

## RECORDER'S COURT HELD LAST TUESDAY

### Docket Crowded With Assault and Liquor Cases

Recorder's court convened here last Tuesday with Judge C. Smith of Robersonville, presiding and Solicitor E. S. Peel, prosecuting. The docket was crowded with assault cases, with liquor bringing in several cases. The defendants in several cases escaped with light punishment, receiving very small fines and having to pay the costs of the court.

The following cases were called for trial:

State vs Bonnie Wynn, assault. The case has been continued several times and was again continued at the session last Tuesday.

State vs Val Teel, assault. Defendant pleads guilty of assault on a female. He was sentenced to jail for nine months. Prayer for judgment was suspended upon the payment of costs until the first Tuesday in June 1925 under bond in the sum of \$150.

State vs N. S. Reddick, assault. Defendant found not guilty by the court.

State vs Frank Miller, transporting liquor. Miller pleads nolo contendere and was discharged upon payment of costs. In this case liquor was found in car of defendant, but he could not be directly connected with putting it there.

State vs Jasper Ayers, assault. Defendant Ayers pleads guilty of forcible trespass. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost. This course was followed because of the mental weakness of the defendant Ayers.

The action of the defendant in this case was such that a more severe penalty should have been given as he had forced a boy to drink liquor and then took his pocket book and money. Jones pleads not guilty.

State vs Walter Griffin and Roxie Bonner, adultery. Found not guilty by the court.

State vs Jesse Williams, firing woods. Williams pleads guilty. Judgment that defendant pay the court costs and \$20.00 damage to George S. Moore.

State vs Harry Hyman, assault with deadly weapon. This case was continued under a former bond.

## MRS. LOUISA TAYLOR DEAD

Mrs. Louisa Taylor died this week at the home of her son, Zandra Taylor, near Bear Grass. She was the widow of the late Harvey Taylor.

The burial took place Tuesday at the family cemetery. She was never united with any church but was a believer in the Primitive Baptist church doctrines.

She is survived by two sons, Zandra and Will Taylor of Florida.

## FEDERATION WILL MEET AT BAPTIST CHURCH TONIGHT

The Federation will meet at the Baptist church this evening at seven thirty. This will be a union meeting of the three federations and a good meeting is expected.

## How Things Travel

Scientists say sound travels at the rate of 400 yards per second. Scandal, 1,000 yards. Flattery, 10 yards. Truth, 2 1/2 yards.—Tarboro Southerner.

## M. E. CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning service 11:00 o'clock. Evening service, 7:30 p. m. E. D. DODD, Pastor.

## NOTICE TO TEACHERS

The office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of Martin County will be closed next week on account of the Christmas holidays. Sup. E. A. Pope, will be out of town for the holidays, and all the schools are closing, many of them for two weeks. Some of the rural schools will only take one week.

Miss Estelle Crawford who is teaching in Belhaven will arrive tomorrow to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. C. Crawford.

Mr. Mike H. Finn, cotton buyer for Biggs and Stalls, located in Washington was a visitor here this week.

Mr. Bryant Carstarphen of Trinity college, Durham will arrive home tomorrow for the Christmas holidays.

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE TAG DAY

### TAG DAY

By Authority of the Mayor of Williamston, Saturday, December 20 Is Tag Day.

BUY A TAG AND HELP THE CAUSE

## Wednesday Proves Busy Day For Cupid

Last Wednesday proved a busy day for cupid when Rev. A. J. Manning united two couples in marriage. At 7:30 in the evening at the home of Mr. W. R. Cherry, Miss Eleanor Dalles Hunt became the bride of Mr. James Asa Leggett. Mr. Leggett is a Martin county man and Mrs. is from South Carolina.

At 9:30 on the same day at the courthouse Mr. Manning married Mr. William Robert Johnson and Miss Elma Leggett. Mr. Johnson is a brother of Mr. Don Johnson of Poplar Point. Mrs. Johnson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Leggett, this county.

## Leave Parking Space For The Visitors

In noticing many of the papers of this State we have seen where the local people have been harshly rebuked for leaving their cars at home or park them in the residential sections during the next few days so that shoppers from out of town may have parking space. This applies to the business men who drive their cars down and park them while they are in their offices.

We make the suggestion to our people because more out of town people are doing their Christmas shopping in Williamston this year than ever before and the whole of the business section is needed by the visitors who are shopping here. It will not be much trouble for the local people who usually bring their cars down town with them in the morning to leave them at home for the next few days.

## THE CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

Rev. Clarence O. Pardo, Rector Fourth Sunday in Advent: 9:45 a. m. Sunday school, Harry M. Stubbs, Supt. 10:00 Advent Bible class, Clayton Moore and Rev. C. O. Pardo, teachers. 11:00 Holy Communion and sermon. 3:30 Holy Trinity Mission. 7:30 Evening prayer and sermon.

## Leave for Kentucky

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pike who have been here during the tobacco season will leave Monday for Lexington, Ky. Mr. Pike has been associated with the Roanoke warehouse as bookkeeper. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pike will be very pleasantly remembered in Williamston.

## MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday school, 9:45. Morning worship, 11:00. Evening service, 7:30. Special services were held last Sunday although the attendance at the evening service was far below par. Sickness, Sunday visiting and other things no doubt were responsible. Attendance at Sunday school was 192 and 188 for the past two weeks. The Every-member Canvass conducted December 7th was very successful though not complete yet. We have paid \$8,750.00 of our \$9,000. quota to the Five-year Campaign. We need only \$250.00 now to finish the task by January 1st. Services appropriate to the season will be held Sunday. A very cordial invitation is extended to all. Come and worship with us. R. L. SHIRLEY, Pastor.

## Mr. Joe Carroll of Ashtabur was in the city last night.

Messrs. Dick Cherry and Susan of Washington were visitors in town last evening.

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## TOBACCO MARKET CLOSES THE 1924 SEASON TODAY

The Williamston Tobacco market closes this afternoon after the most successful year in its history. The success of the local market has been greatly beneficial to the business life of the town. With three warehouses to take care of the farmers crop and efficient tobacco men to run the warehouses, the local market has meant much to the prosperity of our town.

Messrs. Morton and Watts of the Roanoke, Meador and Taylor of the Dixie and Rice and Spain of the Farmers worked for the success of the market and to take care of the farmers. The monthly averages taken from the Federal Department of Agriculture will speak for themselves and show how well they have done it. "There have been around two and three quarter millions pounds of tobacco sold on the local floors during the 1924 season and prices have averaged, taking into account the December average which will be down considerably on account of the great amount of 'scrap' sold, around 26 or 27 cents," said a warehouseman yesterday afternoon.

Messrs. W. T. Meadows, H. T. Warren, B. C. Homes, W. F. Thomas, J. W. Hight, J. G. Staton, O. H. Head, B. A. Townsend, Jr. and a few other independents have been buyers at the market this year and all the large companies of America have been represented. The buyers have been popular with our people and have contributed in a great measure to the success of the market.

## TOMORRO TAG DAY FOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Tomorrow is Tag Day for the Community Christmas Tree and is also, Williamston's first Tag Day. The proceeds of the day will be used for paying for the little Christmas stockings that will be given the children of the community and for buying decorations for the tree.

There will be no set price for a tag but each one that gives anything to the fund will be given a tag which he is requested to wear so that others may catch the spirit and buy them, too.

Young ladies will be on the streets tomorrow and if they are not kept too busy, they will visit some of the homes of the town and will visit the others one day of next week.

Mrs. J. F. Thigpen is chairman of the committee that sells tags and she will be assisted by a goodly number of young ladies of the town.

## TOBACCO CO-OPS TO PAY QUARTERLY

MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE MONEY FOR CROPS MORE PROMPTLY SAYS DIRECTORS

Tobacco farmers who are members of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association will receive payments four times a year after the final settlement in Eastern North Carolina on the crops of 1922 and 1923 and the final settlement on the 1922 crop of bright tobacco from the old belt of North Carolina and Virginia has been made according to the decision of the directors of the tobacco cooperative at their monthly meeting in Raleigh.

The treasurer of the association was directed to make these settlements with members of the association from Eastern Carolina and the old belt as rapidly as the calculations now in progress can be supplemented.

The decision of the tobacco association directors to make quarterly payments to its members means that each member will be paid for those grades of tobacco which have been sold most rapidly and that final settlement or the grades which are in most demand need not be delayed until the sale of the entire pool as hitherto.

Misses Carrie Delle White and Sallie Hays and Mrs. Roy Gurganus were to Washington Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence Peel Mrs. Roy Gurganus and Mr. Bill Peel visited Mr. and Mrs. Staton Peel in Belhaven this week.

Misses Carrie Lee Peel, Minnie Roberson and Louise Crawford who are attending the E. C. college arrived home yesterday for the holidays. Mr. A. K. Haxstun of Raleigh is in town last night.

Misses Carolina Nichols and Mary Salye of Windsor attended the show here Tuesday night.

Mr. Beazy Ricks of Shenandoah, Va is visiting friends in the city.



MR. AND MRS. JOE PENDER

## CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

An occasion of much interest took place in Hamilton Monday night, December 8, when Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pender celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

The living and dining rooms were attractively decorated in yellow and white. The centerpiece for table was a miniature bride and bridegroom dressed in the fashion of fifty years ago.

The guests were met at the door by Mrs. J. B. Purvis and shown upstairs where they were relieved of their wraps. They were then registered by Mrs. P. H. Davenport and shown into the living room where they were received by Mrs. B. F. Myers and male known to the receiving line which consisted of the bride and bridegroom, the children and grandchildren.

After this they were shown into the hall by Mrs. T. B. Slade, jr. where punch was served by Misses Annie Anthony and Helen Davenport. They were then ushered into the dining room where they were received by Mrs. F. L. Gladstone and a delicious course of ice cream, cake, mint and pecans were served by Misses Mary Waldo, Sarah Edmondson and Eveline and Hallie Pender Lawrence.

There were one hundred and twenty present and many messages of congratulations as well as useful gifts were received.

## Hardison - Riddick

Saturday afternoon at the home of Rev. A. J. Manning at six o'clock Mr. Henry S. Hardison and Miss Annie Lillian Riddick were united in marriage by Mr. Manning. The bride and groom are residents of Dardens.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. There will be no church services as the pastor will meet his regular appointment at Maple Grove. A. J. Manning, Pastor.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE WILL HAVE A SOCIAL HOUR MONDAY NIGHT

The Epworth League will hold a social hour at the home of Miss Mary Clyde Leggett next Monday night after the regular monthly meeting. All the members are urged to attend.

Messrs. R. G. Harrison, Wilson and Luke Lamb and Elbert S. Peel motored to Raleigh yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heydenreich of Robersonville who will spend the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts will leave Monday for Staunton, Va., where they will spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. R. F. Heydenreich.

Miss Myrt Wynne will arrive home tonight from St. Mary's School to spend the holidays with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wynne.

Mayor Rook of Bethel attended the basket ball games here last night.

Miss Sadie PERRY who is attending A. C. C. Wilson will arrive home tonight. Mr. Amos Perry drove to Williamston to accompany her home.

Miss Mary Leggett who is taking a secretarial course at Greensboro will arrive home tonight.

## BETHEL LOSES TO JAMESVILLE; WASHINGTON WINS

Last night at the Dixie warehouse about 350 spectators saw two excellent basket ball games. The first between Jamesville and Bethel High School was a very good game. Both teams showed the results of good training, but the boys from Jamesville excelled in passing, shooting, dribbling and in all round team work. The best team won by the score of 32 to 20. The entire Jamesville team starred but we predict that Brown at center will develop into a star of the first magnitude. He was the mainstay of the Jamesville teams most excellent passing game. The work of Cayford for Jamesville was also most excellent.

The second game between Williamston and Washington town teams was also very good. Washington won by the score of 32 to 14 but excelled only in the ability to shoot goals and the all round work of Elbert Johnson, an old veteran of the game. The passing of the Williamston team was very good and the boys kept the play in enemy territory most of the game but they lacked the ability to shoot goals and after all you have to shoot goals to win games. The defensive work of the entire Williamston team was very good. They looked like pennant winners in every respect but shooting goals.

## OAK CITY NEWS

Mr. James W. Coltraine returned from a visit to Robersonville last week.

Mr. W. E. Wynne who is employed at by the S. A. L. at Alberta, Va. has been suffering from a relapse of the "flu". We are glad to hear he is on the job again. He reports that every man on the job has had the "flu".

Misses Marjorie England and Essie Jordan and Mr. P. T. Long were in Rocky Mount Thursday doing Christmas shopping.

The Parent-Teachers association had a social Wednesday night. There were more present than there has been at any of the former meetings. We are sorry to hear that Mrs. F. M. Harrell has been ill for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Crisp spent Tuesday in Tarboro.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

There will be a Christmas program by the little folks of the M. E. Sunday school, followed by presentation of gifts to all the children of that Sunday school, Tuesday night, December, 23. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberson of Griffins were in town shopping yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Partrick of Plymouth passed through here this week en route to Greenville.

Mr. Meadows of the National Cash Register Co., Rocky Mount was a visitor here Thursday.

Messrs. Herbert Peel, jr. and William Hodges Jr. have arrived from Wake Forest to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Miss Anderson and Messrs. C. C. Britton and Bagwell Gould of Abbeville were visitors in the city yesterday.

## A. BENNETT LILLEY DIES FROM ATTACK OF PNEUMONIA

### Well Beloved By All Those Who Knew Him

Alexander Bennett Lilley of Griffins township died Wednesday afternoon shortly after seven o'clock, after suffering for ten days with an attack of pneumonia. From the first day of his illness he had been seriously sick and the end had been expected for several days. Family, friends and acquaintances did for him everything that was possible to do. Those who have known him best say of him, that no man could live a purer, simpler and holier life than he did during the whole of his stay on this earth. In his home, among friends and neighbors, he was always kind, gentle and thoughtful and it is with the greatest grief that they give him up.

He was the youngest son of Henry and Gabriella Lilley and was in his thirty-fourth year in early life. He was married to Miss Elsie Griffin, daughter of Mr. J. Ed. Griffin and to this union there were born two children, who with their mother survive him. They are Joseph and Ruth.

The deceased is also survived by three sisters and four brothers, Mrs. Stubbs Lilley and Miss Ella Lilley of near Williamston, Mrs. Warren Barber of Jamesville and Messrs. Sam, Willie and R. E. Lilley of Griffins and Mr. Simon Lilley of Williamston.

Ten years ago he united with the Primitive Baptist church at Smithwick's Creek and has been every since most loyal to his church.

The funeral services were held at his late residence by Elders B. S. Cowing and W. B. Harrington and Rev. A. J. Manning. Interment was in the cemetery of the Lilley family near the old home place.

Friends from far and near attended the last rites over one of Martin's best men.

## WILLIAMSTON SCHOOL NEWS

Examinations were completed this morning and nothing rests on the minds of the pupils that will worry them except the space of five more days before Christmas.

This afternoon was devoted to Carstarphen's will be well worth the program, the children went to their rooms to enjoy their Christmas trees.

The following was the program: Song—Silent Night. Scripture reading.

Prayer. "Christ as a Boy," by Mr. Pardo. "Santa's Helpers," by first grade. "Jolly, jolly Santa Claus," first grade Song, Second grade.

Recitation, Charles Holton. Story, Herbert Whitley. Poem, "Santa Claus," by Mattie Gurganus.

"A Christmas Wish" by Pete Fowen, Herbert Cook, John Cherry, Billie Liverman, James Bond.

Song, "The Little Lord of Christmas Day," by Nettie Meador, Grace Barnhill, Lucile Gurganus, John Gurganus.

Song, Rebecca Harrison, Mary D. Harrison, Sarah Cook, Sarah Gurganus, Mary E. Rodgers.

Story, Mary Grady Gurkin. Section II—Fourth Grade

"Why the Chimes Ring" "Upon the House Top" The song of Bethlehem. Song, "It Came Upon the Midnight"

## STRAND THEATRE PROGRAM

TONIGHT

Ben Turpin

in

"TEN DOLLARS OR TEN DAYS"

and that great masterpiece of Cecil B. DeMille's—

"TRIUMPH"

TOMORROW

William S. Hart in "SINGER JIM MCGEE" and Episode No. 2

"INTO THE NET"

MONDAY

"PLEASURE MAD"

THURSDAY, XMAS NIGHT

"WOMEN WHO GIVE"