

Well-Known Educator To Address Local Business Men Thursday, 23rd

Professor W. J. Matherly, of Chapel Hill, Accepts Invitation Made by Chamber of Commerce To Address Special Meeting

First Step in the Advertising Campaign to be Staged

The first step in the advertising campaign, giving the advantages of selling tobacco in Williamston, and trading here, will be made Thursday evening, July 23rd when Professor Walter J. Matherly makes an address here.

Professor Matherly is well-known throughout the central and western parts of the State, having addressed Kiwanis clubs, chambers of commerce and other organizations in practically every city west of Rocky Mount. His addresses have been listened to with much interest by many of North Carolina's leading business men. As a professor, Mr. Matherly holds an outstanding reputation in the School of Commerce of the University of North Carolina. To select a better speaker for the occasion as has been outlined by the local Chamber of Commerce would be a big job, according to those who have heard him.

Mr. Matherly's address will mark the beginning of the advertising campaign to be staged by our Chamber of Commerce this year. Much publicity has been given the campaign, to be staged, but beginning with Thursday, July 23rd, it is hoped by those in charge that the campaign will be of a more general nature, a nature that will involve the personal solicitation of every man, woman and child in this community.

We have the grounds to say that our town faces one of the best tobacco seasons ever known here, and to allow such a chance to pass without lending our effort to make it so, will be little less than murder. It is of no use to stand back and wait to see what the other fellow is going to do. Do your part and he will do his. The warehousemen, who will operate the four independent houses here this season, are doing two to three times the work that is usually done and they are doing with the aim to build a market that any town would be proud to have. They are traveling the country daily, mentioning the advantages to be had when tobacco is sold on this market. It isn't a line of "bull" they are handing out either, because the facts are here to show for themselves and to back-up what they say. To prove it, let us call these facts out. Beginning with four independent houses we find proprietors of the hustling variety, men running the houses who have had years of experience in the tobacco business. And we don't mean maybe, for competition, this year will demand them to work. It means that since there are four houses here this year they will have to bring in the tobacco. Next we have a modern steam re-drying plant that will take care of the tobacco sold here and also that of several other towns. This plant will be operated by Mr. I. Skinner, one of the most widely known men in the tobacco business. To go further into this one fact, we find able men in the employ of Mr. Skinner. For instance, there is Mr. Collins, a man who has been in the tobacco business for more than 35 years. He knows the business from every angle, he has worked with the large companies the most of his time. Some might ask, well why do such men come to our town. Well, it is because they like us, we have the advantages of making a real market.

Where Fifty Danced to Death



The buildings, in which are night clubs and cabarets at Boston, are undergoing a most rigid inspection since the collapse of the "Pickwick Club" there July 4 when 50 dancers crashed to their death. Picture shows firemen removing the body of one of the victims.

J. D. Woolard and N. C. Green Secure Dealership for Ford Cars, Trucks, Tractors in This Section

WELL-KNOWN NEGRO PREACHER IS DEAD

Holds Pastorate Here For A Period of 33 Years

Solomon R. Reddick, old and highly respected colored preacher passed away at his home Sunday night.

He was 77 years old, was born in slavery in the "over the creek neighborhood" in Williams township. He moved to Williamston 33 years ago and began the pastorate of the Mount Shilo colored Baptist church which he held during the long unbroken term of 33 years.

Among the strange things about his pastorate, not one of his members wanted him to step down and give up the work to a young up-to-date preacher. His people never complained at a long nor a loud sermon. No one ever charged or even suspected him with thinking as much of other men's wives as he did his own. They always found him walking in the straight and narrow way among every one.

In all his long life in town no one has said that he was not honest and truthful. As a preacher he was a success, not educated though through diligent study he became able to read the bible and it is said that he memorized and could quote many texts of the bible. Though illiterate himself, he never acquired a jealousy and hatred against those preachers who were more fortunate than he.

The funeral will be held tomorrow when more than 30 preachers will attend and take part in the service.

FIRE DESTROYS COTTON GIN AT EVERETTS YESTERDAY

The gin house, system gin and grist mill belonging to Bailey and Barnhill, Everetts was burned yesterday about 6 o'clock by lightning.

The property was estimated to be worth \$10,000 with only \$3,500 insurance. The saw mill, planing mill and dry kilns were saved by the heroic work of neighbors who had to fight vigorously in the midst of the storm that was raging to keep the fire from destroying these buildings.

That is the reason. We will mention just one other fact for this time and that is that we have a union storage warehouse that will be of much service to the tobacco buyers. These are just a few of the facts that we base the statement that Williamston will have an excellent market this year.

This is just one side of the question; the other which deals with the merchants of the town will be made known in the future. A brief outline of Professor W. J. Matherly's address will appear in this paper within the next few days. Look this outline over is all we ask, for if you do, we are sure that you will be in attendance at the meet-

Hooded Klansmen Act As Pall Bearers at the Funeral of Mr. Johnson

The first funeral in this section accompanied by robed klansmen was that of Mr. Augustus Johnson, when the funeral procession was a mile from the cemetery by six hooded pall bearers who took charge of the body at the grave. The klansmen very impressively performed the last rites. After the grave was filled, they knelt and engaged in silent prayer. The solemnity of the service tended to dignify the order. Beautiful wreaths were laid on the grave and a banner inscribed K. K. K.

GIVES NO-GOOD CHECK FOR AUTO; NOW IN JAIL

Leads Pursuers Many Miles Before He Was Caught in Bear Grass

G. W. Williams, who claimed to live near Windsor, lifted a Hudson coach out of the Bonner Motor company of Washington last Saturday.

Williams presented himself at the Bonner Motor company as a customer for a new Hudson coach, saying his friend Charlie Jenkins of Aulander did not have one on hand at the time. He further gave testimonials of the fine quality of the Hudson by quoting Jim Staton of this place and who owns a Hudson coach. He talked freely about every thing in this section and knew many people. He said that he courted in Bear Grass, but later married in Wilson county and now lived a few miles from Windsor on his mother's farm.

His line was so fine that Mr. J. F. Latham of the Bonner Motor company who happened not to have the special type of car he wanted, took him to Goldsboro and secured one for him there.

Upon returning to Washington, Williams gave him a check for \$1,450 on the Farmers Atlantic Bank of Ahsokie, also a check on the same bank for \$5.00. Williams wrote the small check and dated it July 4, though it was written July 11, which error Mr. Latham did not notice at the time. Mr. Latham wrote the large check, and Williams signed each of them G. C. Williams.

Twenty-four hours after the sale, Mr. Latham drove over to Ahsokie to inquire about Mr. Williams, only to find that he was unknown and the bank had no such account.

G. W. Williams proves to be an assumed name. Messrs. Latham and Bonner of the Bonner Motor company found the Hudson car which they sold to G. W. Williams Saturday, who gave them a bogus check on the bank in Ahsokie.

Sunday night they were driving from Washington towards Williams and met the car. They turned around and pursued the stolen car. The driver of the Hudson tried to dodge them but they followed him for many miles. The race carried them almost to Washington where a turn was made and went around to the Robersonville road and then on around into Bear Grass where the race ended. The man claiming to be Williams was Charles Owens. He jumped from the car before reaching Bear Grass and left the car in charge of a Mr. Rogers and a Miss Cowing, who stepped to catch a tire when Bonner and Latham approached and took the car. They could not locate Owens who was hiding at the home of a negro a mile away. Owens sent the negro to get the car and arranged to spend the night at the home of the negro.

Bonner and Latham followed the trail and found Owens in the room preparing to retire. They took him to Washington and he is now in jail to face a charge of passing worthless checks at the next term of the Beaufort county court.

Owens came from the Wilbanks section of Wilson county where he recently had to leave for the committal of some evildoer. His wife and 7-year old boy are stopping at the Station farm. Owens went from place to place and was considered to be a rum runner.

SILVER TEA FRIDAY

There will be a silver-tee given by the Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church at the home of Mrs. J. W. Dunning, Jr. on Friday afternoon from 2:30 to 6:30 o'clock. All the women of the town are extended a very cordial invitation to attend.

LOCAL LAWYER GIVES UP A GOOD PRACTICE TO BECOME MINISTER

Leaves This Week For Red Springs Where He Will Preach

Burrell Duke Critcher stops the practice of law to enter the highest profession, the ministry.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Critcher and little child will leave this week for Red Springs where Mr. Critcher will occupy the pulpit recently made vacant by the death of Rev. G. M. Daniel.

Mr. Critcher was born at Hilliard, Nash county, 31 years ago. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Critcher, moved to this county when he was only two years old. He attended the Williamston school and then attended Wake Forest college where he received his law license in 1915. Since that time he has been engaged in the practice of law except for about one year while in the service of his country during the war period.

For some time he was located at Robersonville, the junior member of the firm of Critcher and Critcher, his brother B. A. Critcher being his partner.

He married Miss Martha C. Crawford two years ago. He has been a member of the church since he was only a lad, but, like too many others, was more of a Sunday member than all the week Christian. Yet he always held the greatest reverence for God and godly things.

For a year or two, he began to view the principles of religion and the duty of man to God and during the Leaman-Coston meeting last year he firmly resolved to dedicate his life to the service of God and began at once to speak and pray in His name. He has supplied the pulpit of the M. E. church here on one Sunday in each month.

FEDERATIONS ELECT NEW PRESIDENT

At a meeting of the Christian federations of the town last Friday evening at the Christian church, a new president for those organizations was elected.

The meeting was called by President Duke Critcher for the purpose of electing a president since he is leaving our town and will be no longer able to serve the federations. It was with much regret that those who have followed and cooperated with Rev. Mr. Critcher gave him up. Several short talks were made by various members of the organization, thanking him for the many kind deeds that he had done for them and for his devoted service to the Christian organizations since their establishment a year ago.

After a vote of thanks was expressed by those present, a ballot was taken and J. O. Manning was elected as the new president.

The work of the federations during the past year is outstanding in many respects. There have been drawbacks, of course, but such are present in all worthy undertakings. Looking over the work, we find that the federations have brought into the church around 85 members. Compare this number with that which the churches have brought in and you will find it to be larger. And this work was, what might be termed out of the reach of the churches themselves. There have been established prayer-meetings in various parts of the county. Services have been conducted at various places and a daily prayer-meeting has been held each day during the past several months.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Capell, of Weldon, will arrive tomorrow to visit Mrs. Capell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hassell at their home on Haughton street.

Miss A. R. Dunning and daughter, Mary Dunning and Mrs. J. W. Manning have returned from Atlantic City.

Dr. B. L. Long of Hamilton was a business visitor here yesterday.

Secretary Poe Asks For Cooperation In Making Fair Better Than Ever

"Elect My Son"



Mother love again makes sacrifice. Mrs. Robert M. La Follette has withdrawn her name as a candidate to serve out the unexpired term of her late husband, asking Wisconsin voters to elect her son, "Bob" Jr., (pictured above) to the U. S. Senate.

County Agent's Report for June; Car Sheep Sold

Heavy Infestation Of Weevil Expected by County Agent

The County Agents report for the month of June was submitted to the County Board of Commissioners at their meeting on the first Monday as follows:

22 days spent in field work. Four days spent in office work. One hundred and seventy-two conferences with farmers in regards to farm problems. One hundred and fifteen letters written in performing duties. Eight hundred and ninety miles traveled in performing duties as county agent. Four articles written for local papers. One hundred and forty letters received.

Two hundred and seventy-one hogs treated with one outbreak of cholera in the county. One car of sheep was loaded at Williamston and sold in Baltimore. The wool from these sheep was also sold, this being part of our sheep project work.

The greatest part of this month was spent in Cholera-control work, treating hogs where they had been exposed to cholera and treating hogs where they had cholera last year. A good portion of the month was spent in weevil control work. There will be a large amount of cotton poisoned this year to control the weevil. I think that the greatest difference will be seen where poison is used and where it is not used. Any farmers who want to poison, be sure to make arrangements within the next ten days as I think there will be a heavy infestation by the 15th of this month. Any farmers who want any help along that line see me at once and begin the work in time.

This month farmers have made requests for 18,000 pounds of dynamite and two cars of farm drain tile to be delivered in October of this year.

HOLINESS MEETING

A Holiness meeting is being conducted on the spot where the Leaman-Coston meeting was conducted on the corner of Watts and Main street. Reverends T. M. Bizzell of Princeton, N. C. and J. G. Crocker of Pine Level, N. C. are in charge of the meeting and they preach each day at 8 o'clock p. m.

The public is cordially invited to attend and the cooperation of all the Christian people is desired.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Cunningham spent Sunday in Rocky Mount.

Miss Ethel Gaynor of Rocky Mount returned to that city this morning after visiting relatives and friends in the city for several weeks.

People Can Make a Fair By Entering Exhibits

Mr. H. M. Poe, manager of the Roanoke Fair association was in town last Saturday making arrangements for our next fair.

Mr. Poe is at work with more zeal than ever, to make this Fair better than the one last year. He frankly states that it is the intention of the Roanoke Fair association to make the 1925 meeting the greatest fair in eastern Carolina, but "This can be done only with the help from the people of the section and around Williamston, help in the way of exhibits from the farms and homes of the people, the co-operation of the poultry and swine breeders will make a great show in this department and the Roanoke Fair has always been known for its shows in this department throughout the State.

"No manager, regardless of his experience in a fair can have success without the help of the people in bringing exhibits.

The shows, acts, fireworks are easily secured through agencies who are always ready to present the best and Williamston has had the best for the past two years, but the hard part in making a fair is the exhibits, that is entirely with the people.

"These three suggestions given consideration will lend more to making a success of the inside of the fair than any manager can book to save him.

1. By exhibiting something, no matter how great or how small.
2. By boosting and offering suggestions for its improvement.
3. By attending the Fair and bringing your friends.

"The premium book now on the press is as good as any in the State, when you receive yours read it over and see how easy it is to help the fair and at the same time get a cash premium.

"Co-operation is the life of a fair, just as truly as competition is the life of trade.

"We need to encourage the use of Grown at Home products as well as Live at Home or Buy at Home. Begin now to make Fair Week a big holiday and home-coming—an annual exhibition that will be a credit to this section and State and a source of inspiration and pleasure to all who attend.

Mr. Poe's idea of making a real fair is all right and we gladly publish his few remarks and we do so with the hope that our people will take them to heart and help to make the 1925 meeting the most outstanding in Eastern Carolina.

Capell-Hassell

Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, Miss Elizabeth Hassell and Mr. W. H. Capell, Jr. were quietly married in the presence of a few intimate friends in the Methodist-Episcopal church of Washington.

Their marriage was a surprise to their friends here and in Weldon, the home of the groom. Immediately after the ceremony they motored to Weldon where they will be at home, by the way of Williamston.

Mrs. Capell is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hassell of this city and is one of the most attractive girls ever reared in this section. She was also one of the most popular members of the younger social set and will be greatly missed by the people of Williamston and many surrounding towns. She is possessed with unusual musical talent and in her school career usually led her class in the local high school of which he is a graduate. She is a descendant of some of the oldest families of this section, a great granddaughter of the Elder C. B. Hassell and granddaughter of Dr. Alonzo Hassell and his wife, who was Miss Ida Lanier. Maternalty, she is descended from the Bennetts-Bateman families which have been prominent in this county for generations.

Mr. Capell is manager and owner of the Carolina Sun Dodgers orchestra and is reputed to be a very fine young man. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Capell of Weldon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Myrick and children returned to Rosemary, N. C., after spending several days with Mrs. Myrick's mother, Mrs. J. B. Bennett, and grandmother, Mrs. Mary H. Ward.

Strand Theatre
FRIDAY
Tom Mix and Tony in "THE LAST OF THE DUANES"
From Zane Grey's famous novel of the same name.