

JAMESVILLE ONE OF COUNTY'S BEST

A Good Healthy Town; Noted For Its Large Seine Fisheries; Many Inducements for Industries

By SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Jamesville—a good healthy town—is located on the south bank of the Roanoke River, about 12 miles south-east of Williamston. It is one of the older towns of the county and is noted for its large seine fisheries, which are run for several months in the spring season, catching large quantities of herring, shad, rock, and in former days many sturgeon. These fisheries are visited by thousands of people from many counties in this section of the State.

The Roanoke River not only brings the fish in the spring to support the fishing industry, but it brings steamboats from Norfolk, Baltimore and intermediate points, loaded with merchandise, and in turn carrying away lumber, cotton, peanuts, and other crops produced in the fertile soils surrounding the town. The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad also passes through the town, with six daily trains, affording good traveling advantages and freight service.

Jamesville does not enjoy full-time good road service, since no paved road touches it. Although Route No. 90, from Columbia, in Tyrrell County, to Raleigh passes through the town, it is still unpaved from the Washington County line to Williamston, and there is a well-grounded hope that the Jamesville link in the highway will be paved before the mud of another winter has to be endured in and around this good town.

The local conditions, as well as the transportation advantages offer inducements for manufacturing plants. The local citizens would offer free sites to legitimate manufacturers.

The town officers are: Mayor, A. Corey; mayor pro tempore, C. A. Askew; Town clerk, O. G. Carson; chief of police, J. R. Manning. The town commissioners are A. Corey, O. G. Carson, W. B. Gaylord, and James Rooks.

There are two fine schools in Jamesville that are the pride of the community.

The white school is an accredited high school. Prof. C. O. Small is principal, C. C. Smith, assistant principal; Prof. M. L. Tatum, instructor of vocational agriculture and biology; Miss Ora B. Pace, eighth grade; M. J. Batchelor, seventh grade; Miss Hilda Summerill, sixth grade; Miss Lucy P. Carrington, fifth grade; Miss Vera Hairr, fourth and fifth grade; and Miss Essie Jordan, first and second grades. Miss Annie Glasgow is the music teacher.

The school has one of the very best basketball teams in the county. Mr. C. C. Smith is the coach. They have played three games this season and won two of them.

The school building is of brick and is large and beautiful. It is fully equipped with ten rooms. The school has a nice lot of maps. Especially good and instructive are the products maps by the Misses Summerill and Carrington. The auditorium is the largest and best equipped in the county. The chapel exercises are well attended and very interesting.

The school has a very large playground. The boy's basketball team won the championship of the county last year and the year before, not having been defeated during the seasons of 1924 and 1925 and only once this year.

The school library has 600 volumes for all grades. There is a well-equipped laboratory for general science, biology, and vocational agriculture.

The parents-teachers association is an active organization and helps out greatly. The dramatic club of the high school gave a good entertain-

Fright or Guilt?



David L. Marshall, Philadelphia Chiropractor, confessed dismembering the body of Miss Dietrich, whom he claims took poison because of a blasted romance—and died in his office. Through fright, he says, he tried to do away with the body.

BECOMES A GREAT-GRANDPARENT AT 50

Martin County Colored Woman Probably Country's Youngest Great-Grandmother

We feel sure that we have been visited by one of the country's youngest great-grandmothers. Our visitor, Matilda Jones, a colored woman, was born on her last birthday, but her great-grandchild will soon be 12 years of age, which made her a great-grandparent at 50 years of age.

Matilda, who now lives with her third husband a few miles from Williamston on the Hamilton road, was born in Goose Nest Township September 30, 1863, a year and a half before the close of the Civil War. Her first daughter was named Bettie. Bettie became the mother of Melinda Bell, who is the mother of Beatrice, who will be 12 years old March 2nd.

This makes Matilda only 50 years, 5 months, and 2 days older than her great-granddaughter.

We are always hearing strange things concerning figures, but if anybody can show any more prolific figures than the above, come on with them. Matilda gives the figures above herself, and from every appearance she would be thought even younger than she says.

ment just before Christmas and expects to give another in March. Miss Vera Hairr is leader of the dramatic club and voice teacher. She is doing a fine work.

The agricultural course, with Prof. M. L. Tatum is the outstanding feature of this great school. This is the only school in the county that teaches this course, and only about 100 schools in the State teach the course. This work prepares boys for the business of farming and for a happier and more useful life on the farm.

The "moonlight" or night school for the older farmers is well attended by representative farmers young and old. An unusually eager interest is taken in all the studies in arithmetic, writing, besides the lectures on timely and valuable subjects to farmers. In one of the lessons the teacher, in teaching seed selection, said, "Hold on to something good if you have it; if not, get it!" Among the things covered in this course are good seed selection, fertilization, green field crop crops, dairy products, care of swine and poultry and how they pay more than some of the other products; how to write and get the free folders and bulletins from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. The farmers' interest in this school is plainly seen.

Jamesville has two fisheries where as many as from 4,000 to 20,000 fish are caught in the great power seines at a single haul. Many barrels of perch, herring, shad, and rock are also caught there each season. Sturgeon are sometimes caught, one of them caught there weighing more than 300 pounds and measuring over 9 feet in length.

The timber is very good for many miles around Jamesville. There is a saw mill and a good gin system located in the town, besides a grist mill, a large wholesale oil and gasoline storage tank station on the river front.

There are four white churches here, having services every Sunday besides the Sunday school and mid-week prayer meetings.

The colored folks have three churches, a shoe shop, and a graded school. M. L. Armistead is principal of the school, which has a very nice wooden building, well lighted and painted. They teach, besides the regular scholastic course, cooking, sewing, garment making and fancy work. There seems to be very good interest in the colored school throughout the community.

CAR CRASHES INTO TRESTLE SUPPORT

Charlotte Traveling Salesman Has Miraculous Escape When His Car Crashed into Concrete Post Here

Surroundings, was almost a miraculous escape from death occurred Saturday night when Mr. J. M. Biter, a traveling salesman, of Charlotte, drove his car head-on into a concrete pillar supporting the railroad trestle over west Main street.

Mr. Biter was approaching town and just before reaching the railroad bridge met a car which splashed mud on his lights, so that they scarcely showed the road ahead. The lights at the bridge were not burning, and Mr. Biter in his effort to observe the rules of safety was keeping in the middle of the road at a 30-mile speed when suddenly he struck the concrete pillar, which is located in the middle of the road.

Mr. Biter was thrown under the steering wheel and was badly scratched and bruised in the face, on the arm, body, and legs. In fact, the distribution of his injuries was possibly the things that saved his life, for if the entire force had been centralized they would perhaps have been more serious.

Mr. Biter was able to get on a passing car and come to town, where he was cared for by Dr. Rhodes. He seems to be doing quite well now, though he will be in for a week or two. His wife was immediately summoned and is caring for him at the Britt Hotel.

This is the first accident to occur at this place, and if the bridge lights had been burning it most likely would not have occurred. The evening was dark, rainy, and a gray fog made it almost impossible to see any object for any distance, and when the lights were covered with mud by a passing car it made it practically impossible to see anything.

Somebody should see that the bridge lights are kept burning and that the concrete posts are kept painted with some color that can easily be seen by approaching cars, as no one, and especially strangers who are not familiar with the road, are safe to pass that point without the necessary markings.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SCOUT COUNCIL

R. A. Pope, of This City, Is Elected Vice President of Pamptico Council; Discuss Plans

Greenville, N. C., Feb. 1.—Election of officers and adoption of a program for the year's work featured the annual meeting of Pamptico Council of Boy Scouts of America, held in the Rotary building here on Thursday night. The business session was preceded by a delightful dinner which was greatly enjoyed.

The officers elected were: M. O. Fletcher, Washington, president; J. R. Turnage, Ayden, vice president; R. A. Pope, Williamston, vice president; H. C. Miller, Washington, secretary; J. D. Webb, Washington, treasurer.

J. H. Wilcox, Scout executive, made a report on the accomplishments in the Pamptico area during the year and submitted his program for the year just beginning. The program calls for the organization of twenty additional scout troops in the area this year, bringing the total to forty troops. Training courses in Scout leadership to be put on in each county in the area are also included in the program and a Scout council camp at Camp Leach in June is planned for all troops.

M. O. Fletcher, newly elected president, delivered an inspiring address on "Boys," and this was followed by short talks by several of those present.

Members of the council expressed gratification at what had been accomplished in the Pamptico area since Scouting was begun in a systematic way at the program of work planned for the present year.

Meet of Woman's Club Executive Committee

The executive committee of the Woman's Club met yesterday in the club rooms at 3:30 o'clock, with a representative attendance.

The lease of the lower floor of the Masonic Hall for a period of ten years from the Masons to the club was read and accepted and the corresponding secretary directed to thank the Masons for their kindness.

Mrs. Staton was appointed a committee of one to ask the town commissioners for water and lights. She reported this morning that they granted both very graciously.

Other business was gone over and referred to the club meeting which will be held February 10th.

Pushes \$1,000 Bill Over Counter For Change

Yesterday morning when Mr. Herman Bowen opened the doors of the Farmers & Merchants Bank he was followed in by a colored man who asked to have a bill changed. Mr. Bowen told him he would and went around to the window.

What greeted him over the counter was a gold certificate for \$1,000. He had to excuse himself for a few minutes and open up the big safe, for the F. & M. does not leave change for \$1,000 bills laying around on the counter overnight.

The colored man was from near Jamesville, but we could not find out his name.

REGULAR SESSION RECORDERS COURT

Gawk Liquor Cases Up Again For Trial; Prospect of Session Lasting Two or Three Days

Recorders court got under way here today with many cases on the docket for trial.

The famous Gawk liquor cases, where 14 negroes are up for trial charged with wholesaling liquor, is in process of trial, with a jury awaiting for the usual cutting-out procedure, not so much for their good graces as for their leanings on the questions at issue.

The stage seems to indicate a battle royal. One of the principal witnesses for the State is not able to be present on account of sickness. The case may go through some days or may suddenly come to a final settlement, as at present there seems to be some indications of compromise offers.

The other cases disposed of at the session were: Bertha Williams and Minnie Leggett, charged with house burning. Both plead not guilty, and after hearing the evidence the recorder decided that probable cause had not been shown.

Kader Brown plead guilty to the charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He was charged with the coat and ordered to pay John Mason \$20. Alexander Hill, who was charged with larceny, was found not guilty. John Harrell was found guilty of carrying concealed weapons and was fined \$50 and the costs.

Sandy Ridge Local And Personal News

Misses Beulah and Sallie Roberson were the guest of Miss Beattie Green Sunday.

Misses Roxie Jones and Helen Bennett and Mr. Marvin Jones were the guests of Miss Sadie Mae Hadley Sunday morning.

Mr. Vance Bennett was the guest of Misses Ruth Jones and Inez Griffin Sunday.

Mr. Vance Bennett and Misses Inez and Marguerite Griffin attended the show Wednesday night.

Miss Bernice Williams spent Saturday night with Miss Eliza Coltrain.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roberson spent Sunday with Mrs. J. H. Riddick.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williams spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Reubin Roberson.

Miss Coralie Peed spent Thursday night with Miss Betty Tyre.

Miss Beatrice Cherry was the guest of Miss Vida Mae Roberson Sunday.

Mr. Otis Hardison was the guest of Miss Marie Riddick Sunday.

Mr. Lester Briley and Mr. Bruce Whitley spent Saturday night with Mr. Allen Peed.

Mr. Lester Briley, Allen Peed, and Bruce Whitley motored to Robersonville Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roberson, Miss Katie Mae Cherry and Messrs. Frank Hopkins and Irvin Coltrain motored to Everetts Sunday.

Miss Fannie Latham Martin spent the week end with her mother in Jamesville.

Miss Mary-Eliza Harrell, who is Williamston's oldest citizen, is critically ill at her home on Smithwick Street. She is gradually weakening and her condition is considered very serious.

Tobacco Market To Close Friday

The Williamston Tobacco Market will close Friday for the 1925-26 season.

A resume of the amount sold, prices paid, and the general activities of the market this year will appear in Friday's issue.

Most of the tobacco is all in, and the majority of the markets will close this week.

OFFICERS RAID 6 LIQUOR STANDS

Find Two in Griffins Township, and Get Other Four Along One Road In Bear Grass Section

Federal agents Snell and Grandy and deputies Luther Peel and John Manning were called out to Griffins Township Monday, where they found two moonshine liquor stands. At the first place they found 15 gallons of beer, and at the second they found 4 barrels. All of this was destroyed, but no stills could be found. The beer was found on the land of Mrs. J. W. Manning.

They then answered a call to Bear Grass, where they found near what is known as the "Five-Cent Road," leading from the Jim Coltrain place to the Gurganus place, first a batch of 11 barrels of beer. From this place they crossed to the other side of the road and found an 80 gallon copper still boiling hot, with a few gallons of liquor and 500 gallons of beer. The operators, who had heard the noise made in cutting up the first beer, had fled and were not seen.

From this point the huntmen were called across the road again a few hundred yards further on, where they found a four-barrel batch of beer, but no still or operators. Then they re-crossed the road for the third time and four another 50-gallon still and three barrels of beer.

All four places were very near the road and in "smelling distance" of several homes.

Alma And Robert Shirley Have Party

At the home of their parents, Rev. and Mrs. K. L. Shirley, little Miss Alma and Maser Robert Shirley celebrated the fifth tenth and twentieth birthdays last Saturday afternoon. Despite the inclement weather quite a number of their little friends were present and enjoyed the festive occasion with them. They were the recipients of many pretty birthday gifts. Ice cream, cake and candy were served by the little folks' mother, Mrs. Shirley.

COUNTY AGENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

Report for January Shows Two Cars of Tile Ordered for Drainage, Among Other Things

Following is the county agent's report for the month of January, 1926, as submitted to the board of county commissioners at their regular meeting Monday, February 1, 1926:

16 days spent in field work.

8 days spent in the office work.

69 conferences with farmers.

33 phone calls from farmers.

65 letters written.

20 farms visited on official duties.

2 days taken as annual leave.

218 miles traveled on official duties in the county.

Two articles written for local papers.

This month was devoted to getting up orders for two car loads of tile for farm drainage, getting up orders for a car of good cottonseed that made the highest yield in the variety tests conducted in the county for the last two years, am also getting orders for a partial car of pyralite. The work of getting up these orders will be continued for some time in the month of February.

Number Local People Leave for Florida Trip

The following people left here this morning for Florida, on one of the party trips: Mesdames J. C. Crawford, A. R. Dunning, J. A. Manning, F. U. Barnes, P. B. Cone, C. A. and G. H. Harrison, C. D. Carstarphen, I. C. Bennett, and Miss Sallie Harris. They were joined by Misses Estelle Crawford and Elizabeth Stearns, of Belhaven, and Dr. A. M. D. T. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. June Grimes and Mrs. Wiley Rodman, of Washington.

Mr. Theodore Hassell has returned from Louisville, where he has been visiting Rev. and Mrs. McKiver.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Crawford will return Thursday from Florida, where they have been spending a week.

Elder Sylvester Hassell returned Sunday afternoon from the union meeting at Kehukee.

Mr. Godwin Dunning, of Aulander, visited his brother, A. R. Dunning, last night.

Mrs. Jennie Yarrrell has been quite sick, but she is much better now than she was several days ago. She is at home with Mrs. Fannie Carstarphen.

'Eavens 'Elp Us!



Well, it's here—beauty contests for men and poor Allen P. Maybee, Columbia College Senior—had to go and win first prize as the 'Andriest Man'. He was so embarrassed that he went into seclusion—and says he will succeed at law in spite of all this.

MRS. L. J. CHAPMAN, OF GRIFTON, DEAD

Was Mother of Mrs. J. L. Williams, of This City; Several Local People Attended Funeral Sunday

Saturday morning, at her home in Grifton, Mrs. L. J. Chapman passed away, with all of her family, who have so tenderly ministered to her during an illness lasting several years, at her bedside. She was in her sixty-third year.

Before her marriage to Mr. Chapman she was a Miss Brooks, of Pitt County. The deceased is survived by her husband, five daughters, Mrs. J. L. Williams, of this city, Mrs. Gladys Charles, Misses Ruth and Marie Chapman, of Grifton, and Mrs. George Tomlinson, of Wilson, and two sons, Jack and Lloyd Chapman, also of Grifton.

Mrs. Chapman was a fine Christian woman with a strong personality that endeared her to a host of friends. She was a member of the Christian church and the funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. W. Howard, of Kingston, and Professor Case, of Wilson.

Messrs. W. C. Manning, G. H. and T. F. Harrison, J. D. Woodard, and Stanley Sessoms attended the services which were held Sunday at 3 o'clock.

Local Highs Get In Winning Column

Last night a few local fans saw our high school team play the fastest and best game they have showed this year when Windsor was turned back on the short end of 14 to 9 score. About three weeks ago the boys played Windsor in Windsor and were right badly beaten, but when the visitors tackled them last night the time was changed. Both teams put up a nice game, but Williamston was just out to win and that's all there was to it.

On Friday night both the boys' and the girls' teams were beaten by Everetts by one-sided scores, but the game last night served to soothe the boys' feelings somewhat. Now it's up to the girls to win one.

A. C. C. To Play Local Town Team Tonight

The town team will play Atlantic Christian College tonight at the Dixie Warehouse. The game will be called at 8 o'clock.

This team was defeated by the local boys last year, but they are much stronger this year, and a very hard-fought and close game is expected.

Oak City Seniors' Play Friday Night

The senior class of Oak City high school will give their play, entitled "The Path Across the Hill," Friday night, February 5, at the school auditorium. The admission will be 25 and 35 cents.

All are cordially invited to attend and show your cooperation with the school and add encouragement to the class. This promises to be the best play of the season, full of fun, carries a good plot and moral.

Mrs. Biggs Hostess To Members of Card Club

The card club was entertained by Mrs. S. R. Biggs at its regular meeting last week.

Mrs. Titus Critcher made high score and was presented a box of fancy stationery.

Mrs. Biggs served delicious home-made ice cream and cake.

COMMISSIONERS IN TWO-DAY SESSION

Jail Ordered Built; \$175,000 Road All Members of Board Present; New Bonds To Be Issued

The county commissioners are having a two days session this month with all the members present, H. C. Green, chairman; J. G. Barnhill, Jno. N. Hopkins, Hugh Burras, and Bog Slade, Jr.

The question of whether the fair grounds, now listed at \$30,000, should be exempted from taxes, on account of being an agricultural fair and being run on a plan that makes it educational to the county, was discussed yesterday, and upon motion of T. B. Slade, Jr., seconded by H. M. Burras, it was voted that it should be exempted from taxes on that ground. The property belongs to Mrs. Fannie Chase Staton, and it was shown the county officials that much attention was given the home and farm interests at each annual fair of the Roanoke Fair Association.

Other things brought up and voted on yesterday were:

Martha Stokes was allowed \$3 per month on pauper account.

W. E. Rogerson, of Bear Grass, was admitted to the county home.

Stanley Hollis was released from the payment of poll tax in Williamston, as he was paying it in Cross Roads Township.

R. J. Whitehurst was released from the payment of \$5.15 special school tax in Puhelme.

J. M. Pugh was released from the payment of taxes on \$1,000 worth of land, known as the Bond place, in Hamilton, it belonging to the county board of education.

The allowance of W. A. Stokes was ordered discontinued after one month.

Me. G. Nelson was released from the payment of \$7 taxes on 7 dogs, listed by error in Robersonville Township.

Tuesday Session

Upon motion it was ordered that a new county jail be built and that specifications be procured from the State Board of Public Welfare.

It was also ordered that the county sell road and bridge bonds in the sum of \$175,000. The proposal of the W. K. Terry & Co., to prepare the bonds and resolutions in connection with the sale of the bonds was accepted.

The following named jurors were drawn to serve at the March term of the superior court:

C. G. Gurkin, Geo. W. Martin, C. T. Mizelle, of Jamesville Township.

Noah P. Roberson, of Williams.

Pleny Peel, Buck Roberson, Jos. E. Griffin, C. C. Coltrain, of Griffins.

John W. Bailey, W. R. Roebuck, Dennis Bailey, of Bear Grass.

S. B. Seasmos, G. N. Gurganus, J. W. Watts, Jr., W. G. Peel, M. D. Wilson, C. A. Harrison, Geo. C. Jenkins, F. U. Barnes, of Williamston.

J. B. Bullock, Lester Peel, Mc. L. James, Mayo Peel, of Cross Roads.

W. S. White, Poplar Point.

L. R. Everett, H. T. Johnson, Hamilton, L. L. Harrell, H. S. Everett, Willie J. Johnson, W. S. Bunting, of Goose Nest.

C. A. Roberson, W. W. Taylor, J. H. Roberson, Jr., J. Q. Andrews, J. C. Martin, of Robersonville.

Second Week

Jurors drawn for the second week of the same term are:

J. C. Sexton, C. J. Griffin, N. R. Griffin, N. S. Cherry, P. E. Getsinger, J. A. Ellis, J. A. Leggett, H. L. Meador, J. H. Mizell, W. H. Rogers, T. S. Critcher, A. L. Barnhill, W. H. Holliday, Clyde Everett, W. E. Grimes, B. F. Myers, T. G. Manning, E. N. Harrell.

Margolis Sale To Be Continued This Week

The annual January Clearance Sale of Margolis Brothers will last through this week. It was supposed to end last Saturday night, but owing to the rainy weather of last week the Messrs. Margolis decided to continue it through this week. The new spring goods that are arriving are all being sold at sale prices and a great many people are taking advantage of this reduction.

Don't Borrow your Neighbors Paper Own your Own! Advertisement with illustration of a man and a dog.

STRAND THEATRE USUAL GOOD PROGRAM TONIGHT AND TOMORROW 2 Shows Tomorrow Night 7:00 and 9:00 P. M.