular Services at Presbyterian Points

Sunday, March 4, 1934:

"The church with an open door." The usual services will be held this Sunday at all points. Bear Grass at 9:30 a. m., 6:30 p. m., and 7:15 p. m. Williamston at 9:45 and 11 a. m. Robersonville at 3 p. m., and Ballards Farm at 1 p. m. The Rev. J. R. Potts, of Ahoskie, will preach at each of these points.

It is hoped that all the people served by these services will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear Mr. Potts. In his early manhood Mr. Potts lived and worked in Williamston, and we are very fortunate in having him back in our midst for this series of services.

"See you in church."

## Contract for Widening Main Street Here Let This Week

A contract for the widening of Main Street here from the Watts Street intersections to a point near the river was let this week by the highway commission. The contract, awarded to R. E. Fuller, of Oxford, calls for an expenditure of only \$2,464.

Project specifications are not now available here, but it is understood that the street in the first two blocks will be widened from four to five feet on either side, and the remainder about 3

feet on both sides, making room for three cars on the road. The contract is said to be in Washington for final approval. Just when work will be started on the project, it could not be learned here today. Although the contract for the removal of the center support to the railroad bridge at the west end of Main Street here has been awarded for some time, no construction operations have been started there so far.

## Make Arrangements For Seed-Feed Loans

### NO AUTHENTIC INFORMATION IS YET AVAILABLE

Committees Are Named for Several Adjoining Counties

While no definite information has reached here as to when the work will be started, arrangements are still going forward for advancing seed and feed loans to farmers in this county, it was learned today from Field Inspector Roy Hearne. Committees have been named for Washington, Tyrrell, and Martin Counties, and applications will be received just as soon as the proper blanks and instructions are received. Messrs. C. D. Carstarphen, W. C. and J. R. Manning will serve as the committee in this county, it is understood.

The loan requirements this year are not known here, but it is understood that they will be advanced along the same lines as those of last year. It was reported that borrowers would first have to apply to other agencies and be refused loans by those agencies before they would be eligible to borrow from the seed-feed loan fund. It is also understood that borrowers last year had to state they were unable to get credit elsewhere before they were advanced loans by the seed and feed loan organization. In other words, the farmer owning his farm and much personal property that is free from debt, might find it necessary to borrow from other agencies, provided, of course, he desires to float a loan. The farmer having no earthly possessions whatever other than a large family, will qualify as a borrower from the seed-feed loan fund, it is understood. But even he will have to show that he has paid off all past loans or at least made an honest effort to meet his obligations.

Announcement of the receipt of blanks and the time for advancing loans will be made by Inspector Hearne through this paper immediately after information is received here.

## Baptists Begin Easter Preparations Sunday

Sunday morning the Memorial Baptist church begins a month of intensive preparations for Easter, which comes this year on the first Sunday, and on the first day, of April.

It is the purpose of these meetings to tone up the several church organizations, as well as the individuals, to a deeper sense of the meaning of the season, and to attempt to prepare them for a new appreciation of the greatest of all New Testament events.

The pastor asks the membership to make it a special point to attend these several services; and hopes that renewed emphasis may be placed upon the beauty and the value of whole families coming into the services. Non-members and visitors are always welcome.

## Man Asks Admittance To Jail During Cold Weather

Feeling the sting of freezing weather, and with only a few cents to head off hunger, William Rogers, colored, asked admittance to the county jail this week. Rogers, recently in the county court, was given the opportunity to pay the costs in his case or serve a sentence, it is understood. On the outside, especially during the freezing weather, he thought it best to serve time in jail. But after a short stay in confinement, he learned a new value on freedom and he managed to raise a first-installment payment and he was again released.

There have been and are now only a few prisoners in the county jail.

## HOLD MEMORIAL FOR MISS PEEL

Pupils, Teachers and Patrons of Farm Life Honor Teacher

A striking memorial service was held in the Farm Life school auditorium last Tuesday morning when pupils, teachers, committeemen, and patrons of the school assembled for a brief period to do honor to the memory of their late teacher and co-worker, Miss Rhoda Peel, who died in a Washington hospital last Sunday evening and who was buried on Tuesday afternoon in Griffins Township, not far from the school where she taught for about two years.

Messrs. P. E. Getzinger, W. B. Harrington, C. C. Coltraine, and Professor Charles Hough each made short talks in connection with the untiring work of Miss Peel for the advancement of the school, the church, and other things worth-while in the Farm Life community.

Out of respect for her memory, the school suspended its afternoon classes and nearly all of the student body was in attendance upon the last rites.

## DENTAL SURVEY IN SCHOOL HERE

Out of 415 Children In the School Here 388 Need Teeth Treatment

Conducting a dental survey in the local schools under the direction of the State Board of Health, Dr. P. B. Cone this week found 388 out of 415 children needing dental treatment. Only 27 children were found to have "perfect" teeth. Eighty-five children had diseased gums.

The most deplorable discovery was the finding of a large number of grade "repeaters." While there are several contributing causes for retarded promotion, defective teeth are believed to have been responsible to a great extent in delaying the progress of the children. There were 184 children who have repeated grades.

No report on the findings in the first three grades are available at this time, as a state nurse examined the children there.

Dr. Cone spent two days examining the children as his part in a statewide survey of school children's teeth.

## YOUNG WOMAN DIES IN HOSPITAL

Funeral for Mrs. J. B. Nicholson To Be Held Here Sunday Afternoon

Mrs. J. D. Nicholson died in a Washington hospital this morning at 5 o'clock from childbirth. She was carried to the hospital yesterday afternoon.

Sixteen years old, Mrs. Nicholson was born here 16 years ago, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan B. Wynn. She attended the local school and a little over a year ago was married to Mr. Nicholson who survives here. Besides her parents, she is also survived by three brothers, Melvin, Haywood E., and Garland Wynn and two sisters, Mrs. Susie Moore, of Whiteville, and Hazel Wynn, of Williamston.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Pentecostal Holiness church here Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. S. A. Fann, pastor of the church of which Mrs. Nicholson was a member. Interment will follow in the local cemetery.

## EIGHT PROJECTS DISCONTINUED IN C. W. A. PROGRAM

County's Huge Sanitation Project Discontinued This Week

With the discontinuance of eight civil works projects in the county this week, 143 men will be added to the unemployment list after today, it was learned from the employment bureau here this morning. Demolition activities are going forward rapidly under orders from Washington and Raleigh, leaving only 253 men engaged in the remaining five projects in this county. Another reduction in the working list is expected next week, and by May 1 there will be no more CWAs in these parts, it is understood.

Martin County's vast sanitation project—the construction of 2,400 privies—was nipped in the bud or before three hundred of the houses could be built. Unit cost figures could not be had today on the particular project.

All road projects, including those on the Jamesville-Washington, Palmyra-Hamilton and Bear Grass roads will be discontinued today.

Drainage projects in Bear Grass, Williamston, Parmele and Robersonville will receive no more attention. Only five projects, Farm Life drainage, Williamston ball park, Oak City drainage, Williamston gymnasium and Jamesville drainage, will be continued next week.

Vigorous protests are being received by county authorities from all sections following the "firing" of workers, and while those in charge might be making some mistakes, they are certainly doing the best they can. An appealing letter was directed a few days ago by a "fired" worker's wife, pleading for help. An investigation showed that the first money paid the husband was spent for automobile tags.

## COLORED GIRL BURNS TO DEATH

Bettie Smith Fatally Burned When Clothes Catch Fire from Heater

Bettie Smith, 17-year-old colored girl, was fatally burned at her home near the old J. B. Speller store on Washington Street here last Wednesday morning. She died in a Washington hospital yesterday after suffering great agony.

The girl was cleaning up the house and stooped to pick up something off the floor. Her dress touched the heater and caught fire, frightening her so badly that she ran into the street, fanning the flames. Several men saw her and smothered the fire by throwing their overcoats around her, but they were too late in their efforts to save her life. She was immediately removed to a hospital for treatment.

The girl lived with her father, Ed Smith, who is an invalid, and leaves an illegitimate child only two months old.

## Russell Rogers Now Owner of Rogers Firm

Russell Rogers, young Bear Grass man, recently purchased all the interest in the J. Rogers and Brother store there and is now operating the business under the firm name of J. R. Rogers and Company. Mr. Rogers has been connected with the firm for a number of years.

The change in store ownership marks the end of a partnership that commanded a prominent place in the business of this section for a number of years. While under new ownership, the business will follow to a great extent the principles of the old partnership, it is understood.

## Delinquent Subscribers Are Getting Their Last Copy of Enterprise Today

Out of forced necessity, the Enterprise Publishing Company will revise its subscription list tomorrow. As a result, today's issue will be the last to visit a few Enterprise subscribers. The publishers regret the removal of a single name from its long list of readers, but increasing paper costs and other mounting expenses make it necessary to take action. Subscribers whose subscriptions are only a month or two behind and who renew them annually, will be given every consideration possible, but the company guarantees delivery of no papers where the subscriptions are in arrears.

## Tax Listing To Be Taken Up At Meeting of Board Monday

Building and Loan Association Will Begin Sale of Stock Here Tomorrow

Recognized as one of the surest ways to save, the Martin County Building and Loan Association opens its 34th series of stock here tomorrow with a greater opportunity than ever before to actively enter into the rapid advancement of this community. Every single share of stock will mean just that much more in developing a home building program, so badly needed here just now. And at the same time, it provides a systematic saving account for the investor, earning for him 6 per cent on his investment.

Already several hundred shares have been pledged in the series opening tomorrow, and it is believed that a home-building program of some size could be started soon should the sale reach or pass the 1,000-mark. Well, there is much interest in the series about to open, and no doubt the results will be just as great, and greater, too, as the size of the stock sale.

## 6 CASES TRIED BY RECORDER

Court Stays in Session Almost All Day Despite Short Docket

The Martin County recorder's court was in session the greater part of the day last Tuesday hearing six cases, the one requiring much of the time having been continued for trial in the superior court when the defendant appealed from the six months road sentence imposed upon him.

After hearing testimony and arguments that waxed warm between the assistant prosecutor and the private defense at times, the court found Hezekiah Briley guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, and sentenced him to the roads for a term of six months. Briley attacked and shot one Leroy Lloyd, colored, several weeks ago. Bond in the sum of \$100 was required when the defendant appealed to the higher courts.

The case charging Enoch Peel with bastardy was not prosessed. Judgment was suspended in the action charging Charlie Harris with an assault.

The case charging Victor Venters with reckless driving, alleged to have resulted in an auto accident on the Jamesville road about two-weeks ago, was continued. The running board and fenders on N. R. Griffin's car was damaged when his car and that driven by Venters ran together.

A continuation was ordered for one week in the case charging Maggie Davenport with an assault with a deadly weapon. The case charging Linwood Pate with bastardy and the one charging Leroy Lloyd with an assault with a deadly weapon were continued.

## March To Be Self-Denial Month for Methodists

C. T. Rogers, pastor. Jesus said, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself." This is to be our self-denial month (March) Every member of the Sunday school and church is to put something into their saving envelope each day. This gift (sacrifice) will show your love for God and your fellow man. Easter morning you will bring your love offering to the church and place it on the altar. Each day we are to give unto the Lord of our best, even maybe to the doing without something we need. May your gifts run up into the dollars. The need is great.

Let us make this a great church-going month in Williamston. Many spiritual papers and unhappy lives here, and it need not be. Try the Sunday school and church as a cure. You are cordially invited to attend the services of your community.

## Warehouse Stockholders Declare Small Dividend

A dividend of two per cent was declared by the Roanoke Tobacco Warehouse Company here Wednesday at a meeting of stockholders and officers held in the courthouse. Messrs. Henry D. Peel and W. T. Meadows were re-elected president and secretary of the company respectively. A committee will handle the warehouse business, it is understood.

## Board of Education To Hold Meeting Monday

The Martin County Board of Education will hold a meeting in the office of the County superintendent, J. C. Manning, here next Monday morning, it was announced yesterday. As far as it could be learned this morning, only routine business will be placed before the body for consideration.

## SUPERVISOR AND LIST TAKERS TO BE APPOINTED

Uniform Values in Listing To Be Sought So Far As Possible

Martin County's commissioners, meeting here next Monday, will, before hundreds of accounts for the year 1933 are paid, set up machinery for valuing and listing property for taxation this year. The appointment of a tax supervisor and the approval of the several list-takers will constitute the main business of the day other than the selection of another jury for another term of superior court to be held next month.

Just how the commissioners will handle the listing this year, it is not known at this time. Last year the authorities shouldered the board chairman with the supervisory duties. There were several applications out for the particular job, but the board turned their applications aside in the name of economy. No applications have been filed, it was learned at the courthouse this week, and it is likely the board chairman will be offered the task—a task with much worry and little pay.

The tax supervisor, whether he be the chairman of the board or a special appointee, is scheduled to meet with the township list-takers on the third Monday in this month to discuss the methods of listing and to set up uniform values as far as it is humanly possible to do so. As far as it is known now, there will be no marking down of real estate values except in those cases where losses have been incurred or where improvements have been made. Outside of a few exceptions in the real estate values, the only variations will be in personal property listing.

All property will be listed as of April 1, 1934. With more attention required in the taking of the farm census this year than in past years, the listing task will probably be slightly more complicated.

The names of the list-takers last year: Jamesville, F. C. Stallings; Williams, L. J. Harrison; Griffins, Geo. C. Griffin; Bear Grass, A. B. Ayers; Williamston, R. T. Griffin; Cross Roads, G. C. Bailey; Robersonville, J. B. Rawls; Poplar Point, L. G. Taylor; Hamilton, T. B. Slade; and GooseNest, J. A. Rawls.

It is possible that many of the old list-takers will be offered the tasks again this year, but it is not known whether any or all of them will accept the appointments generally made by the list-taker upon the approval of the county commissioners.

## Program of Services At Episcopal Church

Third Sunday in Lent: Church school, 9:45 a. m.; Holy communion and sermon, 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m. Holy Trinity Mission Sunday school and preaching at 3:30 p. m.

## Williamston Boys Wing From District Champions

Williamston's basketball five defeated Jamesville district class B winner here last night, 20 to 9, the locals holding the visitors to three goals from action. Anderson, with 10 points, led the scoring for the local lads.

The local girls dropped another contest when West Edgecombe defeated them by a 40 to 8 score.

## Barley and Oats in Catawba County Heavily Damaged

Barley and oats in Catawba County have been so heavily damaged by recent cold that re-seeding is necessary, report many growers.

## Ejected Family Finds Home Near Gold Point

Lou Manning and her two daughters, and the two daughters' several children, ousted from their lowly abode in Hamilton Township last week, are now under cover near Gold Point. Conditions under which the group is living could not be learned here.