

## More Evidence Secured in Case Against Negro

### Bazemore's Wife Makes Several Changes in Her First Story

Local and county officers are continuing their search for evidence in the Gordon Yelverton murder case. They have, in every case where additional information was had, found the facts to supplement the evidence gained at the time of George Bazemore's arrest.

James Gurkin, of Griffins township, told Chief of Police Daniel here that he saw Bazemore about 40 feet from the truck Thursday evening while it was being loaded preparatory for the trip early next morning.

Bazemore's wife, when questioned a second time by officers, made to vary her first story, saying that her husband left home Wednesday, November 3, and did not return until Saturday night about 8 o'clock. When she was first questioned by officers, she stated that he returned Friday night, the day of the murder.

The officers learned last Wednesday that Bazemore asked Bob Richmond, a colored man working for one of the tobacco buyers here, if he had seen Gordon Yelverton that day, Thursday, November 3. When Richmond told him that he had not seen Gordon, Bazemore stated that he wanted to see the boy about going to Wilson with him the next morning, that he had planned to go and wanted to find out just what time they would leave. Richmond with Sheriff Roberson are in Wilson this afternoon in the interest of the case.

The state is doing everything possible in gathering all facts, and will call for a verdict of first degree murder when it traces the accused man from here to the scene of the killing, and from there to the warehouse in Farmville.

## Baptist Church Announcements

On the third Sunday in this month, there will be only one preaching service at this church and that will be at the 11 o'clock hour.

It is hoped that this congregation will take advantage of this to pay back some of the many, many church calls of the other denominations.

The pastor will leave Williamston Tuesday morning for the convention at Wilmington, which convention is expected to be epochal. There will be the regular mid-week service in the church Wednesday evening, announcement of which will be made Sunday from the pulpit.

This church will be happy to have every one come to its services Sunday, if not engaged in services at their own church.

The pastor will preach at the morning and evening hours.

## Might Move Hertford's County Seat to Ahoskie

Hertford county, according to an editorial in the Hertford County Herald, is debating the question of moving the county seat from Winton to Ahoskie.

The greatest stumbling block to the question is found in the cost of a new court house and jail, which call for a bond issue, a thing not so very popular with the voters.

Winton is the present county seat, situated on the banks of the Chowan river.

Mrs. J. T. Treewits and children and Mrs. J. H. Thrower and son of Littleton are visiting relatives in town for several days.

## STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY

2-reel Comedy

Western Feature

and

"The Green Archer"

Always a Good Show

## Oppose Parole For Sparrows

### Letter Reveals Bitterness; No Name Signed to Letter

A letter bearing no signature was received by the Pardon commission at Raleigh this week, opposing the granting of a parole or pardon of F. W. Sparrow and son, Wilford Sparrow. The letter was written, according to reports, opposing the parole of the two men in no uncertain terms, it being of a very violent nature. Bitterness on the part of the writer was clearly expressed when such terms as hyenas and similar vituperative expressions were used.

The letter opposing the parole or pardon of the two men was written when an application was made to the Governor a few days ago, asking the Governor's aid in releasing them.

The two men were sentenced to the State's prison for not less than six years and not more than ten years, when they were found guilty of participating in the mutilation of Joseph Needleman in 1925. Judge Sinclair passed the sentence on them along with those of several others, at the special term of Martin county superior court held here in May, 1925.

Those who are investigating the case, predict that Governor McLean and Hoyle Sink, pardon commissioner, will give little consideration to such a line of opposition. The matter will be taken up in regular order by the proper authorities, with a decision at a date as early as possible, according to reports.

## Many to Attend Road Opening

### General Invitation Is Extended Thousands of People

Thousands of people are expected to attend Hyde County's celebration and county fair November 18 and 19. An invitation has been broadcasted over several surrounding and near-by counties, asking every one who will to come and enjoy the two days in that county. The celebration comes when a road in that section of the State is formally opened.

The people of the entire county are preparing for the event. Several of the State's important personages will attend and make addresses. A barbecue dinner will be prepared to feed the thousands of visitors, and it is from the mouths of real people that the invitation is sent to every one to come and enjoy the day there.

The celebration will start at Leechville, where an address will be made by Hon. H. S. Mann. From Leechville he party will go to Swan Quarter, the county seat, where the major part of the program will be held.

## Government Reports Shows increased Crops

The government crop forecast for 1926 gives an average increase of all crops three per cent.

The forecast places North Carolina at the top of all other states, in leading in tobacco with 371,580,000 pounds of tobacco. Kentucky is next to this state with 368,490,000 pounds of tobacco. Virginia comes third with 187,580,000 pounds.

In peanut production, North Carolina leads Virginia and Georgia, making nearly as large a crop as that raised by those two states. North Carolina, according to the forecast, has 209,000,000 pounds, Virginia, 125,580,000, and Georgia 100,800,000. Georgia and Texas lead us by a small margin in the production of sweet potatoes.

## To Move Episcopal Rectory Soon

Plans are almost complete and the Episcopal rectory will soon be occupying a new spot. The building will be moved from its present location, corner Main and Haughton streets to a lot adjoining the present one occupied by it. Rev. and Mrs. Pardo have vacated the building and all the furniture has been removed ready for the workmen to start their task within the next few days.

The Standard Oil company will erect a modern filling station on the lot. Material for the structure, which will be of brick, has been shipped and a large amount is now on the lot.

At what time work will begin on the structure has not been announced, but it is understood that work will begin as soon as the house is off the lot.

## Officers Catch Moonshiner at Still Near Here

### Stranger From Cumberland County Learns Martin's Way

Federal Agent T. W. Snell and Sheriff H. T. Roberson were out Wednesday and succeeded in finding a red-hot still with a man hard at work at it. The man was a stranger in our midst, a visitor from the Cape Fear country of Cumberland County, named Seymour Lackamy, who from all indications was an expert. He had 30 gallons of liquor, 800 gallons of beer, nine large vats and nine 10-gallon kegs, also an 80-gallon still, all of which was destroyed.

Lackamy was taken before Commissioner W. C. Manning and required to give a \$500 bond for his appearance before Judge Meekins court in April, 1927. This still plant was located about 3 miles southwest of Corey's Store.

Another still was found about a half mile away, a steam type outfit. There were about 600 gallons of beer at this stand not quite old enough to run. No person was seen near it.

Lackamy requested the officers to let him run away, and stated he regretted he did not fall dead with heart disease when caught. Lackamy claims to have come to Martin County six weeks ago and states that he has a wife and three children.

## Tobacco Still Selling Good

The tobacco warehouses were flooded today when approximately 155,000 pounds of tobacco, coming from every direction, was placed on sale.

Those having common grades of tobacco were more than pleased with the prices received, while those having the better grades stated that the price was not as high as it was one time this season. According to the best information available from those acquainted with the industry, prices are expected to vary very little from now to the remainder of the season. Certainly it can be said, there is little hope for higher prices for the remainder of this crop.

Four-fifths of Crop Sold  
Information gained from farmers, warehousemen and those buyers best acquainted with the industry in this section, state that about four fifths of the crop has already been sold. This estimate applies in general to all Eastern North Carolina, but mainly to this immediate section.

## Red Cross Drive Started Yesterday

The drive for membership in the Red Cross organization was started yesterday throughout the country. Announcement for a drive in this county has not been made yet, but those in charge are working on plans at the present time, and they will be made public within the next few days.

Membership in the organization costs only a dollar, and it can be truthfully said that no other organization returns so much for the amount invested than does the Red Cross. During the cyclone which struck this county a few years back, the Red Cross did splendid work in aiding the sufferers. It had a field representative here for several weeks, and where there was a case of need, the Red Cross gladly answered with its every possible ounce of assistance. While that is only one event where the Red Cross has answered a needy class, all you have to do is glance at a daily newspaper and see where the Red Cross is keeping itself busy aiding people in all parts of the United States.

## Only One Case Before Judge Smith Tuesday

Only one case came before Judge Calvin Smith in Recorder's court here last Tuesday. John Edwards pleaded guilty when the charged him with doing injury to personal injury. Judgment was suspended upon Edwards' paying the cost of the action. Edwards tore away wire from an engine when he got mad with the owner.

Willie Peel, charged with assault with deadly weapon and tried in a previous session of the court and found guilty, was sentenced to the jail for four months with leave to be hired to Edcombe county authorities and worked on the roads of that county.

## Armistice Day Holiday Quiet

### Many Local People Go To Celebrations All Over the State

Yesterday was one of the quietest days here in some time when numbers of people left for various events in many parts of the State. Practically every town in this section had some type of celebration, and those in this immediate section saw many of our people in at dances. Large numbers witnessed the football game in Washington; others went to Greenville, Wilson, Scotland Neck and Tarboro, while a few went as far as Charlotte to see the automobile races.

In 1919, one year after the signing of the armistice, Williamston staged a tremendous celebration. Since that time it has done nothing except close its business houses and join in with the other towns around here.

In that year it staged such an elaborate affair that its citizens seem to think it should last for all time. Of it there might be a few bills, but that's all that can be remembered; or just about all, for the 50 barbecued pigs were forgotten before the dinner was over. The speeches, in many cases, never even reached the ears of 99 per cent of the throng attending. Airplanes were here, but we have forgotten all about them. Probably Mr. Emmett Whitley remembers the plane, for it was he who went with the pilot on the exhibition flight.

## U. S. Senate Holds Very Short Session

The United States Senate held the shortest special session ever held by that body last Wednesday when it met for the purpose of impeaching Federal Judge English from Illinois.

Vice President Dawes rushed the proceedings so rapidly that the entire session lasted but 10 minutes, including the prayer of the chaplain, containing more than 100 words, and the proclamation of the sergeant at arms of 55 words.

After the session had been opened the assistant doorkeeper announced the arrival of the managers from the House of Representatives who were charged with prosecuting the impeachment proceedings. It was also announced at the same time that the judge to be tried had resigned, and the impeachment court was continued until December.

The death of Senators Fernald, of Maine, and Cummings, of Iowa, were announced and the usual resolutions of respect passed.

Senator S. C. Clegg, appointed to fill the unexpired term of Senator Cummings, was escorted to the Vice President's chair and sworn in.

Several other things were done, and the Senate adjourned after being in session but ten minutes.

Some one has asked the question, "How much work could the Senate do if it would work like that all the time?"

## Armistice Day At the Oak City High School

Oak City, Nov. 12.—(Special to The Enterprise).—Armistice day was celebrated at the high school with appropriate exercises, after which the graves of the world war veterans in the community were decorated.

The exercises were in charge of Superintendent H. M. Ainsley. L. B. Ezell explained the meaning of armistice day. This was followed by a patriotic pageant by the children of the fourth grade, under the direction of Miss Trixie Jenkins. Rev. W. R. Yoakley, a chaplain in the war time army and a reserve chaplain today, led the devotional exercises and gave a talk on the appreciation due those who fought the war.

The principal address was made by Hugh Horton, of the Williamston bar. Mr. Horton paid a tribute to the war president, recounted some personal experiences of the war, and urged that all honor and respect be paid those who made the greater sacrifices for their country.

## Parents-Teachers Met Today at 3:45

The parent-teachers association is holding its regular monthly meeting this afternoon in the graded school buildings with its president, Mrs. P. B. Cone, in charge. The meeting was announced for yesterday afternoon, but it being a holiday and many of the people of the town visiting elsewhere the meeting was called for today.

Superintendent R. A. Pope is attending a meeting of the Eastern Carolina teachers at Greenville this week.



## The Enterprise Sunday School Lesson in Brief

Nov. 14.—"Caleb's Faithfulness Rewarded."—Josh. 14:6-15; 18:1; and 14:1-15.

By C. H. DICKEY

A man does not always get his pay at the close of the day. And thank God for it. The man who gets everything that is coming to him when the sun goes down has not very much to look forward to, except another day of toilsome grinding at the mill.

I am glad that our dividends are cumulative—something coming in now, tomorrow, and the next day. So it was with Caleb. So it may be with us.

You remember the story of the spies—how that a majority and a minority report was turned in. Caleb was with the minority. It looked as though the majority had completely snowed under the minority. So it often looks. But then, we can't always tell what the issues will be until the years of God have revealed it. Gone now are the majority—and, for the most part, forgotten—is their names. But Joshua and Caleb—Who can ever forget either of them!

Back yonder in the hard and difficult days Moses had made Caleb a promise—that he would inherit a home in the promised land. Now, he comes into the possession of it. It came, too, at a fitting time; for while Caleb was strong and vigorous, nevertheless the best things of life ought to come at its close. Caleb received his inheritance. We wonder what reward the majority crowd got. Perhaps they had their reward in snowing under, temporarily, the minority.

A great deal could be said here about Caleb's choice of the country that he inherited. It was allowed to choose it. We recall, in this connection, the sort of choice Lot made, when he lifted up his eyes and pitched his tent towards Sodom and Gomorrah. That the prodigal son, so says tradition, chose the lowland country where clustered the wicked cities of that day—that far country to which he journeyed was a low country.

But Caleb chose the hills. A number of things could be said about this. First, that he didn't, like Lot, seek out a "soft spot," a "snap." It's hard to make a living on the hills—it takes work. There are rocks and stumps. But it has its advantages. For the air is fresh and invigorating; the outlook is excellent—it is healthy upon the hills.

Then down in the valleys just below the hills live the snakes and reptiles—there be the swamps and bogs, the mosquitoes, breeding sickness and disease. There are some desirable things down there, too, but often those who go down there are bitten by the poisonous reptiles.

Then, somehow, upon the literal mountains, we get something from nature that we don't get anywhere else. And maybe this is the reason why so many of this earth's great

## Old Skin Game Is Worked On Several Here

### Farmville Officers Have Had Similar Cases To Happen There

During the past two weeks several men, all colored, have lost money when they walked into carefully laid plots. Louis Williams was at one of the tobacco warehouses here recently when another negro walked by and dropped a pocket book at his feet, doing so without the knowledge of Williams. The pocket book had hardly hit the ground when another negro, partner to the one who dropped it, came along and picked it up. Williams saw this part of the act, and was told if he would not mention it, the money would be divided, and, of course, he readily agreed. Upon investigating the contents \$1100. was found in the leather purse, and since this could not be divided equally because it was in bills of large denominations, the two plotters asked Williams if he had any money. He drew out a check amounting to \$62, and then it was agreed that one of the two framers should go and get it cashed so that an equal division could be made. One of the men left, giving the pocket book to his partner to keep until his return and to throw off suspicion. A half hour passed and he did not return, and his partner began to show signs of uneasiness, finally suggesting to Williams that it would be advisable to go and look for the missing negro. Williams was of the same opinion, and it was decided that he remain at the same spot while the partner of the missing negro made a search for the slow friend. Williams stood there and saw his last hope and chance of recovery walk from his sight. Since that time the two men have not been seen here, and are, no doubt, continuing their shrewd trick at the expense of many others.

There have been several cases similar to this one, and as high as a hundred dollars have been lost by one man. Williams offered descriptions of the two men, but nothing can be learned about them.

Police authorities in Farmville reported to officers here that they have had many such cases. In several, it was found that those playing the trick would disguise themselves by using gold shells for their teeth and wearing jewelry.

## First Basket Ball Game Here Tuesday

The opening game of basketball for the 1926-27 season will be played here Tuesday night, when the Williamston Town Team meets the Ahoskie Town Team. These teams played a five-game series last year, the local team winning three of them. The team from Ahoskie this year is featuring two players who were with the Durham High School's State champions last season.

The Williamston line up has not yet been announced, but it is quite certain that Hugh B. Anderson, Lynn Britt, Irving Margolis, and "Bud" Orleans will perform, with a number of young men fighting for the fifth position. Members of the team have been practicing for about two weeks and although they lost a practice game with Jamesville High School Wednesday night, are in fairly good condition.

The fact that "Buddy" Orleans was a member of the Ahoskie team last season and will be playing against several former team-mates adds interest to the game. Quite a crowd is expected to attend, as Williamston is considered a "good" basket ball town, and its teams are usually well supported.

The high school team has not started practice as yet, on account of most of the players also being on the football team. Coach Phillips has announced that he will call practice immediately after Thanksgiving, when the eleven will end its season.

## Special Meeting of Masons Tuesday

There will be a special communication of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., on Tuesday evening, November 16, at 7:30 p. m. Important business. All members are requested to attend.

C. D. CARSTARPEN, Jr., Secretary.

Mr. Vance Bunting of Bethel was a business visitor here today.

Personville, secretary: Mr. Paul Kinston, Treasurer; and Rev. Lucas, of Bethaven, chaplain.