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### WELFARE OFFICE REVIEWS WORK DONE IN COUNTY

#### Nearly 300 Families Given Some Type Of Service During December

The Martin County Welfare Department had a busy schedule during the month of December, a report filed a few days ago by Miss Mary Taylor, welfare head, showing a varied and extensive work handled during the period.

Some type of service was rendered 275 families throughout the county, the report stated. Many needy children were given clothing that they might continue in school while others were given small sums of money to aid them in keeping soul and body together. Medicine was provided for the sick, and other work was handled in addition to the assigned duties connected with delinquent youth, county institutions, hospitalization and so on.

In filing her report for December, Miss Taylor outlined the work coming under the welfare department and the organization perfected to handle it, as follows:

"The Superintendent of Public Welfare is chief school attendance officer of the county, and has other powers and duties as defined in 'Laws Relating to Public Welfare Work in North Carolina,' as follows:

"To have, under control of the county commissioners, the care and supervision of the poor, and to administer the poor funds.

"To act as agent of the State board in relation to any work to be done by the State board within the county.

"Under the direction of the State board, to look after and keep up with the condition of persons discharged from hospitals for the insane and from other State institutions.

"To have oversight of prisoners in the county on parole from penitentiaries, reformatories, and all parole prisoners in the county.

"To have oversight of dependent and delinquent children, and especially those on parole or probation.

"To have oversight of all prisoners in the county on probation.

"To promote wholesome recreation in the county and to enforce such laws as regulate commercial amusement.

"Under the direction of the State board, to have oversight over dependent children placed in the county by the State board.

"To assist the State board in finding employment for the unemployed."

"To investigate into the cause of distress, under the direction of the State board, and to make such other investigations in the interest of social welfare as the State board may direct."

The Department of Public Welfare is also responsible for the certification of eligible persons to the various federal programs such as WPA, CCC, NYA, Rural Settlement, the rules for eligibility to these various programs being specified by the agencies themselves and not by the Welfare Department.

### 5 County Students at Louisburg College

Louisburg.—A total of five students are registered at Louisburg College from Martin County. These students come from the following places within this county: Hamilton, Oak City, and Williamston.

Louisburg College has a total enrollment of about 300 students this semester, which represents an enrollment increase of over 15 per cent over last year's registration.

These students come from four states and over 60 counties in North Carolina, representing all of Eastern and Central North Carolina and quite a bit of western North Carolina.

The students from Martin County and their parents, arranged by the places they are from, are: Beanie Pugh, daughter of Mr. J. M. Pugh, and Blanche Crisp, daughter of Mr. J. F. Crisp, of Oak City; Dixie High, daughter of Mr. P. O. High, of Hamilton; Clifton Malone, son of Ellis Malone; and Ella Critcher, daughter of Mr. B. A. Critcher, of Williamston.

### Bids for Albemarle Bridge To Be Opened in Raleigh Today

Bids for the construction of a "memorial" bridge across Albemarle Sound are to be received by the North Carolina Highway and Public Works Commission in Raleigh today with a canvass scheduled on Thursday of this week.

Action by the legislature to demand an investigation of the proposed project is being considered,

but no development in that connection have been made public, according to unofficial information received here. Resolutions calling for an investigation with the view of "calling the hand" of the commission were being prepared in Raleigh over the week-end, it was said. It was considered likely that strong efforts to forestall the letting of the contracts would be made.

### Explains Effect of Bill Presented Last Week

#### SCHOOLS CLOSE

Three Martin County schools, Oak City, Hamilton and Hassell, closed today on account of bad roads, information coming from the office the superintendent this morning indicating that several other schools and possibly the entire county system would suspend operation before the week is spent. Reports from several of the schools outside of those in the upper part of the county stated today that all trucks operated on the regular schedules this morning, but that travel was difficult. No decision had been reached at noon as to the advisability of closing them.

The three schools closing today are scheduled to reopen next Monday, the reopening depending largely on weather conditions between now and then.

### County-Wide Vote For Commissioner From Each District

#### Proposed Law To Be More Democratic and Allow Direct Representation

Explaining the bill introduced by him last week in the general assembly in connection with the election of county commissioners, Representative H. G. Horton said that it was the belief of many that the proposed law would be more democratic and at the same time effect a distribution of representation over the county and give the smaller districts an opportunity to have direct representatives on the board of county commissioners. It was first thought that the bill proposed direct nomination and election within the individual districts. Mr. Horton correcting this belief with the following explanation:

"In 1935, for the purpose of having the county commissioners of Martin County a body representative of the whole county, the county was divided into five districts for nominating and electing county commissioners. The districts provided were composed in many instances of a small township and a larger township. The nomination of candidates were by the qualified voters of the district participating, and such provision made it possible that the smaller township might not be able to have a commissioner on the board.

"In order that all townships may fare equally, the bill introduced last week simply changed the law to the extent that the candidates for the office of county commissioners from the five districts shall be voted on by the county at large, both as to the primary and general election, instead of the voting being confined to the districts.

"The effect of the bill as amended is that the representation on the board of county commissioners should be distributed and come from the five districts, but to make it fair for the small and large township alike the voting for commissioners is to be by the qualified voters of Martin County instead of confined to the district affected.

"Thus, instead of in some instances having several commissioners from one section of the county and none in the other sections of the county this bill will distribute the representation over the county so that all sections will have representation on the board of county commissioners, yet the smaller township will have an equal opportunity with the larger township to have a member on the board, as the nomination and election is by county wide vote."

### J. D. Woolard Buys Hardware Business

Mr. J. D. Woolard, for 12 years in the Ford business, purchased the Culpepper Hardware Co. stock and fixtures here yesterday and immediately took active charge of the business which will be known and operated under the firm name of Woolard Hardware Company, Incorporated.

The new store operator stated this morning that the stocks would be materially increased, and every arrangement effected to afford a unique hardware service for the people of this section. Mr. Woolard, a leading and well-known citizen of the county, will devote his entire time to the management and operation of the firm, it was announced.

Mr. Luther Culpepper, founder of the business and who has splendidly cooperated in the merchandising field here for a long number of years, will continue his residence here, devoting his time to other duties, he said this morning.

### NUMBER PEOPLE HURT BY BRICKS THROWN AT CARS

#### Several Victims of Assaults Entered in Hospitals For Treatment

Several people were cut and bruised, one seriously, Sunday night when bricks were thrown from the roadside into two cars between here and Windsor, the dastardly assaults equalling in seriousness the crimes reported along the highways of Mexico. The two attacks Sunday night brought the number reported in this section in recent weeks up to seven, highway patrolmen and other law enforcement officers stating that the assaults were recognized as being of a very serious nature.

W. M. Jenkins, of 1005 Fisher Street, Morehead City, was badly cut about one eye and his face and his brother-in-law suffered a severe cut on one of his wrists when a brick was thrown the windshield of his car about 4 miles this side of Windsor. Mrs. Jenkins was not hurt. Reaching the local police station about 11:45 that night, Mr. Jenkins, almost as bloody as a stabbed pig, reported the attack. Before the report could be filed with Bertie officers a brick was hurled through the windshield of a New York car near the spot where the first attack took place. Several of the occupants in the New York car were dangerously cut and were entered in a Windsor hospital for treatment. They were discharged yesterday.

Officers are working on the cases, but no developments have been reported.

Last week a brick was hurled at the car of L. P. Lindsley, local man, between here and Windsor. The brick missed the glass but damaged the body of the car. No one was hurt. Prior to the attack on the Lindsley car, a brick was thrown at another machine between here and Windsor.

Two or three months ago, a brick was hurled through Harry Taylor's car windshield, critically injuring a young lady riding in the front seat. Several weeks ago bricks were hurled through glass windows in two cars near here on the Washington road, but no one was hurt.

### Plymouth Woman Hurt in Accident

Mrs. C. A. Cratch, of Plymouth, was painfully but believed not seriously hurt in an automobile accident near Nurney's store on the Jamesville road last Sunday noon. Mr. Cratch was slightly scratched and bruised, but other occupants in the car were not hurt.

The Cratch car, traveling toward Williamston, was struck by another driven by Herbert Gardner, of Williams Township. Gardner, driving toward Jamesville, was running behind another car and started to make another turn into a side road. The car in front of him kept him from seeing the Cratch machine until he had turned slightly to the left to make the turn. The left front wheel of his car struck the left rear wheel of the Cratch machine, causing it to turn over two or three times.

### To Hold Baseball League Meet Here

The organization of a local baseball club will be discussed at a meeting here tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock in Pete Fowden's office. All interested persons are urged to be present.

Tuesday evening of next week, a meeting of league officials will be held here. Judge Brandon, leading figure in minor professional baseball, will be in attendance upon the meeting and assist in the drafting of by-laws for the league which is entering the professional field for the first time this season.

Just recently the several clubs in the league voted to adopt professional ball.

### County Man's Car Wrecked On Windsor Road Sunday

The 1934 Ford car belonging to Louis Latham, whose name could not be learned, suffered the fracture of several ribs and other injuries between here and Windsor Sunday afternoon. The car skidded off the highway and crashed into a telephone pole.

Carried before a Windsor court, the car driver was said to have been sentenced to the roads for 90 days.

### Man Arrested in Philadelphia For Killing Here 14 Years Ago

Oliver Grimes, colored man, wanted for the alleged murder of Richard Smith, colored, in this county 14 years ago, was arrested in Philadelphia last Saturday. Arrangements are underway to have the man returned to this county for trial, it was learned from the office of the sheriff yesterday.

Notified of Grimes' arrest, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck investigated and found two witnesses who recalled the killing on the W. R. L. Purvis farm, on January 14, 1923, near Hassell. Both men were said to have been drinking at the time, but Grimes was not so drunk that he could not ride a bicycle hurriedly

from the scene and disappear for 14 years. Smith, about 28 years old when he was killed, died soon after he was shot. Grimes was seen running from the home with a pistol in his hand. Baldy Council, colored, caught Grimes just as he was leaving the scene of the shooting, but when his life was threatened, Council released his hold and fled out the back door as Grimes went out the front.

No details were released in connection with Grimes' arrest, and how the Philadelphia authorities learned he was wanted in this county for murder could not be learned unless he admitted it.

### Red Cross Campaigns For Victims of Floods

#### \$80 Quota of Local Chapter Is Raised Within Few Hours

#### Second Call for Aid Given As Catastrophe Claims Additional Thousands

Martin County Red Cross Chapter authorities and volunteer workers went into action yesterday to raise the chapter's quota of \$80 as a part of a two million dollar emergency fund for relief of 550,000 flood victims in the Ohio Valley and along the Mississippi River. The fund in this county is finding strong support, Chairman Harry Biggs stating that the quota had been over-subscribed in Williamston within a few hours' time after the appeal for aid was first received. The chairman explained that the \$2,000,000 emergency fund was the minimum needed last Saturday, that the floods were continuing to spread and every cent raised in the county would be forwarded immediately to Red Cross headquarters in Washington City.

As the floods yesterday were reaching an all-time high level, the death toll continued to climb and the property damage exceeded tens of millions of dollars. Sickness aggravated the situation, already described as the worst on record. Fires were reported in several centers out of reach of all fire-fighting equipment. Entire towns are isolated, and 10 square miles of Cincinnati were under water as the Ohio passed the 90-foot flood mark there.

Extensive forces are being mobilized by the Red Cross and the government in an effort to alleviate the suffering. Colonel Cary T. Grayson, of the Red Cross office in Washington City, said in his appeal to the local Red Cross chairman, "Reports indicate total of 270,000 men, women and children driven from their homes and now dependent on Red Cross for emergency relief, including food, shelter, bedding, medical attention and warm clothing. Raging blizzards and freezing weather in many flooded areas are adding to suffering of refugees.

The Red Cross head added, "I feel sure the people in your community will wish to aid promptly and generously, and I urge you to take immediate action to raise your chapter quota of \$80, and report daily your progress in the campaign. Chairman Biggs explained that he would make no direct canvass, but ministers of the town and Mrs. J. S. Rhodes started a personal campaign for funds and it was quite evident at the beginning that this chapter would raise and far exceed its quota.

School principals and others over the county are urged to accept funds and forward them to Mr. Biggs, who will send them immediately to headquarters—Davenport and Hamilton, Jamesville; Mrs. C. T. Roberson, Farm Life; Rogers Bros. store, Bear Grass; John W. Eubanks, Hassell, Miss Effie Waldo, Hamilton, and Mrs. J. S. Ayers, Everetts; B. M. Worsley, of the Oak City area, have been asked by Chairman Biggs to receive contributions and forward them to him.

### Officers Get Quantity of Liquor in Raid Saturday

Raiding the home of Roosevelt Rigby, colored man living one block off Main Street and not quite two blocks from the town's business district, local and county officers confiscated 7 1-2 gallons of liquor and bar equipment here last Saturday afternoon. Rigby was booked for trial Monday and drew six months on the roads.

### MR. ALEXANDER GETSINGER DIES EARLY SATURDAY

#### Funeral Held at the Family Home in Farm Life Area Sunday Afternoon

Nicholas Alexander Getsinger, well-known Martin County citizen, died in a Washington hospital last Saturday morning at 1 o'clock from cancer. He had been a patient in the hospital since last December 2, the end coming gradually.

The son of the late Conrad and Sarah Brown Getsinger, he was born in Griffins Township, this county, 63 years ago last week. He spent his early life on the home farm, later going to Gates County, where he continued to farm. While in Gates County he married Miss Sarah Hudson, who preceded him to the grave. Some years later he moved to Manatee, Fla., where he handled a truck farm, specializing in the growing of celery. About five years ago he returned to this county, making his home with his brother, the late John Getsinger, in Dardens and more recently with his brother, P. E. Getsinger, at the old home in Griffins Township.

Quiet in manner and unassuming, it is said of Mr. Getsinger that he never made an enemy in his life, that he enjoyed a lasting friendship with those with whom he came in contact. Christian ideals and understanding were exemplified in his daily walk through life, and in doing for others he found pleasure.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. H. R. Vogel, of St. Louis, who was at his bedside when the end came. One sister, Mrs. Buck Roberson, of this county, and three brothers, Messrs. P. E. Getsinger, of Griffins Township, and J. Sam Getsinger, Martin County register of deeds, of Williamston; and C. Ferdinand Getsinger, of Chevy Chase, Md.

Funeral services were held at the late home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Elder J. B. Lee, assisted by Elder Young, of the Primitive Baptist church, and Rev. W. B. Harrington, of the Missionary Baptist church. Burial was in the family cemetery near the old home.

### Two Hurt in Wreck Near Robersonville

Injured in an automobile accident near Robersonville last Thursday afternoon, Mr. D. Wooding Wood, of LaGrange, is confined to his bed at his home there, reports stating that the 76-year-old man was very badly hurt. Mrs. Wood, the only passenger in the car, was also hurt, but not badly.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood were on their way to Williamston that afternoon about 5 o'clock to visit their daughter, Mrs. Leman Barnhill, when their car skidded and crashed into a bridge. A door was torn open and both Mr. and Mrs. Wood were thrown to the pavement. After receiving treatment in the offices of Drs. Ward and Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Wood were returned to their home in LaGrange.

### Attempt To Burn Store Near Here

An attempt was made to burn the building housing the store, filling station and home of N. M. Mobley at Batts Cross Roads on the Washington Highway late last Sunday night. The fire was discovered before it had gained much headway and very little damage resulted.

Using a jar of kerosene, the fiend started the fire under a back corner of the building. Someone passing along the road saw the fire and called the Mobleys, who had retired, and the fire was checked after it had burned almost through one of the floor sleepers.

Beaufort officers investigated the case, but their findings, if any, have not been learned here.

### Man Jailed for Murdeous Attack on Lester Williams

Ned Stokes, young colored man, was jailed here Sunday night for murderously assaulting Lester Williams, the colored boy commonly known as "Barrel-of-Trouble." Using a stick, Stokes is said to have fractured one of Williams' legs and scared his head.

The alleged attack took place at Stokes' home. A hearing in the case is being delayed pending the outcome of Williams' injuries.

#### COTTON GINNING

Martin County last year raised the largest cotton crop in several seasons. Luther Hardison, special agent gathering the data, stating in his report released this week that there were 3,976 bales ginned from the 1936 crop, compared with 3,298 bales ginner from the 1935 crop.

The report is not complete for the 1936 crop, but later figures are not expected to show any great change in the tabulation issued as of January 16.

### Local People Badly Injured in Accident At Great Bridge, Va.

#### Joe H. Everett and Sister Receiving Treatment In Norfolk Hospital

Joe H. Everett, local young man, and his sister, Miss Margaret Everett, also of Williamston, and C. B. Coltrane of Norfolk, were hurt in an automobile truck wreck two miles out of Great Bridge, Va., last Saturday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Everett and his sister were entered in a Norfolk hospital, where Mr. Everett's injuries were regarded as being of a serious nature. His nose was almost severed and his right knee was crushed, reports reaching here stated. He is expected to recover if no complications develop. Miss Everett was bruised and suffered considerably from shock. Coltrane suffered a bad cut on the head that required 18 stitches to close. He was discharged by the hospital late that night, and Miss Everett is expected to leave there some time this week.

Complete details of the accident have not been learned here, reports stating that the party were on their way to Williamston, when their car, thought to have been driven by Coltrane, crashed into an unlighted lumber truck parked on the highway. O. L. Parkerson, Norfolk County officer who investigated the wreck, reported that Everett's Plymouth sedan struck the heavy lumber truck, which is owned by Sam Warren, from behind with such force as to knock it across the road.

### Aged Colored Woman Dies At Home Here Yesterday

Martha Thompson, aged and highly respected colored woman, died at her home here yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock following a long period of declining health. She had lived in Tarboro for a number of years, but returned here some time ago to head a large family of orphaned children, her daughter's offspring. Almost an invalid and commanding hardly the bare necessities of life, she managed to hold most of the family together, but her hardships, trials and tribulations were many. Funeral arrangements had not been completed at noon today.

### To Interview Veterans In Williamston February 8

The veterans' division of the State Department of Labor will hold a series of district meetings during the next month to interview disabled North Carolina veterans who are entitled to hospital treatment or disability benefits, it was learned here this week.

The meeting in this district will be held in Williamston on February 8, it was announced.