

## SERIES OF SMALL FIRES CALL OUT TRUCK 4 TIMES

After a Period of Inactivity Firemen Have First "Fire Spell" of the New Year

Receiving last Saturday night its first call in six weeks, the local fire company has answered three calls since that time, past records indicating that the calls come in groups after a comparatively long period of inactivity.

Last Tuesday noon, the company was called to the home of Ronald Latham on Sycamore Street. Very little damage was done there. Later that afternoon, the firemen were called to the colored Methodist parsonage on Cemetery Road, where fire had a fairly good hold on the kitchen roof when the volunteers reached there. Considerable damage was done to the roof. It was the second time the house caught fire, Nancy Roberson, colored, having moved there the 19th of January, when the roof caught fire from chimney sparks.

Two small houses, out of date since the town's water system was installed a number of years ago, were destroyed by fire last Wednesday morning on the Ingram and Hadley property on Main Street. Starting from burning grass, the fire caught some broom-straw stored in the little house and started it burning. When the fire department reached there, the fire was spreading to near-by buildings and threatening woodsheds and homes. No great damage was done, however. The company has been called out eight times so far this year, an average of not quite one call each week. None of the fires was of any consequence locally.

## CHURCHES HERE ARE VERY ACTIVE

Plan Prayer Services Here In Theatre During the Last Week in March

All the churches of Williamston are making special efforts this month, and especially for the last week of the month, which is Holy Week. During Holy Week every church will have special services at night. At the noon hour, there will be a united service in the Watts Theatre, this service to last only 20 minutes. At this noon-day service the local ministers will take turns in delivering the message. By all the churches making a concerted effort of this sort, it is hoped that a note of spirituality will prevail and that not only will Easter day, April 1, be the cause of much rejoicing for the good that has been done but that this inspiration will help us throughout the year.

Further information regarding these services will be given in The Enterprise, and on Sundays in the churches.

Go to church this Sunday and help make your church a power for righteousness in Williamston. Go in a spirit of humility and of expectation for a spiritual blessing, and God will meet your needs.

## Start Attendance Contest at Episcopal Church Here

E. F. Moseley, rector. Fourth Sunday in Lent: Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

This Sunday marks the beginning of an attendance contest within the church. All those whose names begin with a letter between A and G are on the red side. Those whose names begin with a letter between H and Z are on the blue side. Be sure to come and boost your side and help it to win. Failure to attend is a vote against your side.

This contest will run for six Sundays and a celebration supper will be held at the time of Bishop Darst's visit the last week in April.

## James Cooper Loses Leg In Accident Yesterday

James Cooper, colored man, had his right leg nearly mashed off yesterday morning when he backed an electric truck into another at the plant of the Standard Fertilizer Company on Roanoke River here. The man was removed to a Washington hospital, where his leg was amputated near the knee. He was said to be getting along very well following the operation.

Cooper, operator of one of the electric trucks used in hauling bags of fertilizer from the plant to railroad cars and the company's storage houses was operating it in reverse and caught his leg between the step of his truck and the step of another truck which the operator had stopped in one of the traffic lanes of the plant.

## Over 350 Shares Stock in New B. & L. Series Sold To Date

Opening last Saturday, the 34th series of stock sales by the Martin County Building and Loan Association is meeting with much success, the secretary stating this morning that more than 350 shares had already been sold, and there were bright prospects for the series to reach, if not pass, the 500-share mark.

With small wage earners taking a large block of the stock, and a

distribution running in all classes of employees, the 34th series is recognized as one of the most successful launched by the local organization in a number of years. It is not too late to take stock in the organization; in fact, stock will be available during the next several days.

The 34th series sale will advance the number of active shares past the 3,000-mark, it is understood.

## Crop Loans Soon To Be Available

### RECORDER HAD ONLY SIX CASES

Roy Lanier Sentenced To the Roads for a Term of Eighteen Months

An uninteresting docket of only a half dozen cases was called in the county recorder's court here last Tuesday, the long sentence meted out to Roy Lanier featuring the sentences handed down by Judge Peel.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Leroy Lloyd with an assault with a deadly weapon.

J. A. Whitfield, charged with abandonment and non-support, appealed to the higher courts. Bond in the sum of \$50 was required.

Roy Lanier, charged with trespass and indecent exposure, was ordered to the roads for a period of 18 months, one of the longest sentences recorded in the county court in months.

Maggie Davenport, adjudged guilty in the case charging her with an assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to jail for a period of three months. Appeal to the superior court was noted, the court requiring bond in the sum of \$100. It is an actual fact that few Tuesdays pass when there are not litigants from the "Islands" of Williams Township in the court. Often it is brother against brother, husband against wife, and vice versa. Cut off the "Island" section of Williams Township and the court could go on a half-time schedule and still keep up its work with ease.

The court's old reliable visitor, Teddy Jackson, was "sent up" for 60 days after the court found him guilty on a drunk and disorderly charge.

Probable cause appearing, the case charging Jesse Hooker with bastardy was sent to the superior court for trial.

### Usual Services Announced By Methodists for Sunday

C. T. Rogers, pastor. Remember your Easter envelope every day, a good way to worship God. Only a few days before our week of church services will begin, may these present days, by prayer and meditation, prepare us for a great spiritual feast during Easter week. Yet it is possible for Jesus to pass by your own door during these days and leave you blind, lost, and miserable. "Call upon Him while He is near."

Now is a good time to begin on that good resolution, "Sunday school and church every Sunday in spite of the devil." It will do your body, mind, and soul good; come.

Services at the usual hours. The Sunday evening service, "Sermon in Song," will be conducted by the choir. You are always welcome.

### Announce Service Schedule for Local Christian Church

Bible school should be the largest yet, judging by the prospect of spring weather. Whole families should turn out. It begins at 9:45 sharp and preaching at 11. The pastor will preach Sunday morning on "The Power and Pity in the Parable," and Sunday evening at 7:30 on "Christ and Human Society." Good music, warm, friendly fellowship. Public cordially invited. Make it family day for you and yours.

Sunday will be general missions Sunday, and the church is urged to do its best for others.

### Mr. James To Assist In Filing Income Tax Papers

The State Department of Revenue has announced that Edward James, deputy commissioner, will be at the Atlantic Hotel, in Williamston, on Monday, March 12, to assist the taxpayers in filing their state income tax returns. The time for filing returns expires March 15.

### REGULATIONS IN HANDLING SEED LOAN REVIEWED

Seed-Feed Loans Will Be Known As Emergency Crop Loans in Future

Regulations for making emergency crop loans from the \$40,000 fund recently made available by Congress indicate that a farmer may obtain such a loan if he cannot qualify for credit elsewhere, if he has a justified need for credit and if he is cooperating with the production control program of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, according to a statement made today by S. M. Garwood, Production Credit Commissioner of the Farm Credit Administration.

The maximum amount which will be made available to any one farmer this year is \$250 and the minimum is \$25 according to the regulations. The interest rate will be 5 1/2 per cent annum. Provisions for taking crop liens have been worked out under Mr. Garwood's direction and detailed regulations will be placed in the hands of local emergency crop loan committees within the near future. The time and place where these committees will receive applications will be made known locally within a short time.

Before any farmer may secure a loan, however, he must first obtain a statement from the County Production Council, where one exists, that he does not intend to increase his acreage or production in opposition to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration program.

Applications for loans from \$25 to \$150 may be made directly to the emergency crop loan offices provided the applicants do not have sufficient security to obtain loans elsewhere.

A farmer applying for a loan of \$150 or more must first make application for a loan to the Production Credit Association serving this county. Rejection of his application by the Production Credit Association will be considered sufficient evidence that other credit is not available and the farmer may then make application to the emergency crop loan office.

The emergency crop loans are entirely separate from, and are not to be confused with production credit.

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### To Drop 38 Men from the CWA Roll In This County

Thirty-eight men will be dropped from the CWA payroll in the county this week, leaving 215 workers active on relief projects, it was officially learned here yesterday.

The pay roll will be about \$2,500 this week, Disbursing Officer Luther Peel estimated yesterday.

### Youth, 14 Years Old, Fails In Attempt To End Life

Paul Ward, 14 years old, attempted to end his life at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ward, in Robersonville yesterday afternoon by firing a rifle bullet into his body. Said to have been disturbed over adverse progress in a love affair, the lad resorted to the tragic act to end his life. The bullet curved upward into his shoulder, inflicting no serious injury. It was learned here today.

The boy's father is a farmer and lives in the Robersonville suburbs.

### Will Visit St. Louis

Mr. Dred Darden will leave tomorrow for St. Louis where he will purchase large supplies of goods for the Jarden Department store here. He will be away about one week.

### R returns to Hospital

Bud Crockett left this afternoon for Washington to undergo an operation for appendicitis in a hospital there today.

## MAN DIES FROM INJURIES IN SAW MILL ACCIDENT

Funeral for Lynn Eubanks Berfield Will Be Held In Hassel Today 3:30 p. m.

Lynn Eubanks, Berfield, injured while working at a sawmill in Hassel yesterday morning, died late last night in a Tarboro hospital, where he was carried immediately following the accident. He never regained full consciousness after he was hurt, and there was little hope for his recovery.

While trying to place a belt on a pulley, Mr. Berfield stumbled and struck his head against the turning pulley. A large strip was torn from his face, and he sustained other injuries being described as one of the most tragic reported in that section in many years. He was employed at the P. C. Edmondson mill.

Mr. Berfield, only 22 years old, recently married Miss Annie L. Knox, who survives. The young man, highly regarded by all who knew him, lost his parents when he was a small child and he had made his home with the Berfields since. Besides Mrs. Berfield, he leaves five half-brothers and half-sisters, Mrs. J. L. Wynn, of Morehead City; Mrs. W. R. Bowers, of Parmelee; Messrs. J. W. Eubanks, member of the Martin County Board of Education from Hassel; W. F. and Melvin Eubanks, of Wilmington; and two sisters, Mrs. Rosa Robbins, of Elm City; and Mrs. Lydia Starling, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and one brother, Guthrie Ayers, of Richmond.

Funeral services are being conducted in Hassel this afternoon at 3:30 p. m. by Rev. J. M. Perry, of Robersonville. Interment will follow in the Oak City cemetery.

## DEATH OF MRS. JIM COLTRAIN

Funeral Services Will Be Conducted Tomorrow In Kelford

Mrs. James Coltrain, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Doughtie, natives of Kelford, N. C., died at her home in Hassel this morning at 8 o'clock from an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Coltrain had enjoyed unusually good health up until about three weeks ago when she was taken ill with a cold which later developed into pneumonia.

Mrs. Coltrain was born in Bertie County 63 years ago. In early womanhood she was married to R. H. Banks, six children, Mrs. Mildred Cannon, of Supply, N. C.; Mrs. Beulah White, of Murfreesboro, and Messrs. Robert Banks, of Hollywood, Fla.; Chas. Banks, of Knoxville, Tenn. and Edward and Samuel Banks, of Murfreesboro, surviving the union. A number of years ago she moved to Tarboro, later locating in Roanoke Rapids. In 1915 she moved to Hassel where she made her home until her death. About nine years ago she was married to Mr. Coltrain, of this county, who survives. Besides her step-mother, she also leaves six sisters, Mrs. C. T. Miles, of Murfreesboro; Mrs. Blainie Heath, of Nantux, Va.; Mrs. B. F. Myers, of Hamilton; Mrs. Marguerite Newton, and Mrs. Olive Vick, of Kelford, and Miss Verlie Doughtie, of Norfolk, and three brothers, W. L. Doughtie, of Bethel; Raleigh and George Doughtie, of Kelford.

Funeral services will be conducted in Kelford tomorrow afternoon and interment will follow in the family plot in the cemetery there.

### Cold Weather Interferes With Curb Market Sales

(By Miss Lora E. Sleeper)

We are very sorry the extreme cold weather killed many of the vegetables which we usually have at the curb market. We are glad to say the hens are helping the market, and we hope to supply our faithful customers with eggs at 19 cents per dozen, hens at 14 cents pound, meal at 2 cents pound, a few collards at 7 1/2 cents pound, and maybe a few other vegetables. All sellers appreciate the patronage given them by the customers during the winter months.

### Baptist Services Centering Around Easter Worship

Engaging in a series of special Sunday services throughout the month of March, the Baptist people are urging attendance upon their family day service Sunday.

The members of the church, as well as any others who attend, are asked to come in family groups, and sit together at the morning service.

There will be an evening service as usual, and plans are rapidly being perfected for other services to follow, including a week's meeting immediately preceding Easter.

## 1,350 Tobacco Contracts Are Returned to County Farmers

### CLUB MEMBERS AREN'T SO HOT ON GEOGRAPHY

Large Number Score Low in Test Asking Names of State Capitals

Members of the local Kiwanis Club, while generally admitted pretty good fellows, are not so hot when it comes to knowledge of their geography, it was learned from a test given them at their last Wednesday noon meeting by President R. H. Goodman, who, it is rumored under cover, has a unique way of giving the questions to others. Asked to name the capitals of the various States in the Union, the members are said to have faltered and stammered, claiming forgetfulness when they never knew, and offering various excuses that were acceptable everywhere except on the scoring blanks.

Recently members of a county high school senior class were given a test in connection with names appearing often in public print. The results were really enlightening to the extent that ignorance is rampant. But now the seniors will have to surrender their place and give room for the Kiwanians.

But there is no disgrace to it, and the individual scores are offered that the remainder of us might not feel bad when we test our geography knowledge and learn how little we know. The scores, that is, the number of names correctly listed, are as follows:

D. N. Hix, 24; N. C. Green, 13; J. C. Manning, 46; Wheeler Martin, 24; Robert Coburn, 32; Elbert Peet, 13; W. C. Manning, 38; Z. T. Piephoff, 18; Wilbur Anderson, 7; Charlie Dickey, 24; Charlie Roebuck, 5; W. C. Manning, jr., 15; Tom Brandon, 15; Garland Woodard, 5; William Carstarphen, 19; Frank Margolis, 13; J. M. Perry, 29; B. S. Courtney, 13; Percy Cone, 40; Milton Moyer, 8; Frank Pittman, 32; J. D. Woodard, 15.

The class average was slightly over 41 per cent, a pretty fair average, after all, for a "rusty" group.

## OAK CITY JUNIOR ORDER IS ACTIVE

More Than 200 Juniors and Visitors Present There Last Wednesday

Organized only about two months ago, the Oak City Junior Order council held initiation exercises and entertained a large number of visiting Juniors at a barbecue and oyster supper there Wednesday night.

Six candidates were initiated in the hall there by the Robersonville degree team assisted by members from Williamston. The council there now has a membership of about 50 Juniors, the organization having enjoyed a rapid growth during the past two months.

Two pigs and fourteen bushels of oysters were served at the Oak City Gin Company plant under the direction of J. W. Hines, Joe Ayers, and T. E. Johnson, committee on refreshments. The meeting, one of the most successful held by Junior councils in this county, was greatly enjoyed.

### Fruit from Produce Truck Nearly Fill Farmer's Well

One of Munn-Griffin's large fruit and vegetable delivery trucks was wrecked near Corey's old store on the Washington road yesterday, the flying oranges, vegetables, rice, and other produce almost filling the well in State Revels' yard. The well curb was torn away, it was said, and the fruit rolled in by the bushel.

The driver, apparently greatly disturbed over the accident, is thought to have dropped asleep and the truck ran to the side of the road and turned over. Citizens of the community gathered there and aided the man to right and drive away his truck. No one was hurt and the truck was not damaged to any great extent.

### Worth Proctor Gets Eight Year Sentence In Wake

Worth Proctor, alleged robber of the Harrison Wholesale Company store here in November, 1932, was sentenced in Wake Superior Court yesterday for a period of eight years in connection with law violations in that county.

Proctor, arrested in a raid on his residence in Rocky Mount a few weeks ago, will probably be brought here week after next for trial in connection with the wholesale company robbery here.

## ROANOKE RIVER RISING STEADILY

A Rise of 15 Inches Over Banks Predicted Here By Next Monday

The Roanoke River, rising rapidly during the past few days, is expected to overflow the banks here by 15 to 20 inches next Monday, according to telegraphic advice received by the bridge-keeper, Hugh Spruill, yesterday. Already the stream is 10 feet higher than it was a few days ago, and a rise of about 2 feet more is expected between now and next Monday noon, it was said.

Running at a low level for months, the stream is now carrying out tons of trash and rubbish and the strong current is inviting to the fish.

Mr. Spruill said the rainfall here last month was the greatest since last August. Nearly 4 and 1-4 inches of rain and snow were recorded here as compared with 6 1-4 inches last August. The rainfall last month was about one-fifth of an inch more than it was in February of last year, when 4.06 inches fell.

## LOCALS LOSE TO PAW CREEK, 19-15

Locals Did Well To Hold Down Mecklenburg County Champs

Meeting Paw Creek, one of Mecklenburg County's strongest basketball teams, Williamston's five went down in defeat by a narrow margin in their opening game of the state tournament in Raleigh yesterday afternoon. Apparently suffering an inferiority complex in a strange surrounding, the locals lost the game in the first quarter, when the boys from the old man's Creek made 13 of their 19 points. During the remainder of the game the Mecklenburg lads scored only 6 points, Williamston's Green Wave sweeping them off their feet in the last three quarters.

But the great defensive staged by the up-and-coming boys was too late to make their 15 points count against the 19 already in the bag for the Mecklenburg county lads.

The Paw Creek team was recognized as one of the best teams entering the play, the victory yesterday being its twenty-second consecutive one of the season.

### Martin Woman Died In Hospital Last Wednesday

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Whitfield, wife of Leroy Whitfield, of Robersonville, died in a Rocky Mount hospital last Wednesday noon after an illness of about two months. Funeral services were conducted from the Robersonville Baptist church Thursday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. E. C. Shoe. Burial was in the Robersonville cemetery.

Mrs. Whitfield, 24 years old, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Matthews, of this county. Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Emma E. Whitfield, only two months old. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Roy Edwards, of Oak City; Mrs. Ernest Whitehurst, of Greenville; and Miss Ruth Matthews, of Oak City. Two brothers, Jesse, of Bethel, and James Matthews, of this county, also survive.

### Singing Contest Tuesday at Local Colored Church

A unique singing contest has been arranged for next Tuesday evening in the colored Methodist church here, when five Negro preachers from Rocky Mount and five from local churches will compete for prizes.

The evening promises to be one of great interest, as never before in the history of Williamston has such an aggregation of ministers been brought together in a singing contest, featuring Gospel songs, "H. W. Townsend, pastor, said yesterday. No admission charge will be made, but a free-will offering will be asked.

The pastor of the church is delivering a series of interesting sermons, choosing for his theme subjects, "Some Saints and Sinners of the Bible." The third of the sermons, "Nehemiah, the Prophet Builder," will be delivered Sunday.

### Woman's Club To Hold Dance Here This Evening

The regular bi-monthly dance of the Woman's Club will be given Friday night from 9:30 to 1:30. Fred Rogers Orchestra will play.

## 'PADDED' CLAIMS TO BE CHECKED IN EVERY CASE

Little Difficulty Expected In Revising Contracts In This County

With a gross misrepresentation alleged in the tobacco acreage reduction agreements in this county, the government returned 1,350 contracts to Martin farmers directing adjustments in strict keeping with the curtailment plans.

Just how the adjustments will be made and all the details connected with the contract revisions are not known, but it is understood that no contracts will be approved by the officials in Washington unless they are in strict accord with the curtailment program.

The contracts were returned to farmers in every one of the 57 tobacco growing counties, and it is now certain that the reduction policy will not be based upon "padded" estimates and untruthful statements. In other words, Martin County farmers reported an average of 942 pounds of tobacco an acre for the crop year of 1931, when the government has proved that the average poundage for that period was only 735 pounds. The following year, Martin farmers were liberal in their estimates and reported a poundage yield of 874 pounds, when the government points that the actual average was only 641 pounds an acre. The government's figure is believed a bit low for that period, but figures from authentic sources substantiate the government's claim. There is very little difference in the poundage yield for last year, farmers reporting 920 pounds, as compared with 827 found by the government.

In other words, it is reliably estimated that Martin farmers claimed to have cultivated in the years 1931, 1932, and 1933 a total of 4,216 more acres of tobacco than was actually planted to the crop, resulting in a fictitious poundage of 4,915,933 in 1931, 3,328,159 in 1932, and 1,926,304 pounds in 1933; or a total of 10,170,396 pounds.

The discrepancy will have to be wiped out, and the government assured in every single case that the rules of the curtailment program have been met. The ruling applies to every tobacco farmer in the state, and the farmer who thinks he can "pad" his acreage reports apparently will have another thought coming before he is assured a contract.

As it is understood here, the farmer will be called upon to substantiate his claim of so many pounds and acres. His contract will be accepted on that basis. If he cannot support his claim, and to do so he must have bills of sale and proper books to verify the sales, the farmer then will have to accept a reduction based upon government figures.

The government is not trying to impose any hardship upon any one, but it does propose to see that the reduction program is carried out as it should be carried out. The farmer who has played fair and has proof to back his statements will have nothing to fear in the revision of contracts. But the farmer who reported 15 acres last year, and an investigation reveals only one barn on the particular farm—and that happened in one instance here—will have to come across and play fair, or go without a contract and take the consequences. Farmers should not hesitate to lend their cooperation in the revision of the contracts, because they are assured that no farmer is going to get by with exaggerated poundage and acreage.

Committeemen in this county have been instructed in handling the revision of the contracts, and farmers are being advised to visit their committees before Wednesday of next week that the papers might be approved and forwarded to the authorities.

Word has reached here that 14 contracts have been approved for farmers in this county, indicating that the benefit checks can be expected shortly.

### To Hold Leaders' School In County Next Thursday

Miss Mary E. Thomas, Extension food and nutrition specialist, will return to the county to conduct the second leaders' school of the home demonstration organization here Thursday, March 15, in Miss Sleeper's office. The leaders are urged to attend this meeting, which begins at 10:30 in the morning and continues into the afternoon. Each leader should bring lunch. The subject for discussion will be "Dried Fruits and Vegetables."