

## TO LET CONTRACTS FOR NEW JAIL AND COUNTY HOME MONDAY, MAY 17

Both Buildings Will Be  
Modern In Every  
Respect

### 4 STORY JAIL

Will Also Contain Offices  
For Register Deeds  
and Court Clerk

Sealed bids for the construction of a new county home and a fire-proof annex to the courthouse for a new jail will be received by the county commissioners up to Monday, May 17, at which time all bids will be opened and contracts let for the buildings.

The jail building will be erected 30 feet in the rear of the courthouse, and will be 26 by 100 feet, and will be a fireproof structure throughout.

On the basement, or first floor, will be the boiler room, kitchen, toilets, and storage rooms. The second floor which will be on a level with the old courthouse ground floor, will contain two offices and two vaults, one side for the use of the clerk of the court, the other side for the register of deeds. The offices and vaults will all be 16 by 24 feet, the vaults will be properly equipped with windows, so that the records do not have to be taken out for reference, as has to be done at present.

The third floor will be used on one side for women prisoners and on the other side for a jailor's home.

The fourth, or top floor, will contain the jail proper, and will be equipped with modern jail cells.

**County Home Details**  
The county home, a two-story structure, with basement, will have a heating and a cold storage plant in the basement. The first floor will be constructed so as to form four distinct divisions; two for whites and two for colored people. There will be 24 rooms averaging about 13 feet square, besides the halls, closets, etc.

The keeper of the home will live on the second floor.

The building will have a frontage of 165 feet and will run back 65 feet. It will be of brick and concrete of the most modern type, with a heating and lighting system throughout.

### Closing Exercises at Everetts School

The commencement exercises of the Everetts school will be held this week. Following is the program for the week:

Wednesday night, 8 p. m.—Play by the grammar school.  
Thursday night, 8 p. m.—Play by the seventh grade.

Friday, 9 a. m.—Distribution of promotion cards.  
10 a. m.—Addresses by Superintendent Pope and Rev. Richard Bagby, of Washington.

1 p. m.—Dinner on the school grounds.  
3 p. m.—Baseball game.  
8:15 p. m.—Play by high school, "Fair Weather Friends."

On Friday morning certificates will be given member of the tenth grade, who will go to Robersonville or Williamston next year; also to the seventh grade graduates.

Messrs. John and Robert Tarkenton, of Woodard, were in town Monday. They are among the leading farmers of Bertie and reside in the Cashie Neck section.

**STRAND  
THEATRE**

TONIGHT (TUESDAY)  
"LOVERS IN QUARANTINE"  
Bebe Daniels - Harrison Ford

WEDNESDAY  
Richard Talmadge in  
"THE FIGHTING DEMON"  
Also  
Al St. John Comedy  
Two Shows 7:30 and 9:00

THURSDAY  
"THE GOLDEN PRINCESS"  
With Betty Bronson and Neil Hamilton

### Robersonville School Will Close This Week

The Robersonville schools close Friday, May 8, at 11 o'clock, with the address to the graduating class by Dr. Hubert Poteat, of Wake Forest College. The diplomas will be delivered also by Dr. Poteat. On Thursday night in the school auditorium the class exercises will be held and the public is cordially invited to attend both these occasions.

### Washington Store Robbers Captured

Washington, May 3.—Herbert Alligood, of this city, and H. A. Boyd, Jr., of Grimesland, were arrested Saturday in Portsmouth, Va., by a plainclothes man when they were trying to pawn two watches at a pawn shop. They had gotten their tickets and were about to leave, when the man in charge of the shop notified the detective. Recently the Portsmouth shops have been working in cooperation with the police since several shops have been closed up on account of selling stolen goods.

The two young men appeared confused when questioned by police and stated they had taken the goods from a New Bern store. They were carried to jail and held in custody for several hours, when one of the pair is said to have acknowledged that the goods came from the jewelry store of R. Lee Stewart, of Washington.

They told the police they were driving a car which was parked a short distance away and had the greater part of the stolen goods with them at that time. This was found to be true and the chief of the Portsmouth department wired Chief Dellinger here to come and get the two men.

Captain James H. Harrison, sheriff of Beaufort County, E. L. Stewart, R. L. Stewart, and H. L. Dellinger left here Sunday afternoon for Portsmouth. Sheriff Harris and E. L. Stewart returned home late last night bringing the two boys with them. They are now lodged in jail, and a hearing will be given them tomorrow morning in recorder's court.

Lee Stewart and Dellinger will arrive late this afternoon driving the car owned by Alligood. The car was bought from the Gorham Motor Co., and a payment was due on it last week, it is said.

### Local Minister Holds Services at State Farm

Rev. C. H. Dickey, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Messrs. J. W. Anderson, Pete Hall, and B. S. Courtney went to the State farm at Caledonia Sunday afternoon, where Mr. Dickey held special services for the convicts. These services are held under the direction of Mr. C. L. Josey, of Scotland Neck, and he employs the rotation method to procure religious worship for the imprisoned in that he tries to get ministers of all faiths to assist in the work and from different sections and communities. Those in authority at the farm said that great good is being accomplished by the church services.

### Clinic at Greenville For Crippled Children

There will be a clinic for crippled children in Greenville on Thursday, May 20. Dr. O. L. Miller, of the State Orthopedic Hospital, will be there and also a member of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare. Martin County people are invited to take crippled children, white or colored, to this clinic.

This work is reaching many of the unfortunate children of North Carolina, and the effects of it are miraculous. The lame are made to walk. If you have a neighbor who has a crippled child, or know of one, kindly assist the officials in persuading the parents and guardians of children to avail themselves of this opportunity to have children treated.

R. A. POPE,  
Superintendent Public Welfare.

### Conoho Chapter To Meet Thursday

There will be a regular communication of Conoho Chapter, No. 12, Royal Arch Masons, Thursday night at 8 o'clock, May 6, 1926. All members in good standing are urged to be present.

N. K. HARRISON,  
Secretary.

### VETERAN EXPORT BUYER RESIGNS

W. T. Meadows Leaves Export Tobacco Company After 17 Years to Operate Warehouse Here

Mr. W. T. Meadows, affectionately known as "Uncle Buck" by all the farmers of Martin County, has resigned his position with the Export Leaf Tobacco Co., as buyer after 17 years affiliation with the company. He has severed his connection with the Export Leaf in order to enter private business again.

Mr. Meadows is the most picturesque figure in the tobacco history of the county. He has been actively engaged in the tobacco business since he was 16 years old, first working for his father in his home town, Oxford. He and his father, Mr. W. L. Meadows, sold the first pound of tobacco on the Rocky Mount floors in 1894. Captain Thomas Washington, now of Wilson, was the auctioneer. Mr. Meadows then owned a warehouse in Durham and it was from that place that he came to Williamston in 1902, and acted as manager of the first warehouse in Williamston. Messrs. J. G. Staton and J. L. Leggett were the proprietors of the house.

Mr. Meadows continued to run and manage houses here until 1909, when he became buyer for the Export Leaf Tobacco Co., which position he has held faithfully and efficiently until now, when he desires to again be manager and proprietor of a warehouse. He has won an enviable reputation of the people of the county as their friend, and in his new capacity will doubtless be able to do more yet for the farmers. He bought all kinds of tobacco and always endeavored to get as much for the producers as possible. His average annual purchase was around a million pounds, and it is safe to say that he has bought at least 17,000,000 pounds of tobacco on the Williamston market.

He and Mr. J. G. Staton are the only surviving members of the original tobacco board of trade and the veterans of the tobacco business in Williamston.

Mr. Meadows will be associated with Messrs. Harry Meador and W. B. Watts, and they will occupy the combined Roanoke and Dixie Warehouses. Their firm will be known as the Roanoke-Dixie Tobacco Warehouse Co.

### Jefferson Centennial Election Began 2nd

Sunday, May 2, marked the opening of the nomination period of the Jefferson Centennial Election in North Carolina, and until May 18th, representative young women may be entered as candidates in the State-wide election, which will select a number of North Carolina young women to be official members of a national delegation, America's Birthday Party, who as guests of the Jefferson Memorial Foundation, will tour Europe this summer.

Walter Murphy, of Salisbury, is heading the election in North Carolina. Endorsements and letters of approval of the movement have been received by him from prominent leaders throughout the State, stating they will become members of the committee or sponsors and are in entire sympathy with the movement.

Every city in North Carolina is invited to participate in the election by each city selecting a representative young woman to be its official candidate, and then forming a committee to back the candidate in raising funds for Monticello during the balloting period. The period for entering candidates is May 2 to May 17. The balloting period is from May 18 to June 3. Winners of the trip will be announced June 4th.

Any girl over 16 years of age residing in North Carolina may be selected as a guest of the Jefferson Memorial Foundation for this wonderful trip. All that is necessary is to become a candidate during the period for entering nominations May 2 to May 17. Then during the balloting period, May 18 to June 3, solicit funds for Monticello. For every dollar subscribed to the cause a candidate is credited with 10 votes. The total number of votes cast determines the winners. Those having the highest number of votes at the end of the election will be declared elected. One candidate going on the trip for every 50,000 votes cast in the aggregate.

Rev. W. R. Yokley, pastor of the Oak City Baptist Church, was a visitor in town Monday.

### REGULAR SESSION OF COMMISSIONERS

Drawing of Jury List For June Term of Court and Appointment of List Takers Only Important Items

The Martin County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting at the courthouse Monday, with the following members present: H. C. Green, chairman; H. M. Burras, J. N. Hopkins, J. G. Barnhill, and T. B. Slade, jr. The drawing of a jury for the June term of superior court and releasing of payment of taxes were the only items of importance to come before the board.

The following orders were issued: That Whit Purvis be released from the payment of \$3.20 tax improperly listed in Hamilton Township in the year 1925.

That James Slade be refunded \$3.20 poll tax paid in Hamilton in the year 1925, the tax having been paid in Williamston Township.

That John R. Rogerson be released from the payment of \$1 dog tax.

That William Little be refunded \$2 poll tax listed by error in Williamston Township.

That Mrs. L. T. Waters be released from the payment of taxes on land worth \$2,200 improperly listed in Williamston Township.

That Alexander Coburn be allowed \$2 per month.

L. A. Sykes was released from the payment of \$1 dog tax listed by error in Jamesville Township.

Upon motion and vote a note of \$40,000 due Eyer & Co., was extended for six months.

The jury drawn for the term of court beginning June 21 is as follows: Warren W. Waters, T. H. Brown, J. W. Warrington, R. G. Sexton, C. C. Fleming, Ephraim Peel, J. C. Coltraine, Jos. E. Griffin, Jordan G. Peel, E. T. Hodges, Ellis Malone, S. H. Mobley, R. L. Hodges, S. C. Ray, B. W. Hardy, J. E. Harrison, Jr., W. D. Ambers, W. C. Purvis, J. N. Biggs, W. F. Crawford, G. R. Roebuck, E. R. Edmondson, L. T. Stokes, P. C. Edmondson, R. R. Thompson, E. V. Smith, E. R. Harrell, J. F. Daniel and E. E. Early.

The following tax list takers have been appointed: Jamesville: A. Corey; Williams: Joshua L. Coltraine; Griffiths: W. B. Harrington; Bear Grass: A. B. Ayers; Williamston: O. S. Anderson; Cross Roads: C. B. Roebuck; Robersonville: A. L. Bellflower; Poplar Point: L. R. Taylor; Hamilton: W. S. Rhodes; Goose Nest: G. F. Crisp.

### Bear Grass To Vote On Road Tax June 5th

Bear Grass Township will vote on the question of continuing the special road tax for that township on June 5th, or whether they will go back to the old system at the expiration of the term under which they are now operating, which term expires this year. The election will be held on Saturday, June 5th, the same day that the primary will be held. All voters of the township will be entitled to vote in this election under the regular registration.

The election is for the purpose of authorizing the levying of a tax of 30 cents on each \$100 worth of property for the purpose of building and maintenance of the roads of Bear Grass Township.

### Party Left Monday On Wildacres Trip

The second party from Williamston to take advantage of the special rates being offered by the Wildacre Development Co. left Williamston Monday morning at 11 o'clock by bus for Wildacres and Asheville via Salisbury and Marion. They expect to return Friday night by the same route.

The party included Mrs. Whit Purvis, Mrs. John D. Biggs, Jr., Mrs. G. W. Hardison, Mrs. J. G. Godard, Mrs. J. W. Watts, Jr., Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., Mrs. A. R. Dunning, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Peel, and Mrs. Clarence J. Rhea, of Windsor.

Mrs. Biggs, Mrs. Martin, and Mrs. Rhea also expect to attend several sessions of the State Convention of Federated Woman's Clubs which is being held in Asheville while they are away.

### Mrs. Sophia Cratt, Of Bear Grass, Dead

Mrs. Sophia Cratt, of Bear Grass, died at her home Friday at the age of 63.

She was Miss Sophia Harrison before her marriage to the late Mc. G. Cratt.

### REPORT OF COUNTY AGENT FOR APRIL

520 Bushels of Pedigreed Cotton Seed Delivered to Planters; To Make Fertilizer Test This Year

Following is the report of County Farm Agent T. B. Brandon, as submitted to the county commissioners for the month of April: 23 days spent in field work. 3 days spent in office. 139 office calls in regard to work. 167 telephone calls. 216 letters written. 63 farms visited on official duties. 917 miles traveled on official duties. 444 hogs treated during the month in order to control the outbreaks that have appeared in the upper end of the county.

520 bushels of Wannamaker Cleveland cottonseed were delivered during the month. These seeds were the highest-yielding variety in the cotton-variety test conducted on Mr. Walter Gurganus' place last year. They yielded 1,600 pounds per acre, while the other varieties fell considerably lower.

One car of poultry was loaded during the month with 4,853 pounds of live poultry, which was sold at 24 cents a pound for hens cash at the car door.

There will be conducted a fertilizer test, using 11 different fertilizers on the farm of Mr. L. B. Harrison and Mr. Walter Gurganus this year. Every farmer in the county should visit the test grounds during the year in order to see what fertilizer will make the best tobacco. The different fertilizer people have donated the fertilizer. Mr. E. Y. Floyd, tobacco specialist, the county agent, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Gurganus are working together to put the test across. After the tobacco begins to grow, there will be cards placed in order that visitors can see the exact kind of fertilizer used.

### New Saw Mill to Start Work Within 2 Weeks

Mr. C. D. Webb, operating as the Williamston Lumber Co., expects to begin active business within two weeks the time required to complete his modern splendidly equipped new saw mill. Mr. Webb's mill is situated on the Harrison farm near the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and is ideally located for the promotion of both domestic and foreign business.

Mr. Webb comes to Williamston from Edenton and has had 15 years' experience in the saw-mill business. He is erecting a first-class mill with a daily output of 20,000 feet of North Carolina kiln-dried pine lumber, a type of lumber with a reputation all over the world. He employs 20 men on his yards alone and has a much larger force in the woods. This addition to the business life of Williamston is very promising and will no doubt become one of the most reliable avenues of local trade. Mr. Webb and his family are at home on Simmons Avenue.

### John A. Manning Selling Out His Grocery Stock

Mr. John A. Manning is selling out his present stock of goods in the Manning Grocery Co., at absolutely cost prices preparatory to taking over the management of the Gold Star Grocery Co. store, which will open shortly in the double building recently occupied by Anderson, Crawford & Co. The Gold Star Grocery Co. is owned by the Abbot, Gwaltney & Co., of Norfolk and is run on the same system as the Pender Stores, in that they sell for cash and do not deliver as often as the usual grocery store does. They expect to carry a full line of staple and fancy groceries, and will specialize in grains and feed, both wholesale and retail.

### Local Masons Attend Services in a Body

The members of Skewarkee Lodge of Masons attended the Sunday night services at the Baptist church in a body, where a special sermon was preached by Rev. C. H. Dickey, the pastor of the church.

There was a good attendance at the service, more than 50 members of the local lodge being present. Besides Masons of the town there were a number from outside present.

### Paint Demonstration Will End Tomorrow

Mr. C. B. Foy, of New Bern, representing the B. P. S. line of paints and varnishes, is giving a demonstration at the Culpeper Hardware Co. the first three days of this week. The demonstration, which will end tomorrow night, also includes giving all patrons a sample can of his paint free.

## MANY IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE TO LOCAL TOBACCO WAREHOUSES

### Parents-Teachers To Meet Thursday

The last meeting of the 1926 school session of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held in the school building Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and every member and parent is urged to be present by the president, Mrs. P. B. Cone.

### REGULAR SESSION RECORDERS COURT

Only Three Cases Tried, But All Provided Some Entertainment for The Spectators

Recorders court today brought back some of the old-time court memories. Though only three cases were tried there was a peculiar interest attached to each case.

The first to be tried was against Joe Sam Davenport, who from his appearance is scarcely past 20, though he proved to be the supporter and provider of a wife and four children, was charged with assaulting little Sylvester Webb while drunk and disorderly. Mr. Webb stated that Davenport had come to his home on several occasions drunk, and on this particular Sunday morning he requested him to be quiet, whereupon Davenport proceeded to choke him and run him from the house, and that he was finally forced to run under his own house to protect his life.

Rumor has it that Davenport got his drinks from Webb and that Webb had no right to kick the offspring of his own business. Judge Smith fined Davenport \$10 and the costs of the action and required him to furnish \$100 bond for his good behavior and sobriety for the next two months. Mrs. Webb asked the court to make it a road sentence, which was refused.

The second case called was a charge of simple assault against Owen Little, a 60-year-old negro. The prosecuting witness was Abner Bennett, one of the old landmarks in the Martin County courts. Abner is a negro around 70 years old and has appeared in court on many occasions, generally as prosecutor. He has had marvelous courthouse luck, much better than the average man, nearly always winning his cases. In fact, he says that before he suffered a stroke of paralysis, which almost totally disabled him and necessitated his having to get lawyers to attend to his cases, he always won. Abner has no use of one hand, yet he says he cuts a cord of wood a day with the other hand alone, though he is almost 70.

The trouble in this case came when the negro Bennett failed to pay Little \$5, so the latter proceeded to collect the money with rails, roots, and guns. Judge Smith decided that the collecting methods were unlawful and fined him \$15 and the costs.

Ed Gainer, a young negro, was tried for assault with a deadly weapon upon a young white man, whom he struck with an axe both on the head and arm, almost severing his arm from his body. The defendant was sentenced to the Edcombe roads for the term of 30 months.

### Closing Exercises at Gold Point School

The Gold Point School closing exercises will take place Thursday and Friday of this week. The speaker for Friday morning will be Mr. R. L. Coburn, of Williamston, and his address will be followed by a community picnic. On Friday night the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades present their play, "The Old Maids Club."

The school has had a very successful year with the following composing the faculty: L. B. Wynne, of Williamston, principal; Mrs. J. R. Winslow, of Robersonville; Miss Maude Williford, of Dunn; Miss Lela Jones, of New Bern, and Miss Lillian Holliday, of Robersonville.

### Marriage Licenses Issued During April

**White**  
Benjamin F. Lilley, 28; Annie Mae Gray, 17.  
Owen L. Burnett, Pitt County, 21; Eva Highsmith, Pitt County, 21.  
George Roosevelt Beach, 20; Martha Strawbridge, 20.  
**Colored**  
Perlie Williams, 21; Sarah Keel, 18.  
Humphrey Griffin, 27; Irene Gray, 23.  
Levi Williams, 20; Bertha Peel, 21.  
Sam Andrews, 51; Bessie Bell, 52.  
Grady James, 21; Mabel Lilley, 18.  
Wheeler Boston, 21; Christobell Duggan, 23.

### Alterations To Increase Market Capacity By 5,000,000 Pounds

### Goal 12 Million

### W. T. Meadows Resigns as Buyer and Will Run One Warehouse

A large force of carpenters are busy on the Farmers Warehouse, making the needed additions to this house for the coming season. When completed it will be a commodious and well-equipped warehouse and will give the Messrs. Bennett, Barnhill & Morton, who will operate the house this year, much needed room to handle their trade.

Workmen are expected to begin removing the partition between the Roanoke and Dixie Warehouses next week, making one house of the two, with a large floor space as any warehouse in eastern Carolina. It will be under the management of Harry L. Meador, W. T. Meadows, and W. B. Watts and will be known as the Roanoke-Dixie Tobacco Warehouse Co.

It will probably be a surprise to a great many of Uncle Buck Meadows' friends to know that he has resigned as buyer for the Export Leaf Tobacco Co., and entered the warehouse business again, but Uncle Buck knows the tobacco business from A to Z and has always been considered the farmer's friend.

Everything in tobacco town is getting in fine shape for the coming season and expects to be ready to receive the 12,000,000 pounds which is Williamston's goal this year. Further mention will be made of tobacco town from time to time until the market opens.

### Baptist Bible Class Holds Service at County Home

The Bible Class of the Memorial Baptist Church held its regular afternoon services Sunday at the county home with Mr. H. B. Uthman conducting.

### Special Meeting Of Masons Friday

There will be a special communication of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., Friday night at 8 o'clock. Work in the second degree. All Master Masons in good standing are cordially invited to attend.

C. D. CARSTARPHEN, Jr.,  
Secretary.

### Registration Books Open Until May 22

The Williamston Township registration books are now open at the Culpeper Hardware Co. store, with Mr. John L. Hassell as registrar. The June primary is approaching and those who are not registered should do so and qualify themselves to vote in the coming primary. The books will be closed May 22 and our people, especially the women, are urged to register before that time.

### Mrs. E. P. Cunningham Taken To Hospital

Mrs. E. P. Cunningham was taken seriously ill Sunday night, and after extensive diagnosis it was found that she was suffering from an emergency case of appendicitis and that an operation was necessary at once. Mr. Cunningham and Dr. H. B. York took her to Park View Hospital in Rocky Mount yesterday, and at this time her condition is reported as satisfactory.

### League Play Friday Was Very Successful

The play, "Mammy's Lil' Wild Rose" given by the Epworth League of the Methodist Church at the opera house Friday night was very successful. Plenty of fun was furnished by the cast, and the league received around \$95 for its effort in staging the performance.

Mesdames J. S. Rhodes, J. H. Saunders, S. R. Biggs, and Mrs. Paxton Badham, of Edenton, motored to Rocky Mount and Greenville yesterday.

Mr. Percy MacMullan, of Elizabeth City, was a business visitor in town Monday morning.