



## ANNUAL MEET OF BUILDING & LOAN IS HELD TUESDAY

President's Report Shows Association Had Very Successful Year

A meeting of the Martin County Building & Loan Association shareholders was held in the office of the secretary here last Tuesday afternoon with a large block of the stock represented. With one exception all officers and directors were reelected, as follows:

C. A. Harrison, president; N. C. Green and C. D. Carstaphen, vice presidents; Mrs. Vella Andrews Wynne, treasurer; and Wheeler Martin, secretary and attorney. Directors: C. D. Carstaphen, C. B. Clark, K. B. Crawford, E. P. Cunningham, N. C. Green, W. E. Peel, C. A. Harrison, Frank Margolis, W. C. Manning, Jr., D. G. Matthews, J. E. King, and Wheeler Martin.

The president's report for the past year shows the association had a very successful season, the earnings for the year showing that the stock had been matured within 332 weeks. During the year, the organization lent \$26,075.20 and reported an interest income of \$8,900. Profits paid during the period amounted to \$5,661, loans totaling \$30,128.58 being retired during the year.

At the present time the association has 2,810 shares of stock in force, a gain of 300 shares over the business for the preceding year. Already this year, the organization is expanding its activities, and the outlook is encouraging for another successful year.

## FINALS PROGRAM FOR FARM LIFE

Exercises Begin Tonight And School Closes Next Friday Night

Beginning this evening with a play by the senior class, the Farm Life school will bring to a close next Friday evening a very successful term. Sunday afternoon at 2:30, Dr. B. W. Spillman, Baptist minister, of Kinston will deliver the commencement sermon.

Monday evening at 8 o'clock the primary grades will present an operetta, "Wedding of the Flowers."

An operetta, "Sunny of Sunnyside," by the grammar grade children, will feature the Tuesday evening program, followed by a music recital Wednesday evening. Class day exercises, "The Seniors' Radio Party," will be held Thursday evening.

The climax to the finals program will be reached Friday evening at 8 o'clock when Dr. H. S. Hilkey, president of Atlantic Christian College, will deliver the commencement address, followed by the presentation of diplomas and certificates.

Professor J. D. Lilley, of the Lilley's Hall School, announces that the closing exercises for that school will be held in conjunction with those at Farm Life.

Large crowds are expected for each of the program features.

## Bank of Robersonville Issues Good Statement

Issuing a statement Tuesday of this week, the Bank of Robersonville reflects one of the best business conditions at this season of the year shown in several years. With deposits holding up unusually well and the activities of the bank, including loans, showing an increase, the statement substantiates the theory that the community is fast returning to normal and that the institution is taking a leading part in advancing the best and common interest of the community and its citizens.

This bank has also just installed a York delayed time lock safe, making next to impossible a successful daylight hold-up or robbery. The safe is of such construction that it cannot be opened immediately, thereby requiring 10 or more minutes to effect a successful robbery. In addition to that safety device, the bank carries burglar insurance, doubly insuring the safety of money entrusted to its care. It is also a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, which provides complete protection for all deposits up to \$2,500.

## Many Club Leaders Here For Meeting Wednesday

Seven of the eleven home demonstration clubs were represented here at the third leaders' school held in the home agent's office here yesterday. There were sixteen in attendance and the women stated they had enjoyed the meeting very much.

Miss Mary E. Thomas, extension nutritionist, conducted the demonstration for the leaders and in her discussion she stressed the importance of a green leafy vegetable every day in the diet and the need for variety.

## Cotton Acreage Cut More Than Tobacco

### BOOKS OPEN

Books for the registration of those citizens who care to participate in the June 2 primary and elections in the future will be opened in the 12 voting precincts tomorrow. The books will be opened each Saturday thereafter

through May 19th, for the entrance of new names. All citizens who have become 21 or will become 21 before the next election in December, or who have established residence here within the past several months and whose names are not now on the books will be required to register if they would participate in the primary next month. Those citizens who have voted in previous general elections will not be required to register again.

The books will be opened on May 26th for the challenge of any votes that might have been entered illegally.

## A. C. C. ALUMNI TO HAVE BANQUET

County High School Seniors Expected Here for the Monday Meeting

Holding a spring meeting in the Woman's Club Hall here next Monday evening, the Martin County chapter of the Atlantic Christian College Alumni Association will entertain many of the seniors completing their work in the county high schools this month. It was announced this week by Dallas Mallison, the association's general secretary. More than 90 young people from the Jamesville, Farm Life, Bear Grass, Williamston, Robersonville, and Oak City high schools are expected to attend the meeting, along with about 40 of the more than 50 alumni in this county, it was learned.

A very entertaining program has been arranged by the college deputation group, and a very interesting evening is predicted by Rev. J. M. Perry, temporary chairman of the county chapter.

Similar meetings have been successfully held in a number of Eastern Carolina counties this spring, and the one here is expected to climax them all.

Invitations have been directed to the alumni and high school seniors, and more than 125 will be present for the meeting, it is believed.

## Resignations of Election Officials Cause Changes

With one or two exceptions, the appointments of election officials in this county were accepted, Chairman Sylvester Peel said yesterday. Mr. R. T. Griffin, pollholder for Williamston precinct, resigned, Mr. Peel stating yesterday that the position had not been filled, adding that he was awaiting recommendations from within the precinct.

Mr. J. W. Hines resigned as registrar in Goose Nest when it was learned his present duties would make him ineligible for the job. Mr. W. V. Daniel, pollholder there, was made registrar and Mr. J. C. H. Johnson was appointed pollholder. As far as could be learned these are the only changes made in the election personnel.

## Schedule of Services at the Church of Advent

E. F. Moseley, rector.  
Fifth Sunday after Easter.  
Holy Communion, 7:30 a. m.  
Church school, 9:45 a. m.  
Evening prayer and sermon, 8 p. m.  
There will be no service at 11 o'clock on account of the commencement sermon at the high school.

At the evening hour, the rector will analyze and comment on the results of the questionnaire sent out to the ministers throughout the country, as to their opinion regarding war, the kind of government we should work toward, and the kind of economic system is most desirable.

## One Service Sunday at the Cedar Branch Church

Religious worship will be centered on one preaching service in the Cedar Branch Baptist church Sunday, the pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington, announced yesterday. The morning service has been called off in the church, giving the membership the opportunity to worship with other congregations and denominations at the commencement sermon at the 11 o'clock hour in the Jamesville High School auditorium.

The evening service in the church will be held at 7:30 o'clock.

## BELIEVED NET REDUCTION TO BE ABOUT HALF

Method of Handling Cotton Reduction Not Definitely Known at Present

Following closely behind the assignment of tobacco acreage and poundage, cotton quotas are now being assigned farmers in this county, and if these are any one who is in a position or at liberty or one who knows all about the cotton situation since the passage of the Bankhead Cotton Bill, he just wasn't to be found in these parts this week.

It is certain, however, that material reductions will be made in the claims by Martin farmers. According to unofficial information received here, a reduction of about 32 per cent will be necessary to bring the cotton contracts into line in this county. The acreage will have to be reduced about 21 per cent to bring the allotment into line, it is understood.

Those farmers, about 500 of them, signing the pink card will be on the safe side if they plant about one-half as much cotton as they did last year, it is understood. The 620, or approximately that number, signing cotton contracts in this county, will be asked to take the quotas assigned in accordance with the reduction deemed necessary to bring the production into line.

Judging from the overestimated tobacco crop and the cotton acreage and production claimed, one farmer jokingly said yesterday that it was really difficult to tell which was the biggest liar, the tobacco farmer or the cotton farmer. It might be added that the man who figures out the contracts successfully is really a genius.

## IS ATTACKED BY ENRAGED BULL

Charlie Ayers, Jr., of Bear Grass, Has Narrow Escape

Charlie Ayers, Jr., young white man of Bear Grass, narrowly escaped with his life a few days ago, when he was attacked by a bull. After remaining in bed several days, Mr. Ayers is now virtually recovered from his injuries.

The young man was leading or driving the animal from Washington to his father's home in Bear Grass Township when he was attacked. Unable to get out of the way, the man caught the animal by the horns, and it is no "bull" when it is said he took the bull by the horns and saved himself from being gored. Mr. Ayers, however, fell to the ground and was badly stamped and bruised by the animal.

Most of the man's clothing was torn off, and it is believed the animal would have killed him had it not been for a colored man who finally succeeded in driving the animal off with a heavy stick.

## Child Painfully Hurt In Fall from Automobile

Little Alberta Knox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Knox, was painfully bruise and shaken up but believed not seriously hurt when she fell from an automobile to the pavement on Watts Street Wednesday noon. The child, realizing the door was not closed tightly, intended to open it and bang it shut. The car, driven by her father, was traveling about 25 miles an hour, the wind catching in the door and pulling her out. She landed on her back and shoulders, sliding several feet to the gutter. No bones were broken and the skin was not scratched. She is recovering at the home of her parents in New Town.

## Experts Here Appraising All Telephone Property

Several experts from the Gustav Hirsch Company, utilities appraisers of Columbus, Ohio, are here this week appraising the property of the Carolina Telephone Company. The work, it is understood, is being handled with a view of ascertaining profits of utility companies and with the possibility of altering rates either upward or downward.

## Construction Work On New Store Started Here

Construction work on Griffin Brothers' store on Washington Street was started yesterday. Building operations will be completed in early July, according to present plans. Located next to Perry's store and the Staton building the store will be two stories high.

## COUNTY COURT HOLDS ALL-DAY SESSION HERE

Court Has Very Successful Day In Collection Of Fines

After two weeks of inactivity, the county recorder's court convened for an all-day session here last Tuesday, calling 14 cases, continuing several, and collecting enough fines to declare a dividend for the schools.

Plum Williams, the congenial colored farmer on the highway next to the Old Mill Inn on the Washington road, pleaded guilty in the case charging him with measuring out the "spirits" for sale. He was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs. Plum did not take the stand.

Ben Rives pleaded guilty in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws and was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs. The court attached a six-months suspended sentence.

William Brown was found not guilty in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon.

A motion for judgment of non-suit was made in the case charging Ralph Dugger with disorderly conduct.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Russell Perry with an assault with a deadly weapon upon the condition that the defendant pays the costs of the case. In the event he fails to do that he is to be assigned to the roads for a period of 30 days.

In the case charging J. R. Crawford and Parvis Whichard with being drunk and disorderly, Crawford was found not guilty, and the case was continued for Whichard.

H. R. Perry was called but failed to answer in the case charging him with operating an automobile while intoxicated.

Oscar Daniel, colored, booked for operating a car while intoxicated, was given an optional judgment; one option requiring the payment of a \$50 fine and costs and the other calling for 60 days on the roads.

The case charging Walter Godard with an assault with a deadly weapon was continued.

Calvin Hill and Willie Rogers, charged with larceny, were found not guilty.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Tilghman Carr was found not guilty.

Prayer for judgment was continued until May 15 in the case charging Elijah Jones with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, C. B. Robertson was found not guilty and the case was continued against John A. Griffin.

Several other cases were on the docket, but they were continued for one and two weeks.

## JAMES T. GRIMES DIES SUDDENLY

Funeral Will Be Held at Robersonville Home Tomorrow at 2:30

James T. Grimes, prominent county citizen, died at the home of his son, David Grimes, in Robersonville at 5 o'clock this morning from a heart attack suffered yesterday. Although Mr. Grimes had not fully recovered from a recent case of influenza, he was considered in fair health until he suffered the heart attack early yesterday.

Born in the Robersonville section, Mr. Grimes had lived there all his life. His wife died several years ago. He leaves three sons, Messrs. David Grimes, of Robersonville; John Grimes, of Parmele, and Turner Grimes, of Florida, and one daughter, Mrs. S. M. Nelson, of Newport News, Va. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Sarah Louise Ayers, of Pitt County.

Funeral services will be held at the late home Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will follow in the New Cemetery there.

## No Morning Service At Local Baptist Church

Following out the established community custom, the membership and congregation of the Memorial Baptist church are asked to attend the commencement sermon at the high school Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and back to their own church for the evening service at 8 o'clock. It is understood that those members who customarily make their offerings through envelopes should take them to the high school, where they will be received, then find their way back to the church for which they were designated.

The second Sunday in May is Mother's Day. An offering will be received from this congregation on that day—all such funds to go to the charity wards in the Baptist state hospital at Winston-Salem. Envelopes for this offering will be distributed at Sunday school Sunday morning, and again at the evening service.

## WORK STARTED ON HIGHWAY IN UPPER MARTIN

Number of Workmen Are Assigned Jobs There This Week

Work on the surfacing of Highway No. 11 from Bethel to a point near Oak City was started yesterday, according to information received here. Fifteen men from this county were assigned to the project by the employment office Wednesday and 20 more will be directed to report there next week. Employment Director J. W. Hines said today. When the project gets fully under way, 53 men will be given employment from this county, 17 from Pitt, and 30 from Edgecombe.

Construction on the road leading from Tarboro to Oak City has not been started. Just when activities will be put under way on that project could not be learned, but it is understood that about the same number of men employed on the Bethel-Oak City road will be hired for work on the Tarboro-Oak City road.

Little progress has been made on the third PWA project in the county at the local railroad bridge since the tracks were raised about two feet several days ago.

A fourth PWA project, the widening of the main street in the county court house block here, will be advertised next Tuesday, according to announcement made by highway officials several days ago.

## FINALS SERMONS ARE SCHEDULED

Rev. Moseley To Preach Commencement Sermon Here Sunday 11 a. m.

Commencement sermons in several of the schools will feature the religious activities in the county Sunday morning, and large crowds are expected to attend in each of the communities where these services will be held.

Williamston's sermons will be preached in the high school auditorium that morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector of the local Episcopal church. The seniors will attend the service in a body, and members from all church congregations as well as outsiders will be there in large numbers.

The local choral society will appear in the program here Sunday morning.

These sermons have advanced in importance as a part of the closing programs for the schools, and it is believed record crowds will be in attendance upon them this year.

## JULE JAMES TO BE ON MARKET HERE

Will Be Associated at the Roanoke-Dixie With Griffin and Taylor

Jule James, well-known tobaccoist formerly connected with tobacco firms in this county for a number of years, will be associated with the Griffin and Taylor firm at the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse as assistant sales manager here this coming season, it was announced by the warehouse operators yesterday. Mr. James will arrive here from his home in Ahoskie about the middle or latter part of July to enter the employ of the warehouse firm.

A native of this county, Mr. James has interested himself in the tobacco business for a number of years, and he likes the business. The year he was connected with the local market several seasons ago, Williamston had its largest sales. Since that time he has been connected with other markets, operating with a partnership in Ahoskie last year. He probably knows more farmers in Martin, Bertie, and Hertford counties than any other one tobacco man. News of his planned return to Martin County will be well received by his many farmer friends and others.

Mr. Jimmie Taylor, while making further arrangements for the local market this week, said that even though there were prospects for a small crop, the outlook for a successful season here was very encouraging.

## Officers Arrest Two Men For Stealing Chickens

Kelly and White Salisbury, young colored men of Gold Point, were arrested there early today for the alleged theft of 16 chickens from W. O. Donald, near Everetts, last Tuesday, and 12 old hens from Paul Dixon, in the same community, yesterday.

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Chief Daniel made the arrests. The two Salisbury are being held in the county jail to await a hearing. Officers picked up the trail of the two alleged thieves when the chickens were offered for sale here.

## Only 80 Per Cent of All Property Listed

### FILING TIME ENDS

Several candidates for political offices in this county are waiting until the last minute to officially enter their names, it was learned yesterday from Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections.

At that time only three candidates had filed for clerk of court, five for county commissioner, one each for county board of education, register of deeds, treasurer, coroner, judge of recorder's court and member of house of representatives. However, the time for filing does not close until tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock, and it is believed several candidates will file by that time, probably creating a contest for commissioner. That there would be contests for offices other than clerk of court and commissioner and State Senate was not predicted today.

## AUTO WRECK ON STREETS HERE

Durham White Man Badly Cut When Auto Hits Tree and Auto

W. K. Dean, Durham white man, and believed to be a large-scale runner, was arrested here yesterday on a reckless driving charge following an automobile accident on the corner of Church and Houghton Street. Felix Riggs, alleged owner of the high-powered Cord car and a passenger in the car, was badly cut about the nose and face. Dean was slightly bruised, but both men were able to return to their homes last night, it was learned.

Driving down Church Street, apparently to avoid traffic and to attract as little attention as possible to their 22 5-gallon demijohns, the two men were traveling so fast when they reached the Houghton Street intersection that one Joe Purvis, colored, was unable to get his Ford out of the way in time to avoid a collision. The Cord knocked the Ford to one side and continued head-on into a tree, shaking the home of Mr. L. B. Harrison. Eight of the jugs were broken, releasing a scent developed only in charred kegs.

Joe Purvis escaped unhurt, but the running board and a fender were smashed. Considerable damage was done to the Cord driving gears.

Riggs said he was sorry the accident happened, but was certainly glad it happened on the way down (presumably to East Lake), and not on the way back.

Producing a roll of money figuratively described as large enough to choke a bull, Riggs offered a \$50 cash bond for the appearance of the car driver at the next Tuesday session of the recorder's court.

## Field Manager for Land Bank Is Located Here

Mr. L. B. McDaniel, well known to the people of this section through his past connection with the N. C. Highway Commission, has been made field manager for the Federal Land Bank of Columbia in 15 eastern North Carolina counties with headquarters in Williamston, it was learned this week.

After being assistant to Division Engineer Gardner of the Highway Commission for several years, Mr. McDaniel resigned last year to go with the Crop Production Loan division of the Federal government. In his work last year he made many friends in this section who are glad to learn that he will be stationed here in the future.

## Orphanage Singing Class To Appear Here May 12

The singing class of the Oxford Orphanage will be in Williamston Saturday night, May 12, to give a concert at the high school auditorium. A full house is expected, as the singers are always well received in Williamston. The performance will be free to all. The concert is sponsored by the local Masonic Lodge.

## Weather Is Hindrance To Clean-Up Activities

While there were many clean-up activities carried on here this week, unfavorable weather interrupted the program to a great extent. However, for the beauty of the town and the health of its approximately 3,000 souls, it is hoped the property owners and others will continue the work right on and on until the town is made one of the cleanest in the state.

## OWNERS OF 20 PER CENT MAY BE PENALIZED

No Material Change In the Total Values Expected In County This Year

The same old situation developed again this year in the listing of Martin County property for taxation, the time for completing the work having expired last Monday with hardly 80 per cent of the property owners meeting the mandates of the law. Late listing was reported in nearly every one of the districts this week with the exception of one or two, where the lists were virtually completed. Whether or not the county authorities will invoke the penalty clause for the late lists could not be learned today, but there is a provision to apply a penalty where the listing requirements are not met.

List-Taker L. H. Taylor reported yesterday that with the exception of a fraction of 1 per cent, all personal property had been listed in his district—Poplar Point. No material change in either real or personal values was predicted by Mr. Taylor for that district.

Williamston reported 80 per cent of the property listed yesterday, Mr. R. T. Griffin stating that he believed a slight gain would be registered in both real and personal property values. Mercantile stocks will show a slight gain, he thought, and the personal property values will be further increased by an increased number of new automobiles, it was believed.

Robersonville reported more names on its books than ever before, and the listing was not quite complete, according to last reports received from List-Taker Rawls. A slight decrease was expected in real values, but the loss would probably be more than offset by expected gains in personal property values.

Reports from other districts indicate little or no change in the values, advancing the belief that the entire property valuation for the county will remain about the same as it was last year.

## WOMAN'S CLUB REVIEWS WORK

Officers and Committees Make Reports At Meet Held Thursday

The local Woman's Club held its regular meeting in the club room yesterday afternoon at 3:30, a review of activities clearing indicating the club had completed a very successful year. Reports submitted by the various committees, proved a valuable work had been accomplished by the several departments. The club completed the year with a balance of \$186.31 in the treasury, after many expenditures had been made and much work had been done by the welfare and other groups maintained by the organization.

The reports of the president and secretary were well received, and proved very interesting to those who have cooperated whole-heartedly in the splendid work accepted—by the club.

Following the business meeting, the club was entertained by Miss Mary Alice Dunning's dancing class.

## COUNTY BOARD MEETS MONDAY

Only Business of a Routine Nature Is Scheduled For Consideration

Other than the selection of a jury list for the June term of Martin County Superior Court, the county commissioners in their regular meeting here next Monday have nothing more than the regular routine duties on their schedule for consideration, J. Sam Getsinger, ex-officio clerk to the board said yesterday.

Tax values will not be discussed, as the list-takers will hardly have their records completed by that time, it was said.

Relief for the less fortunate and tax corrections sandwiched with county finances and financing will probably command more attention than any other problems, it was pointed out. No meeting of the county board of education has been scheduled for the first Monday, as far as it could be learned today.

Now With Parker Grocery  
Mr. S. C. Ray announces he is again with the J. R. Parker Grocery store here, and will appreciate a visit from his old friends and customers at any time—adv.