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LOCAL KIWANIS CLUB IS ORGANIZED AT MEETING FRIDAY; MANY SIGN UP

One of Most Enthusiastic Gatherings Ever Held Here

The organization of a Williamston Kiwanis Club, which has been pending for several days under the capable leadership of the field representative and the temporary president, Mr. E. S. Peel, took permanent membership with the national Kiwanis organization last Friday night at a luncheon given at the Britt Hotel.

The meeting was well attended by the local Kiwanians, and several visitors from Elizabeth City were in attendance, among them being the lieutenant governor of this district, Clarence Pou. The meeting was regarded as one of the most enthusiastic ever held in Williamston and immediate community.

As in other towns of eastern Carolina, the local Kiwanis Club is expected to put on a real constructive program which will ultimately make an impression upon the community. If nothing more, it is expected to promote good will and fellowship and instill within the business and professional men of Williamston a spirit of cooperation.

Among those who have taken membership and paid the initiation fee are the following: C. A. Harrison, H. G. Horton, J. G. Staton, J. C. Manning, B. S. Courtney, Bill Manning, Wilmer Sitterson, N. C. Green, F. U. Barnes, J. S. Getsinger, E. S. Peel, Wheeler Martin, F. L. Edwards, E. P. Cunningham, John E. Pope, J. S. Rhodes, R. J. Peel, W. H. Carstarphen, William H. Everett, T. B. Brandon, N. K. Harrison, D. G. Matthews, R. W. Salsbury, J. D. Woolard, C. D. Carstarphen, Jr., John D. Biggs, P. B. Cone, G. H. Harrison, L. P. Lindsley, W. C. Manning, J. H. Saunders, G. G. Taylor, R. A. Pope and K. B. Crawford.

Several other men are expected to join at the next meeting, which will be held at the Woman's Club on Wednesday, August 4. All members are requested to attend and be on time.

Star Route to be Put on From Windsor Here

New Service Will Start August 16; Means Better Service

The post office department has established a star route from Williamston to Windsor, to begin on August 16th. The mail will leave Williamston upon the arrival of the morning train at about 8.30 each morning, except Sundays and will be delivered at Windsor 30 minutes later. The mail will leave Windsor at 4 p. m. and arrive in Williamston at 4.30 p. m.

David Dudley, of Windsor, was the successful bidder for the contract for the sum of \$925 per annum. It is understood that the carrier will be allowed to carry passengers in addition.

This changing of the routing of mail to Windsor will put it in that post office several hours earlier than they are now getting it and will give them an opportunity to route mail to all points at 4 o'clock each afternoon. It will also accommodate travelers going to Windsor and Bertie points in the afternoon, making in all three round-trip schedules daily.

Mr. Henry D. Taylor is a little sick today so he says. He did not get to town quite as early as usual.

STRAND THEATRE

THURSDAY
(One Night Only)

GLORIA SWANSON

in
"THE UNTAMED LADY"

City Fathers in Monthly Meet Monday Night

Town May Build New Warehouse at River Wharves

The members of the board of town commissioners met in their regular session last night in the office of the mayor in the city hall. The importance of the meeting was greatly increased when several questions were put before the board regarding new warehouses at the Roanoke River wharves.

During the next year it is expected that over 5,000 automobiles will be unloaded at the local wharves, and to handle this large number of machines the Norfolk, Baltimore & Carolina boat line is asking the town to build a warehouse having ample room to handle the cars as they are unloaded each week. The problem was discussed thoroughly and was favorable from several standpoints; the final action of the board to be made known at its next meeting. The Norfolk, Baltimore & Carolina line has been bringing many automobiles for the various dealers of this section to this point for distribution during the past several months; the number, however, has been held down on account of the lack of facilities necessary in unloading and temporary storing. All available information will be gathered by members of the board between now and its next meeting, at which time a decision will be announced.

Holding to their decision made a few weeks ago, the commissioners have made it certain that no pool room will be operated in Williamston. The present town license for the operation of the pool room expires the first of September. The State and county licenses have expired, and the room is subject to be closed before the first of next month. It is possible for the management of the room to buy these two licenses; but while they will permit the operation for a year the failure to obtain town license will allow the others to be used for only this month. Rumor has it that the pool room will be operated under the club plan, but this is indefinite and is not to be depended upon.

The board appropriated \$11.50 to the local fire department for its membership in the State association of firemen.

Ben Andrews was required to tear down a wooden structure just behind the hot-dog stand.

The colored boys of the town were given permission to hold a dance here the last of this month. This request follows the one made and granted to the white boys a few days ago. The dance will be held the last week of this month, provided a warehouse can be secured for the affair.

A new punch time clock of the latest make was ordered along with five stations. The clock will be punched every hour, and the stations will be located in five of the most important spots in town.

Home Demonstration Agent Makes Report

The report of the home demonstration agent for the two-thirds of a month worked is very outstanding in that it carries a large amount of work completed with many tasks begun. Miss Renham arrived here last month and has been at her work with much interest and zeal during that time. The report as submitted by her to the commissioners at their meeting yesterday is as follows:

- 84 homes visited.
- 15 phone calls for work.
- 65 letters.
- 35 circulars.
- 15 field days.
- 3 office days.
- 469 miles traveled.

Children's Hour Again Thursday Afternoon

The children's hour conducted each Thursday afternoon by the Women's club is proving to be of much value in that the children enjoy the stories told them during the hour of entertainment. The hour is becoming to be recognized as a regular event and one not to be missed by many of the little folks.

The hour begins at 4:30 each Thursday afternoon and all the children between 5 and 12 years are invited to attend. Mrs. John E. Pope will conduct the next story hour which will be held Thursday, August 5.

THE STORMING OF THE GATES



This picture is typical of many such scenes enacted daily at the main gates of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia where the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence is being celebrated. The "shot" was made from outside the gates and shows the long sweep of historic Broad street, the main artery of the exposition. To the left can be seen one of the capitols of the Palace of Liberal Arts and Manufactures which covers nearly eight acres of grounds and which houses some of the finest exhibits ever seen. The Exposition will continue until December 1.

Road Force Will Work Streets of Town Soon

During the next several weeks every street in town will be worked over, according to Mr. G. H. Harrison, road and town commissioner. Once each year the attention of the road builders is turned to the town's streets, and the work is always needed, and the citizens look on with interest when it begins.

Two tractors with ample machinery will be used, as is on the highways. All of one week and part of another will be required to complete the job. It is understood that no plowing is to be done, but the work will be limited to dragging and rounding of the streets.

Two Girls Hurt When Car Hits Tree Near Here

Daughters of Mrs. Ben Ward Suffer Painful Cuts About Head

Two of Mrs. Ben Ward's daughters suffered severe cuts Monday morning early when a Ford truck driven by their brother crashed into a tree and threw them through the windshield. They had started to the home of a neighbor to help him put in a barn of tobacco. Just before reaching the place they turned into a side road, and the early morning sun glared in the eyes of the young man driving, causing him to strike the tree.

One of the girls suffered a deep split in her nose lengthwise, causing the loss of considerable blood; while the older one was badly cut, a deep gash reaching across the upper part of her throat being made.

The injuries of both the girls were dressed by Drs. Saunders and Warren and they are expected to get along all right.

Few Marriages Took Place Last Month

July was exceedingly quiet in Dan Cupid's realm, for there were only nine marriages recorded by Register of Deeds J. Sam. Getsinger. The number issued to colored applicants was double the number issued to white couples. In the list of white couples not one was a citizen of this county, they coming from as far off as Raleigh and from several of the surrounding counties.

Licenses were issued as follows:

- White**
- M. S. Phelps, Washington County, 28; Vera B. Phelps, Washington County, 21.
- Joseph N. Hackney, Halifax County, 38; Minnie Lovegrove, Halifax County, 21.
- Geo. W. Kelley, Raleigh, 22; Louise Jones, Beaufort County, 19.
- Colored**
- Oscar Hagan, 21; Maggie J. Williams, 21.
- Joseph Speller, Bertie County, 22; Hazel Gorham, 16.
- Edward Rogers, 20; Victoria Smallwood, 18.
- Moses Higgins, 19; Meletha Jones, 18.
- W. H. Trant, 19; Dora Roberson, 18.
- Bryant Wiggins, 21; Lela Mayo, 18.

School Committee's Meeting Postponed

On account of the baptismal services held last Saturday afternoon in this township, the meeting of the school committee of Griffins township was postponed and will be held next Saturday afternoon at the township house at 4 o'clock.

All parents of high school children in Griffins township as well as committee members are urged to attend. The meeting is of high importance.

Plans Call for Bigger, Better Roanoke Fair

Fair Is Now Less Than Two Months Off; Many Features

Just within two months and one will marvel at the brilliancy of the midway of the Roanoke Fair here, for the attractions booked this year include as the midway features the Geo. L. Dobyns shows, America's premier outdoor amusement organization. The 1926 edition of the shows is the best and biggest ever, and no expense has been spared to make this the outstanding season of the thirty-five year transcontinental tour of the Geo. L. Dobyns shows.

A letter from Manager Poe states that unusual effort is being put forth to make this the outstanding fair of the year. The midway, according to the letter, will be the best ever, for Manager Dobyns has given his agents and foreign representatives unlimited scope in engaging the most prodigious attractions and has each and every one of the sixteen big double shows elaborately mounted and personally supervised by the dean of American showmen, Geo. L. Dobyns, he has succeeded in creating a galaxy of midway features second to none in all the world.

The various departments this year can be expected to be much better than they were last year, and that's no little task for the department heads. Every detail has been carefully planned and several new assistants have been appointed, and these will have to do with bettering the various departments.

The fair premium list is going out this week to some 35,000 people and a gathering of articles for exhibit will result without a doubt that will well be worth a trip to the fair this year. The premiums offered are the best offered anywhere and are well worth working for.

Child Breaks Arm in Fall From Ladder

The 5-year-old child of Mr. Samuel Andrews, of Holly Springs, fell from a ladder upon which she was playing yesterday and broke her arm near the wrist joint.

Mr. Andrews brought the child here to Dr. Rhodes, who set the broken bone.

Five Girls Killed in Auto-Train Collision

Five young girls were killed, four of them instantly and the fifth dying in a few minutes, when the Ford truck in which they were riding was struck by a fast Southern Railway passenger train at a grade crossing near Gastonia Sunday evening.

The sixth girl in the truck had both legs broken and suffered other serious injuries. All the girls were between 16 and 20 years old.

COUNTY TAX RATE FOR 1926 \$1.50; SAME AS LAST YEAR; LISTING SMALLER

Small Boy Run Over by Auto Here Saturday

Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Edwards Badly Injured

Saturday morning, Lee, the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Edwards, was run over by Mr. G. B. Hollingsworth on Washington Street. Both wheels of the Pontiac car driven by Mr. Hollingsworth went over the body of the boy, according to eye-witnesses, though he was able to get up. He was at once rushed to the Washington Hospital, where the case was pronounced very serious. Several hemorrhages and other symptoms for a while led the physicians to fear that complications would set in. However, on the next day he appeared much improved, and he now seems so much better that it is thought he will be all right in a few days.

The accident occurred on the crowded street near the store of B. F. Perry. Mr. Hollingsworth was running very slowly at the time and says he did not see the boy ahead of him as he came from between cars parked along the street.

While he was quite within the law as to speed, many consider it gross carelessness on his part for not looking ahead. It is said he was making some adjustments to some parts of the car, taking his attention from his driving.

Washington Street is too crowded to drive on without the closest attention of the driver.

Regular Session Recorder's Court

Recorder's court today presented a few sensations, they being caused mostly by fights.

One case of seduction was heard. A girl was in grief because of an untrue man. But the sensation came when the last case called was ended and John Lee Hadley, the negro caught in New Bern in possession of goods stolen from B. F. Perry's store here early Sunday morning, June 27, was tried.

Deputy sheriff C. Lupton, of Craven county had testified to the finding of the goods and no sooner said than when Hadley announced that he would meet him face to face if it was 20 years or more and make him take back the lie he told him. Hadley is one of those fellows with the peculiar appearance of some of the animals sometimes seen in cages at the circus. He has a long pointed head in the rear with a forehead almost in a straight line from the back of his head to the point of his big pointed chin which ranges well to the front with very heavy jaws, presenting a troublesome face in appearance.

Every one of his features indicate the very kind of a fellow that would rob you for the fun of it and even without profit. After the hearing in the case, Judge Smith found sufficient cause to sustain the charge of house-breaking, larceny and receiving.

Other cases disposed of were as follows:

- The case of State against Alonzo Roberson, charging him with seduction was set for trial September 7th.
- Cole Cowing and Jno. L. Wynn were charged with assault. Wynn was found not guilty and Cowing was adjudged guilty, the judgment being suspended upon the payment of cost.
- James Bell, charged with assault, was found guilty and was discharged upon the payment of the cost.
- Wm. Staton plead guilty to an assault charge and was sentenced to jail for 15 days and charged with the cost.
- The case against J. B. Whitfield, assault with deadly weapon, is to be heard next Tuesday.

Scotland Neck Decides Power Proposal Today

Scotland Neck citizens are holding a mass meeting in that town today for the purpose of considering the purchase of power from the Virginia Electric Power Co.

The question has been agitated there for several months. The opinion of the citizens seems to be very much divided on the subject. The power company has pushed the proposition with great vigor by advertising in the daily paper where it used large space.

Only 10 More Days To Write Your Ad

There are only ten more days left in which to win the \$15 offered for the best advertisement advertising the Williamston tobacco market. Up until last night there had been only a few ads submitted, according to the advertising manager.

It is very easy to write an advertisement, and there is ample time left to submit yours. Remember, the offer is made to farmers only; ads by others will not be eligible for the prize.

Report County Farm Agent for Month of July

Greater Part Month Is Spent Checking up Boll Weevil

The following report was submitted by County Agent, T. B. Brandon, to the Board of County Commissioners here yesterday:

- 21 days spent in field work.
- days spent in office.
- 787 conferences with farmers.
- 100 telephone calls from farmers.
- 145 letters written during the month.
- 62 farms visited.
- 928 miles traveled during the month on official duties.
- 5 articles written for local papers.

The greater part of the agent's time this month has been spent in visiting farm and checking up with the weevil infestation with farmers who expect to poison the pest.

Part of the time has been spent in treating hogs. At present the agent has treated more hogs during the summer than any previous year, due probably to the present high price of hogs.

The tobacco fertilizer test conducted near the home of Mr. Walter Gurganus is showing up well, and the agent wishes as many farmers to visit it as possible in order that they might see the difference in the fertilizer.

Jurors Drawn for September Court

The selection of jurors for the next term of Martin County superior court was made yesterday when the names of the following citizens were drawn from the jury box. The sheriff was ordered to summon these men to be here to serve at the court to be held next month. The list for the first week follows:

- C. B. Fagan, B. F. Lilley, L. W. Mizell, Wilmer J. Holiday, John D. Cherry, B. L. Gardner, W. W. Roberson, J. Eason Lilley, A. Dawson Griffin, Alonzo Griffin, Jas. R. Corey, Wheeler Rogers, Jos. D. Bowen, Calvin Ayers, W. D. Jernigan, C. R. Mobley, Harman Bowen, Jos. B. Cherry, B. W. Hardy, John R. Peel, A. L. Raynor, J. H. Britt, Wiley Rogerson, N. R. Roberson, Sam T. Everett, T. L. Roebuck, D. C. Carson, H. C. Harrison, H. L. Hopkins, H. L. Everett, J. W. Eubanks, J. H. Everett, J. T. Bennett.

For the second week:

- E. H. Ange, Geo. W. Smith, Alfred T. Lilley, Sylvester B. Lilley, Sylvester Peel, H. L. Manning, Nathan Rogers, T. U. Rawls, J. S. Meeks, Z. H. Rose, A. L. Hardy, L. A. Clark, A. D. Wynn, J. G. Everett, J. C. Keel, Herbert Bunting, A. T. Perkins, H. J. Halslip.

Texas Merchant Is Visiting in County

Mr. William B. Sherrod, of Nome, Texas, accompanied by his wife, son, and two daughters, is visiting his brother, Mr. B. B. Sherrod, of Hamilton.

Mr. Sherrod left Martin County 25 years ago, just as the Beaumont oil boom began in Texas. He soon became engaged in the oil business and later built a large mercantile store which has expanded considerably since its establishment. He has been very successful, and speaks in very flattering terms of the big State of Texas.

Mr. Sherrod expects to remain in North Carolina for several days before leaving for his adopted State.

Property Value Shows \$75,000 Loss This Year

Rates Decided at Meeting of Commissioners Held Monday

With several changes within the various classes of assessments, the general tax levy for Martin County remains the same as that levied last year. In all truth a decrease is evident while the rate remains the same, for it will be remembered that a decrease in the valuation of property was shown in the assessors' book amounting to over \$75,000. Why this decrease is considered, it might be said that the tax burden is not heavy this year as it was last. When property held its valuation of the previous one or two years and when gains were shown in its valuation, the rate will be the same, and an increase will be evident in several cases. Such increases will be more than offset, however, since the valuation suffered a \$75,000 decrease. The rate for 1925 was \$1.50 and a similar rate was placed for 1926. The assessments for various county functions for this year are compared with those of last year and are as follows:

The tax levy for 1926 will be as follows:

Poll tax	\$2.00
General county taxes	.15
Road and bridge taxes	.05
Interest and sinking fund	.42
General county school taxes	.88
Total	\$3.50

The assessment last year was:

Poll tax	\$2.00
General county tax	.15
Roads and bridges	.10
Interest and sinking fund	.30
General county schools	.95
Total	\$3.50

The loan of \$500 asked for by the good trustees of Poplar Point was granted. The loan to run until the 1926 taxes are collected.

The allowance made to Martha Moore, county poor, was increased from \$4 per month to \$5 per month.

The county treasurer was ordered to set up the face figures of the 1925-26 school budget, as was approved in May, 1925.

A note for \$25,000 or under is to be issued and bear date of September 1. The money from the note is to be used as general county funds.

The treasurer was authorized to retire or buy county bonds in the amount of interest and sinking funds now available.

The annual dues amounting to \$5 are to be paid the State association of county commissioners.

The property of J. R. Mobley and known as the Watts land, was raised in value in the sum of \$4,000.

J. C. Manning was charged through error with two lots on the tax books, instead of one.

The board ordered that R. S. Critcher & Sons be notified to repair Whitley's bridge at once; the expense of repairs to be borne by them, as the damage done was caused by their trucks carrying too heavy loads.

This was the regular monthly meeting of the board of county commissioners, and it was held in the board room at the courthouse here yesterday. All members of the board were present.

Auto Accidents Are Common Around Here

Auto accidents have reached the point around here that it is almost impossible to learn the nature of them. Yesterday morning the Williamston Telephone Co. had two poles flat on the ground with all the wires tangled, and no cause for their being down other than the track of an automobile, or Ford, in a ditch leading to the poles.

Those living near where the wreck occurred knew very little about it, other than hearing the crash and the one or two yells and seeing a quick getaway.

Nash County Sells \$500,000 Worth Bonds

Nash County sold \$500,000 worth of road and bridge bonds this week, bearing 4 3/4 per cent, for a premium of \$11,109.50, which is regarded as a very fine sale.