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Williamston Visited By Disastrous Fires Saturday Night And Monday

Spectacular Blaze Destroys 2 Washington Street Buildings; Storage Warehouse Damaged

Peanuts and Guano Burr In Warehouse Fire; Fireman Overcome

Williamston had a big blaze Saturday night about 7 o'clock when everything was covered with snow and sleet. The fire was located in the colored hotel on Washington Street, which was in-roaring flames before it could be reached by the fire fighters.

The fire department found they did not have enough hose to reach the fire without using some that was too old to stand full pressure and had much difficulty in reaching the fire with water.

The hotel building was totally destroyed and also the Ormond building and store, which adjoined the hotel. Ormond occupied the offices and Joe Mike's Economy Store the store room.

The hotel was a two-story wooden structure, worth something like \$3,000, with \$1,150 insurance, and belonged to A. J. Britt; but was being run by Walter Simmons.

The other building belonged to W. V. Ormond and was worth \$2,000, with \$1,000 insurance and \$250 insurance on furniture and fixtures. The amount of loss to furniture and fixtures in the hotel could not be ascertained.

The fire originated from a defective fue.

Guess What's in the Envelope!



President Coolidge knows and so does Miss K. A. Shea, the bearer. It's the chief executive's salary. She has been personally delivering it to the White House each month for the past ten years.

Biggs & Stalls Warehouse Fire

Monday afternoon about 2:30 a fire alarm was sent in from Biggs & Stalls Warehouse, near the A. C. L. station. The fire was making great headway when the fire engine reached the building, but by quick action on the part of the fire company with both the water and chemical apparatus the flames were soon put out, although it took quite a while to stop the smoldering fire in the contents of the building, consisting of 75 tons of fertilizer, 11,000 bags of peanuts, several hundred bushels of ear corn, and a large quantity of ash shovel handles. The total value of the contents was between \$40,000 and \$50,000. The contents were insured for \$25,000, with the exception of the 75 tons of guano, on which no insurance was carried.

The building was valued at \$6,000, with \$2,000 insurance. Damage to the building is estimated as high as from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

The furniture and fixtures were totally destroyed and the damage to the fertilizer and peanuts not possibly be ascertained, as they were flooded with water as well as badly burned. The loss is variously estimated at between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

The firemen found it difficult to fight the fire, as the smoke from the burning fertilizer caused so much gas it almost stifled them. Mr. F. L. Edwards was overcome and had to be taken out.

The origin of the fire is not known, but was supposed to be from an oil stove or from smoking.

Parent-Teachers Meeting Thursday

Don't forget the day and hour of the parent-teacher meeting—Thursday afternoon, 3:30, at the schoolhouse. This is the regular monthly meeting, which was postponed last week on account of the rainy weather.

The association has recently federated with the State Association, and it is expected that both the work and the programs will be more interesting in the future.

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SCHOOL NEWS OF ROBERSONVILLE

Honor Roll for February; Graphs Present Some Interesting Figures in Class Statistics

(Special To The Enterprise)

The honor roll for February, the sixth month of the school, follows: (Requirements: 90 per cent on each subject; 90 per cent on deportment; one tardy and one absence allowed; or two tardies or two absences.)

First grade: Vera Grimes, Rachel Johnson, Magdalene Rawls, Emeline Roberson, Frances Stalls, Virginia Smith, May Wyatt James, Christine Roberson, Edith Wilson Sumner, Frances Ward, Carrie Dell Ross, Ellie Roebuck, Nun Everett, Jr.; Halford House Carl Edward Norman, Joe Brake Roberson.

Second grade: Early D. Moore, J. R. Moye, Jr., J. H. Whitfield, Jr., Alie Everett, Marjorie Edmondson, Nolie Keel Highsmith, Margaret House Cleo James, Evelyn Sumner, Doris Thomas.

Third grade: Clifton Everett, Hoke Roberson, Geraldine Cox, Chloe Roberson, Phillip Keel, Dixie Roberson, J. W. Taylor, Magnolia Roebuck.

Fourth grade: Hattie Ray James, Walter Elliot Ward, Louise Rawls, Elizabeth Keel.

Fifth grade: Curtis Smith, Hattie Mae Bullock.

Sixth grade: Selma James.

Seventh grade: Christine Taylor, Browne Roberson, Virginia Thomas, Margaret Taylor, Elsie Reid Roberson.

Eighth grade: Marjorie Smith.

TO LOAD POULTRY CAR HERE TUESDAY

In First Car Ever To Be Shipped From Williamston; Prices Much Better Than Last Year

The first carload of poultry to ever be shipped from Martin County will be loaded next Tuesday, March 23rd. County Agent T. B. Brandon formerly shipped with Mr. Welch, county agent of Beaufort, but the shipments have become so great that Martin County poultry will be shipped in the future from Williamston.

The prices to be paid are better than at any time before. They follow:

All hens, 24 1-2 cents per pound.
Cocks, 12 cents per pound.
Broilers, 45 cents per pound.
Ducks, 20 cents per pound.
Geese, 15 cents per pound.
Guineas, 35 cents each.

These prices are conclusive evidence that money can be made on poultry. A clean house, built closely enough that the chickens will not suffer, is the only requisite for poultry raising in the winter in this section. Those who had chickens hatched during December and January will receive quite handsome profits on their product.

Every one-horse farm should have 200 chickens. If every one did, there would not be such a hard struggle to make ends meet and so many dependent upon time prices.

With the State department ready to help market them at good prices every farmer should cull his flock, sell the old ones in this car load, get good eggs for the spring hatching and get a new start.

Lee Cooper Killed in Auto Wreck in S. C.

Washington, Mar. 15.—Lee M. Cooper, of Georgetown, S. C., well known and very popular in this city, was instantly killed Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock when the automobile in which he was a passenger turned turtle about 16 miles from Charleston, S. C., near Goose Creek. C. P. Young, the driver, was uninjured. The accident occurred in a blinding wind storm and the sand lay on which they were riding was slippery. It is thought that the ill-fated car skidded on the slick road and finally turned over.

Cooper was born and raised at Old Ford, near this city, but for several years has been manager of the Wedgfield plantation, one of the show places of South Carolina. He would have been 26 years old in May. He and Young had started for Charleston from Georgetown, where the plantation is located, when the tragedy happened.

Lee is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cooper, two brothers, Robert Nash, of this city, and Frank, who is connected with the British American Tobacco Co., in Africa, and one sister, Mrs. R. G. Thompson, of Mebane.

The young man was well known in this city and news of his death brings deep regret to a number of friends here.

The funeral services were held at the home of his parents, which is on the Williamston and Washington highway, yesterday afternoon, and interment was made in the family cemetery at Old Ford.

LICENSE BUREAU TO LOCATE HERE

Williamston Picked As One of Twenty Auto License Stations in North Carolina

Mr. J. L. Anderson, representing the Carolina Motor Club, of Greensboro, was a visitor in this city Friday afternoon. Mr. Anderson will return at an early date to establish an automobile license bureau for the club. There will be twenty bureaus existing in the State during the coming year, the three in this immediate section being assigned to Williamston, Elizabeth City, and Greenville.

One of the important functions of a bureau is to furnish new State licenses. Heretofore Williamston and Martin County people have gotten their licenses from the Washington bureau, but on account of the geographical situation of our town, the Carolina Motor Club is moving that bureau here.

The people of Williamston and vicinity should appreciate the value of the office to be established here and should support the club in every way that they can.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Moore, a son, Maurices Sheppard Moore, Jr., March 10th. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are receiving congratulations from friends all over this section.

Says Dire Calamities Are in Store for 1926

The year 1926 is destined to shake the world to its foundation, both physically and politically; it is to be a succession of plagues, famines, floods, shipwrecks, rioting and revolution. So says the British Journal of Astrology, which has drawn the horoscope for that year, when the planets Mars and Mercury will be in conjunction.

"Six years later, the great Armageddon is to take place. It will be a final conflict between Mohammedanism, allied with Bolshevism, against the United Anglo-Saxon world." It will end in a "universal peace," in 1932, but "there will be so few of us left and we shall all be so tired that peace should happen anyhow," the horoscope says.

Williams Township Folks in Auto Wrecks

Last Friday night, Mr. Harold Hopkins' car was wrecked near his home. He met a pair of mules and wagon driven by a man who had gone to sleep, and the team naturally were not sticking closely to their side of the road. The car driver did not know the situation and consequently did not turn aside but drove into the outfit.

Mr. J. N. Hopkins, of Williams Township, had his car turned over between Everetts and Robersonville Sunday afternoon. Miss Lavenia Hopkins, a niece, was driving the car, and when it got off the road in the deep mud she was unable to hold it, the car being a big Studebaker 6 touring car. No one was hurt, but the machine was rather badly torn up.

Pre-Easter Revival At Baptist Church

Next Sunday the people of the Memorial Baptist Church will open their pre-Easter evangelistic campaign.

From every standpoint, the Lenten period is suitable for such services. It is a time of year when in an especial manner we are remembering the Christ and His sufferings. Also Easter is a red-letter day in all the churches.

For a number of years the pastor of this church has held his meetings at this time of year, and has found it a very satisfactory time.

As much as possible, we ask the people who are interested to arrange their business and social engagements so that they may not conflict with these services.

All evening services will begin at 8 o'clock, and with the exception of Sunday, there will be only one service each day, and that at the evening hour. No services will be held on Saturdays.

Williams-Harrell

Wednesday afternoon a quiet wedding took place in the reception room of the Baptist parsonage. David Sylvester Williams, of this county, was married to Miss Nettie Pearl Harrell.



The Prince of Wales, credited with being England's best advertising bet in his tumbling act from galloping steeple-chase horses, has a real national rival—now that John Coolidge, son of the President, has taken up boxing at Amherst college. Right now John is nursing a rather "ouchy" nose and the Prince is carrying his left arm in a sling—the former having lost a three round battle in a boxing tourney and the latter from a bad spill—his thirteenth fall in a race.

Chamber Commerce Meeting Thursday Night; Important Matters To Be Brought Up

SUPERIOR COURT BEGAN YESTERDAY

Judge Thomas H. Calvert Presiding; Grand Jury Criticizes Jail and County Home

Judge Thomas H. Calvert is presiding at the spring term of Martin County Superior Court, which was convened here yesterday morning.

He charged the jury on the need for law enforcement and the duty of juries, both grand and petit.

The following constituted the grand jury: W. S. White, H. S. Johnson, M. D. Wilson, Noah P. Roberson, J. Q. Andrews, W. S. Bunting, J. B. Bullock, McL. James, J. H. Roberson, Jr., Arthur Roberson, H. S. Everett, Lester Peel, W. G. Peel, Mayo Peel, W. Taylor, L. R. Everett, C. G. Gurkin, Jos. E. Griffin.

Bills of indictment were turned into court as follows:

No. 3. State vs. Paul Ballard, cruelty to animals.

No. 4. State vs. Roy Ford, house-breaking and larceny.

No. 5. Against Weldon Ford, house breaking and larceny.

No. 6. Against Robert L. Hargrove, house breaking and larceny.

No. 7. Against Nathan Bond, house breaking and larceny.

No. 8. Against Paul Ballard, larceny.

The grand jury's report was read and the gentlemen of the jury discharged at 11:30 Tuesday morning. The grand jury sharply criticized the condition of the buildings at the county home as being entirely unfit for the proper care of the inmates. They also found the jail building in the same bad and unsafe condition. They reported the management and handling of the inmates of the county home to be satisfactory; also the jail.

Cotton Co-ops to Have Exhibit at Exposition

(Special To The Enterprise)

Raleigh, Mar. 15.—Plans are being perfected for a unique exhibit by the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association at the Eastern Carolina Exposition to be held in Greenville in April. The exhibit will be educational in character, a demonstration of the importance of the use of proper types of cotton seed and the relative value of the several types. Actual bales of cotton of different grades and staple will be shown and the grading and classing will be demonstrated at the booth. In this work the association will cooperate with Dr. R. Y. Winters, the seed specialist of the State, and it is the hope of the management that the exhibit will bring home to the cotton growers the danger of poor seed and the profit in properly selected seed of the proper types.

Mrs. W. A. Ellison, of Belhaven, has visited her sister, Mrs. Latham Thayer, and Mrs. Maurice Moore this week.

Messrs. Paul Edmondson and John Eubanks, of Hassells, were in town Monday.

NEAR EAST RELIEF WORK IN COUNTY

Rev. W. A. Murray, Field Director, to Make Number of Addresses in Martin County

The Near East Relief organization is caring for 35,000 orphans; 2,084 are depending on North Carolina for support. Of this number Martin County is asked to support 25 orphans at \$5 per month or \$60 per year.

Last week there appeared in this paper a picture of "The empty bowl." America must fill this bowl or they perish. Surely Martin County will do her part.

The Near East orphans are not brought up in idleness. They are not only taught American citizenship and the Bible, but every child is taught a trade by which he or she can become self supporting.

Every girl is taught plain and fancy sewing, rug and dress making, and home economics.

The boys are taught agriculture, carpentry, masonry, mechanics, shoe-making and tailoring.

Half of each day is devoted to studies and the other half to practical work and vocational training. The orphans do all the work and raise most of the vegetables used.

Food is a recurring need. Three times daily Near East Relief must feed 35,000 little mouths by providing 105,000 meals daily. If every one will do his part this task can easily be accomplished.

Rev. T. W. Lee, the Martin County chairman, has Rev. W. A. Murray, field director for North Carolina, to help in the campaign.

Mr. Murray will speak at the following places:

Monday: 3 p. m., at Hamilton; 7:30 p. m., at Oak City.

Tuesday: 10:30 a. m., at Everetts; 3:45 p. m., at Williamston; 7:30 p. m., at Robersonville.

Wednesday: 10:30 a. m., at Bear Grass; 2:30 p. m., at Farm Life; 7:30 p. m., at Jamesville.

Mr. Lee and the committee extend a most cordial invitation to all to come and hear the story of the wonderful work that the Near East organization is doing.

Secure Principal for Vacation Bible School

The committee representing the four local churches which are putting on the first Daily Vacation Bible School Williamston has had, has been fortunate enough to secure Miss Emma Robertson as the principal of the school.

Miss Robertson is eminently fitted by training and natural ability to head this important school. Her love for children; her educational qualifications, her years of teaching experience both in the public schools and in church schools and the high personal regard in which she is held by every one will at once give us all great confidence in the success of the school.

Miss Robertson accepted this task at a distinct personal sacrifice and will serve without compensation.

She is already giving much time and thought to plans for the school.

Within a short time the personnel of the entire faculty will be announced.

No school anywhere ever had a more promising beginning, and with all the churches in town backing it, as well as the entire community, it is freely predicted that the Daily Vacation Bible School will be a glorious success.

Greatest Railroad Accident Recorded

The greatest railroad accident on record occurred Sunday in Costa Rica, where a part of the cars in a passenger train jumped from a bridge to the bottom of a river 190 feet below. 248 people were killed and 93 others injured. There were about 1,000 people on the train, but all of the cars did not go off the bridge.

Special Masonic Meeting Tuesday

There will be a special communication of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday night, March 16, at 7:45 p. m. Work in the second degree. All Master Masons in good standing are requested to attend.

C. D. CARSTARPHEN, Jr., Secretary.

STRAND THEATRE

GOOD PROGRAM

Two Shows—7 and 9

TOMORROW NIGHT

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