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## SUMMER SCHOOL TO OPEN HERE MONDAY JUNE 9

## Full Quota of Teachers and Over Has Been Enrolled

The date for the opening of the Martin County Summer School at Williamston is June 9th.

The full quota and over of teachers has been enrolled and prospects for the session are splendid. Teachers from other counties have asked to enter, and Superintendent Pope will make all arrangements to open the school as scheduled.

One thing necessary, however, will be boarding places for those who are coming here. Inquiries have been made about board, and if there are families who desire to take boarders it will help greatly to inform Supt. Pope as early as possible. The session will hold for six weeks, and the teachers would like to have pleasant quarters while in town. It means something to have members of the teaching profession to come into the town, and the citizens should interest themselves in adding to the comfort and pleasure of this high type of young womanhood.

## PHILATHEA CLASS ENTERTAINS

The Philathea Class of the Memorial Baptist Church entertained last Friday evening at the parsonage, the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Shirley, honoring Mrs. A. V. Joyner, who has been teacher of the class for the past several years and who has done such splendid work for them and, also, Mrs. R. E. Scroggs who will leave soon to make her home in Nashville and Miss Frances Thomas of Richmond who has been a member of the local school faculty for the past session and who will leave this week.

The guests were met at the door by Mrs. Shirley and invited into the reception hall where they were received by the guests of honor and from there they were taken to the dining room where Mrs. Warren H. Biggs served delicious punch.

After the arrival of all the guests Mrs. Joyner was invited into the living room where she found a shower of packages, a gift from each member of the class in appreciation of her faithful service to them as teacher of their class. Dainty boxes of homemade sweets were presented to Mrs. Scroggs and Miss Thomas.

Pineapple salad with cream dressing and mints were served. The whole lower floor of the home which has been recently renovated was thrown open to the guests and it was attractively decorated for the occasion with a profusion of pink and white roses.

## R. J. SHIELDS OF HOBGOOD KILLS HIMSELF

R. J. Shields is for many years the leading merchant in Hobgood, committed suicide by shooting himself.

Mr. Shields was about 65 years old and had been very active in business and a very hard worker, running farms, a large store and a hotel. About a year ago he lost his wife, since which time he seemed to have been downcast and in a melancholy mood. At the first of this year he turned all of his business over to his sons.

He spent Sunday in Scotland Neck with friends, apparently in better spirit than usual. Monday morning however, he seemed somewhat depressed. In the early afternoon he was missed and a search was made and his body was found in the old store which was recently occupied by him and which is now used by his sons for a furniture storage house. He was lying down with his head on some books dead, having shot himself through the head with a pistol.

Mr. Shields had made a splendid success financially. The supposed reason for the act being ill health and brooding over the death of his wife.

Judge Stephen C. Bragaw and Mr. Claude Carrion of Washington were business visitors here yesterday.

Mr. Julius S. Peel motored to Kinston Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Godard, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Manning and Mr. Miles H. Wolff attended the Shriners convention and the baseball game in Rocky Mount yesterday.

Messrs. J. G. Godard, John D. Biggs and Wheeler Martin were in Jamestown yesterday on business.

Mr. Allen Penny of Raleigh is visiting friends in town.

Mr. S. Alexander and Mr. Jack Peal of Plymouth visited friends in town Sunday.

## HOSTESS TO THE TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB

On Wednesday afternoon from four until six Mrs. S. R. Biggs, Jr. was hostess to the Twentieth Century Club at her home on Watts street. The attractive living and dining room of the home were opened together and white roses with yellow daisies were used in the living room and pink roses in crystal bowls were used in the dining room.

The program for the afternoon consisted of two very interesting papers bearing on the general topic of study, "North Carolina History". The first one an essay on the "Life and Works of Charles B. Aycock" was written and read by Mrs. B. A. Critcher and was much enjoyed. The other one on, "The Fruits of the Soil of North Carolina" was prepared by Mrs. W. K. Parker and read by Miss Vella Andrews. A resume of Current Events was given by Mrs. Joseph H. Saunders.

A business session was held following the conclusion of the program. An outline of the plans for the coming year was made and discussed in detail and new officers were elected. Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr. was elected president, Mrs. Warren H. Biggs, vice-president, Miss Vella Andrews, Secretary, and Mrs. Clayton Moore, Treasurer. The program committee named for the year was composed of Mrs. Titus Critcher, Mrs. B. A. Critcher and Mrs. S. R. Biggs, Jr., and for the Book Committee were named Mrs. F. U. Barnes, Mrs. H. M. Stubbs and Mrs. J. W. Manning. In the absence of the President, Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, the vice-president, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., presided at this meeting.

After the business session ended refreshments were enjoyed, an ice course with fancy cakes was served by the hostess. The only guest of the club for the afternoon was Miss Charlotte Wood of Edenton.

## MR. AND MRS. COPELAND VISIT FRIENDS IN COUNTY

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Copeland and children are visiting friends in the county. Mrs. Copeland will be remembered as Miss Josie Nolan and who left old Dymond City about 30 years ago and for quite a number of years lived at Rich Square, N. C. and married Mr. B. F. Copeland of Northampton county.

They now live at Fairhope, Ala., but have been at Guilford College, N. C. for several months.

They have five promising boys with time. They are Walter, Leslie, Howard Bevan and John.

## YOUNG WILLIAMSTON GIRL HONORED

Miss Annie Louise Crawford, the pretty young daughter of ex-sheriff and Mrs. J. C. Crawford and who is attending the North Carolina College for Women has been honored by being made one of the sponsors of the business manager of "the Trinity Chronicle" a weekly newspaper dedicated to the promotion of Trinity College.

Her picture appeared in the May issue of the Chronicle beside that of Miss Elizabeth Kramer of Elizabeth City who was sponsor for the editor-in-chief.

## LITTLE MISS WATTS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Little Miss Gwendolyn Watts, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Watts, is celebrating her fourth birthday anniversary by entertaining about forty of her little friends. Outdoor games will be enjoyed for an hour and then the little guests will be served ice cream and cake in the dining room which will be effectively decorated for the occasion.

Mr. Simon Lilley motored to Washington last evening to visit his brother who is ill in a hospital there. Dr. J. S. Rhodes attended the Shrine meeting yesterday.

Farmers along the Roanoke river low grounds are rejoicing at the return of the receding waters at Weldon and up river points. A flood now would make it impossible to make satisfactory crops this year.

The Roanoke has had a swell for about three months. The kind of a freshet the old timber folk called a "starvation freshet" too deep to haul and too shallow too float.

Mr. Hugh B. Anderson left Monday afternoon for Dunn where he will be at the Young's hotel with his uncle Mr. C. A. Baker.

Mr. Miles H. Wolff attended a house party at Windsor Castle during the week-end.

Messrs. Frank and Irving Margolis and Sam H. Harrell spent Sunday in Rocky Mount.

## URGES PAYMENT OF LICENSE TAX

### Commissioner Doughton Calls Attention to Penalty Provision Of Law

Raleigh, N. C.—R. A. Doughton Commissioner of Revenue has mailed application blanks for licenses required for practicing professions or engaging in businesses for which a license is required under the provisions of the State Revenue Act to all parties who secured licenses for the year ending May 31, 1924. This application calls attention to Section 92 of the Revenue Act, providing for a penalty for failure to secure license prior to June 1st or before engaging in the business made taxable under the Revenue Act. The penalty of the act reads as follows:

"Each person, firm or corporation who engages in any business or practices any profession for which a license is required by this act, except where the amount of the tax is contingent upon the amount of business transacted shall procure said license annually in advance on or before the thirty-first day of May, or before engaging in the business or practicing the profession for which a tax is levied by this act. Any person, firm or corporation who engages in any business or practices any profession for which a license is required by this act without first having procured a license therefore shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined or imprisoned in the discretion of the court; Provided, the fine shall not be less than twenty per cent of the tax in addition to the tax and the cost."

Governor Doughton called attention to the fact that the penalty provided is mandatory and that he is without authority to relieve any one from it. It is his desire that all persons liable for this tax shall make application for same promptly secure the license prior to June 1st and avoid the necessity of his having to levy any penalties in a man who would do that."

### Against Income Tax

"I was in the legislature of 1919," said Mr. McColl, "when Mr. Bailey fought the income tax, the measure which has since relieved the land and personal property owners of over \$4,000,000 tax burden. I heard Mr. Bailey make his famous, "Hog and Ham speech, when he turned to Mr. Maxwell and said: 'If you want some revenue right badly, assess the lands of North Carolina, 30,000,000 acres of them, at their market value, as is your constitutional duty, and you will get some revenue. All that you need. Why don't you do it? Is it easier to make the corporations shell out once more?"

"Mr. Bailey said that," declared Mr.

### THE MINISTER'S WIFE'S NEW BONNET WITNESSED BY A PACKED AUDIENCE

A large crowd, despite the inclement weather, enjoyed the performance of the Minister's Wife's New Bonnet" which was given Tuesday evening at the Strand theatre under the auspices of Circles No. 4 and 6 of the Memorial Baptist Church, under the direction of Mrs. Oscar Anderson and Mrs. Chloe Lanier.

Mrs. Roy Gurganus, Mrs. Roger Critcher and Miss Mary Clyde LeGrecoe attended the performance.

The musical numbers by Mrs. P. Cone, Mrs. L. C. Bennett, Miss Laura Orleans and Mr. Maurice Watts were much enjoyed by the audience.

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### LOCAL ORCHESTRA PLAYS AT REA'S BEACH THURS.

Thursday night, Mrs. W. B. Watts and her harmony children, Johnnie A. Philpot, William Hodges and Lon Hassell, journeyed to Rea's Beach, via Coast Line and bus route to play for a dance given by the management of the beach.

This was the first appearance of

the local orchestra and they are

attributed much credit both by the

management and the dancers of the

evening. The orchestra will play each

Thursday night at the beach.

Mrs. L. J. Chapman and son, Mr.

Lloyd Chapman of Grifton spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams.

Mrs. W. H. Harrell, Miss Nina Hartfield, Miss Gladys Benjamin, Miss Frances Thomas, Miss Hattie Thrower, Miss Nina Upton, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Sr., Mrs. Arthur Anderson, Mrs. A. R. Dunning, Mrs. J. L. Williams, Mrs. C. B. Hassell, and Miss Ethel Griffin.

### HIGHWAY NUMBERED

The new highway leading from Winton to the Halifax county line has recently been numbered and marked 125. So far this entire road is in

Martin county but we understand that

number 125 will eventually extend to

Halifax, the county seat of Halifax

county.

Number 125 has cost our count-

something less than \$200,000 and has

been one of the county's best invest-

ments in years. Passing through a fine

section of the county and giving Ham-

ilton an outlet has meant much to

that town and to Oak City through

which the route passes.

Numbering the road and placing

the numbers at many points along the

highway makes travel very easy for

the stranger.

### DUNBAR'S CANDY GIRLS FAIL TO APPEAR

According to an agreement entered in to between the management of

the Strand theatre and the manager

of the Dunbar Candy Girls the com-

pany was to appear at the Strand

last night, tonight and tomorrow

night, but due to some unknown rea-

son the company failed to appear.

The usual program was shown in

spite of the fact that the company

failed to appear. The management as-

sures the movie fans excellent pic-

tures next week. Several of the pic-

tures to be shown are now playing in

Norfolk at the Wells theatre.

Mr. A. F. Stallings of Jamesville

was a pleasant caller at our office to-

day.

Mr. Lee Glenn, once the office devi-

is now with James and Belflower,

lumber manufacturers, near Everett.

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us a check to cover.

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES TONIGHT AT LOCAL SCHOOL

### Grammar Grades Will Present "Uncle Si and the Sunbeam Club"

The commencement exercises of the local school tonight will bring to a close the 1923-24 session, one of the most successful in the history of the school. A very interesting program has been arranged and will meet with high approval. One of the most highly efficient graduating classes, six girls and three boys, goes out from the school this year.

Tonight the grammar grades will present a play, "Uncle Si and the Sunbeam Club" and an operetta under the direction of Mrs. Hassell. The certificates for the grammar grade pupils will be presented tonight.

A musical recital consisting of many good selections will be rendered tonight. Mrs. Warren Biggs, the music teacher, has worked faithfully with her scholars during the year and has selected with the greatest care the numbers on the program, so nothing less than an excellent recital is expected.

Professor H. E. Spence, head of the Theological department at Trinity college will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the senior class Sunday morning in the Methodist church at 11 o'clock. Dr. Spence is highly recommended as a very good speaker.

Next Monday night, Mr. Shirley will deliver an address at the school auditorium.

## Mr. Harrison Endorses Mr. A. W. McLean

Dear Editor:

I am not a politician. I have never held public office either elective or appointive. I have never asked anyone to vote for me for any office, and up to a few weeks ago I had never so far as I can recall asked anyone to vote for any other person for public office. I belong to no machine or faction.

For over 14 years of my life I lived in Cumberland County. I went there in 1900 to accept my first position after leaving school. During the first years I spent in that county I learned to know Mr. Angus Wilton McLean who is now a candidate for Governor of North Carolina in the Democratic primary to be held on June 7th next.