

Woman's Club in First Meet of New Year

Committee Reports Received Show Much Work in Progress

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club was held Wednesday afternoon, and it was one of the best meetings ever held by the club. It was the first held in the building, since it has been remodeled. Those who had not seen the rooms before were delighted with the wonderful changes made in them.

Supt. R. A. Pope, of the county schools, made a short talk to the club, giving in a brief manner the various county school funds and the purposes of each. Great progress has been made in the county during the past few years in getting teachers who fill the State's requirements and through centralization there are a greater number of children being taught per teacher than have ever before in the history of the county. The club was interested in helping to get an accredited high school for Williamston and passed a resolution promising its aid to the school departments in getting pupils to swell the roll so that sufficient teachers could be had.

Two prizes, \$10 first, and \$5 second, were offered for the two best essays written by pupils in the local school on the subject of "Schools and Taxes Necessary to Maintain Them."

The reports of the committees and officers showed considerable work being done. There were answers to the questionnaires sent our representatives in the legislature. Hon. Clayton Moore, Senator from the second district, and Hon. J. A. Everett, Representative from Martin County. Mr. Everett favored the five bills sponsored by the federated clubs; and Mr. Moore favored three without reservations, the one asking for the Australian ballot with certain reservations, and was against the bill providing that marriage bans be published two weeks before marriage. An explanation of the five bills will probably be published in a later issue of The Enterprise with the position of each of our representatives in full.

A committee was appointed to meet a committee from the Kiwanis Club to discuss the subject of a public library for Williamston. Another was appointed to help Mr. Poe and Miss Trentham prepare for the Roanoke Fair if the management completes arrangements to have one this fall.

Two of the most important announcements of the meeting were that Mrs. T. W. Lee had accepted the chairmanship of the American Citizenship Department and Miss Anna Trentham the chairmanship of the American Home Department. Mrs. Lee is one of the ablest women in town and has had some connection with citizenship problems, having been mayor of Rose Hill in recent years. Miss Trentham needs no introduction to our people. Her work and record as county home demonstration agent since she came into Martin County have shown that she will be a wonderful leader in this department.

FARMERS START TALKING ABOUT THEIR PLANT BEDS
Farmers are already talking "plant beds." They seem to be forgetting Christmas and turning their faces to Mother Earth again.

Few farmers are friendly to cotton, and there appears to be some fear that they are going to swing too strong on tobacco; and peanuts, too. All of them say they are going to plant plenty of corn and try to reduce their living expenses.

Mr. Ned Laughinghouse left this week for Lexington, Ky., where he will spend several months.

Jail Furniture is Wrecked by Drunk
Placed in jail here last night, a white man said to be from Robersonville wrecked all the furniture he could get his hands on in the jail, and this morning Sheriff Roebuck has some extra kindling in the jail wood-box.

The man was placed in jail charged with driving an automobile while drunk, and according to many, he was thoroughly soaked, for he made a snake drive on the fill just across the river before finding his way here. He offered a name, but no such man is known in Robersonville.

Martin County Is Well Represented
Martin county is well represented in Raleigh at the present time, it having a senator, a representative and an assessing clerk there.

Mr. Clayton Moore is in the Senate, he having been sent there from this district. Mr. J. A. Everett is the county's representative. He is the first year that Mr. Everett has represented our county in the legislature. Mr. A. Corey is back again at his old job, that of engraving clerk in the Senate. With these three men in Raleigh, this section is ably represented.

STRAND THEATRE
TONIGHT
"Bluebeard's Seven Wives"
All Star Cast

SATURDAY
Five-reel Feature
Two reel Comedy
and
"CASEY OF THE COAST GUARD"
Always a Good Show

Pertie Manning Best Hog-Raiser

Mr. Pertie E. Manning, of Williams Township, seems to be the leading hog raiser of the county so far this season. At his hog-filling this week, among a large bunch of nice ones, his best weighed 656 pounds.

Wants Judges' Salaries Raised

Martin Solon Proposes 50 Percent Raise in Jurists' Pay

Senator Clayton Moore of our county is sponsoring a bill to increase the salaries of the judges of the State. The bill proposes to pay the Supreme court judges \$9,000, the Chief Justice \$10,000 and the Superior court judges \$7,500 annually with \$1,750 for traveling expenses.

The Superior court judges now get \$5,000 salary and \$1,250 traveling expense. The new bill is an increase of fifty per cent. The increase in the salaries of the Supreme court judges is not so great. They get \$6,250 now and the proposed bill will increase the amount by \$2,750. Besides this they also get \$900. a year for stenographic service and \$250. for incidental expenses.

Mr. Moore who is sponsoring the bill is chairman of Judiciary Committee No. 1 will have many of the important matters of legislation in charge, especially with matters pertaining to judicial procedure.

While Mr. Moore has been in the legislature for several years, this is his first time as senator. Mr. Spencer is the other senator from this district which includes the counties of Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde, Dare, Beaufort, Pamlico and Martin.

Tournament Result Crowded out Tuesday

The result of the basketball tournament at the peanut exposition in Windsor last week was, along with several other stories, crowded out of our Tuesday's paper by a last-minute ad rush. While the playing of the teams' members is worthy of much space and comment, we are centering on the game here last night between Jamesville and Everetts, and mention here just the outcome of the tournament.

Jamesville won the cup and championship by defeating Weldon, 14 to 11, in the finals Thursday night. Drivers, Va., made a strong bid to be Weldon's opponent, but was defeated in the semi-finals Thursday afternoon by Jamesville in an extra-period game 10 to 8.

Far-off Fire Attracts Attention of Many
Surrounded by a dark sky a bright spot in the East attracted the attention of many people here and surrounding section last night. While a fire was the only possible explanation of the sight, it was of such a nature that many doubted that to be the cause. Long distance calls from Roper stated that the blaze was beyond there and it was thought to be in the dismal swamp.

At times the blaze was so bright one would judge it to be hardly more than a few miles away. Large volumes of smoke were noticeable about 10 o'clock.

Reports of Bullocks' Capture Unfounded
Reports reaching here this morning stated that Julian Bullock, member of the mob that mutilated Needleman, who escaped from the State prison farm Sunday night, had been captured and was again in prison. It was further stated that he was captured in Robersonville and carried back last Tuesday.

According to information from several sources in Robersonville, Bullock is still at large, and if his capture has been effected it is not known there.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning service, 11:00 o'clock.
Evening service, 7:30 o'clock.
Woman's missionary society, Monday afternoon, 3:30 o'clock.

Our people are urged to attend these services especially the Church services which are the first of the New Year. All others are extended a cordial invitation to worship with us.
A. J. MANNING, Pastor.

GOOD PICTURES ON AT THE STRAND THEATRE
There are splendid pictures on at the Strand theatre this week and next. The picture "Red Die" you will enjoy, according to what those who have seen it say about the picture.

Miss Vivian Peel was a shopper here yesterday.
Mrs. Fannie Pope, of Robersonville, visited her sister, Mrs. J. L. Robertson, here yesterday afternoon.

Several Offices Threatened by Gas Tank Fire

Godard Building Scene of Spectacular Fire Tuesday

The Godard Building, occupied by the Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co., the Enterprise Publishing Co., and several law and insurance firms, was threatened last Tuesday evening when 40 gallons of gasoline caught fire at the rear of the building. Such a short time elapsed before the flames reached the top of the building that for a while it looked as if the fire had passed beyond the fire company's control. The telephone operators left their posts when the flames broke through the rear window of the operating room and burned the shade and started to eat their way into the window frame. Fire that was consuming the woodwork was soon extinguished, but before the flames at the source could be checked the main telephone cable was practically ruined. The 400-pair cable was laid bare for more than five feet where the lead was melted. The volunteer fire company did good work when it prevented further damage to the cable and held the stream of water from the hose from the telephone frame inside the building. Practically half the town's telephones were thrown out of commission for several hours.

In our office we did not fare so well. About 100 sheets of old and new "copy" caught fire and started a blaze near the typesetting machine. This blaze was smothered by members of the office force, but before a blanket could be placed over the machine a stream of water was thrown through the window and washed machine, the force, and about one-half the office. One of the machine's magazines was standing in direct line with the flow of water, and the damage at this point was greatest. As for fire damage, we went unharmed. The operators have been doing battle with rusty springs and sticking matrices and until new parts can be received the operators will be handicapped.

The total damage, including fire and water, is estimated to be around \$450.

Charles Edward Spruill, commonly known as "Snowball," caused all the trouble when he struck a match, to see if the gas he was drawing was going into the can. When he threw the match down, it landed in a spot where gasoline had leaked, and with more gasoline spattering from the sides of the small can, the fire went off with a good start. Efforts to cut off the flow of gasoline from the big tank failed when the heat prohibited one from getting near the faucets.

"Snowball," a small colored boy, had been "devil" in the office at odd times for the past several months, and his record fails to uphold the careless act. The fire had not gained much headway before he "cleared out," and he hasn't been seen in this section of the town since. Before leaving, however, he made noble efforts to check the fire, but when the first spectators arrived he thought it best to leave.

Moves Law Office In Old Bank Building
Judge J. W. Bailey has moved his law office from Everetts to the old Farmers and Merchants Bank building.

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For the present he will keep his family in Everetts and drive here each day.

Including Mr. Bailey's there are seven law firms located here at the present time.

John L. Rodgers to Be With Cotton Co-ops
Mr. John L. Rodgers has accepted a position with the cotton cooperative association, succeeding Mr. Mike Norman. While it is not known whether Mr. Rodgers will accept the job as a permanent undertaking, he will begin his duties at once and continue them for at least 30 days.

Mr. Rodgers accepted the position when Mr. Norman resigned to go with the Armour Fertilizer Co., at Wilmington.

Mr. Rodgers' duties will carry him into five counties, Beaufort, Washington, Martin, Bertie, and Chowan.

NEW CHEVROLET IS LATEST WORD IN AUTOMOBILES
The new Chevrolet, latest in the manufacture of automobiles is drawing much attention now, and sales are increasing daily.

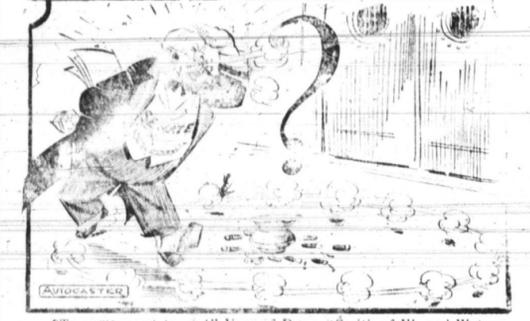
Local Tobacco Market to Reopen Next Tuesday; Better Prices Are Indicated

The local tobacco market will reopen next Tuesday, January 11, after having been closed during the holidays. While no definite time has been set for the closing of the market, it is thought it will remain open during the next three weeks, closing January 28.

All the various companies will be represented when the sales begin next Tuesday morning. The majority of the buyers will return Monday, while several will come in during the week end.

The coming sales are expected to carry the number of pounds sold here this season to around seven million. The number sold up to the closing before the holidays amounted to 6,427,622, at an average price of \$27.32. Reports coming from the markets that have already opened for the remaining few days of the season hold that prices are slightly better than they were during the period from Thanksgiving to the closing time just before the holidays. Danville and Fuquay were two of the markets making such reports.

Something to Worry About



"To seat or not to seat" Vane of Penn.—Smith of Ill. and Watson of Ind., is a problem which is causing many Senators no little concern just now, even though the issue will not be decided until opening of the new session in March. History shows it is easier to keep

Reuben Blands Calls On President Coolidge

Reuben Bland, Martin county farmer and father of 31 children, increased his fame yesterday by calling on President Coolidge at the White House.

Reuben, of course, already had the distinction of being the most fatherly man in Martin county as well as in the Nation, and he increased his honors by being the first Martin county citizen to cheer the President with a real Southern smile in the New Year.

Mr. Bland is returning home the latter part of this week, and his experiences will be well worth listening to.

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T. W. Snell Resigns As Federal Agent

Mr. T. W. Snell, of Plymouth, passed through town this morning. He was returning from Fayetteville, where he had resigned his commission as a Federal agent, after having been in the government service since October 15, 1921. He seemed to be in fine spirits and appeared as a man just emerging from a spirit of disgust into a world of freedom and ease.

Most of the agents seem to think the liquor interests are meeting favors from some of the "higher-ups," as they are constantly changing things and making it harder all the time to do anything. Before one ruling can be put into operation, it is countermanded and another takes its place. And though fines and penalties far exceed the expense of raids, the government will not allow an agent enough expense money to work more than about half the time.

Falls from Porch; Suffers Broken Arm

Elbert Peel, Jr., suffered a broken arm when he fell from a porch rail at the home of his parents on Haughton Street yesterday. The little fellow had jumped from the rail to the ground several times, and on his last attempt he lost his balance and fell backwards. His left arm was broken when his body fell on it. From a description of the fall, it is a wonder that his back escaped being broken.

County Folks On the Radio
Martin county was pleasantly heard from when Messrs. David Holliday, Foy Mizelle, Edgar Davis and Willie Warren Davis, all of Jamesville, broadcasted from the Richmond Radio station, last night. They sang for an hour and were paid \$125.

This quartette has been organized only a short while but their reputation has spread far and wide. The young men have wonderful voices and despite the fact that they have had no special training, they sing very, very well.

SALE ATTRACTS LARGE CROWDS TO BANKRUPT STOCK STORE
Thousands of people from all around crowded into the A. K. Hatem store here this morning to look into the bargains announced by the management. All the clerks were busy during the day, and there are many possible Chevrolet buyers according to these dealers.

Everetts Wins Close Contest

Jamesville Loses Hard Game Here Last Night, 10-9

The Everetts basketball team gained the highest rank in that sport ever attained by a team in this section when it triumphed over the strong Jamesville five here last night in one of the most thrilling games yet seen on the Brick Warehouse court. Supported by the cheers of 450 fans, the two teams entered the contest with the greatest of determination to win. Jamesville was there defending its prestige gained when it won over several teams in the tournament at Windsor last week, and Everetts was there to take part of it for herself. It was anybody's game until a few seconds before the final whistle sounded, at which time Everetts had a one-point lead, making the score stand 10 to 9.

The first quarter of the game saw both teams making nervous attempts at goals. This part of the game was almost lifeless, but Jamesville managed to build a small lead. The first quarter ended and found the supporters of the two teams cheering with full force. The second quarter in the beginning varied very little from the first, until Cherry, the star of the game, tied the score with two of the prettiest field goals made in the game and a free throw. Roebuck's point, made when he caged a free shot, gave Everetts a one-point lead at the end of the half.

After Everetts had gained this lead Jamesville came back in the second half with a more expressed determination to maintain its record. And her efforts were not in vain, for she was soon in the lead again. Her favorable position only spurred Everetts on, and it was a matter of a few minutes before the standing of the score was reversed. During the latter part of this half the lead went back and forth, with neither squad able to build it beyond one point of the opposing team's score. And while all this was going on, the crowd went wild with its cheers, offering them in the friendliest of ways.

The defense offered by Jamesville's guards was a feature, and it forced Everetts to try long shots, few figuring in the scoring. The passing of the down-country lads was said to be just a little better than that of the up-country boys; however, it was not so far ahead. Everetts had its good points, too; for if she had not had them, there would have been a different score.

Howard Gaylord, Jamesville center, was high scorer of the game, making 8 of his team's 9 points. Cherry, Everetts' right forward, followed close with 7 points. While all members of both teams played an exceptional brand of ball, the playing of Cherry and Gaylord was most noted.

Not until the last quarter did the game get rough, and it was not so bad, then. Very few personal fouls were made, and they were about evenly divided between the two teams. Graham, of Washington, proved himself a good referee when his decisions met with general approval.

New Service Station Is Opened Today
Williamston's fifth filling station was opened yesterday when the building was turned over by the contractor to the manager, Mr. Raymond McKinnis. The station, located on the corner of Mair and Haughton Streets, is one of the long chain owned and operated by the Standard Oil Co.

It was only a few weeks ago that the Episcopal rectory occupied the site, but a large number of workmen were ordered here, and before the house was moved to an adjoining lot the station was almost completed. While it is of no great size, the plant is a very attractive one, and has the latest equipment.

At present there are three Standard and two Texaco service stations here. Three are within a hundred yards of each other, while a fourth is not more than two hundred yards from the group. The fifth is located at the intersection of the Jamesville and Washington roads.

Hurt When he Falls From House Top
Jesse Gurganus, the 10-year-old son of Mrs. J. D. Harrison, fell from the roof of his home here several days ago and was badly hurt. Jesse was sitting on the roof of the house watching his step-father, Mr. Harrison, put up a radio aerial when the small chimney he was holding to gave way and caused him to slide off. While he received a severe cut on his forehead when several of the bricks from the chimney fell on him, he escaped injuries that little less than a miracle could have prevented.

Packhouse Destroyed By Fire Tuesday Night
Mr. Henry Long lost his automobile, a Ford, a calf, several barrels of corn and other feed last Tuesday shortly before midnight, when fire destroyed his packhouse on the Reddick farm near here. Several people on the streets here saw the bright blaze and thought the fire to be around the warehouses, and they turned in the alarm. The volunteer fire company rolled out, thinking the fire to be near the railroad station. Upon their arrival there, the members of the company thought it to be just a little further. They went all the way, but instead of being right here in town, the fire was two miles in the country. A large number from here went out, but the fire had gained too great headway to be checked by the bucket brigades.

The exact amount of the damage has not been learned, but will be over \$1,000.

MEETING TONIGHT
The Philathea class of the Christian church will meet tonight with Mrs. Myrtle Brown at her home on Church street at 7:45.

All the members are asked to attend this meeting and plan for the new year's work.

No More Roads in Near Future for This County

Highway Commissioner Tells Kiwanians Wednesday

Highway Commissioner Frank C. Kugler, of Washington, was the guest of the Kiwanis Club Wednesday. Mr. Kugler is commissioner for the first district, which embrace twenty counties in the northeastern section of the State. He has held the position since the death of Mr. W. A. Hart, of Tarboro, who held the office until his death last spring.

Mr. Kugler made a very clear and practical explanation of the road situation in the State, in which he gave a general outline of the policy and problem of the road commission.

He stated that the commission would have to go slow and be conservative in its operations, and that many of the counties had already drawn up to their limit, even all they may hope for, within the coming two years.

Mr. Kugler did not hold out very much hope to Martin County for any new projects. In fact, he made it pretty clear that we are not in line for any new work for some time to come.

Baptists Announce Sunday's Program

President Harding, at his inauguration, took the oath of office while his hand rested on a certain Scripture. Two and one-half years later the same passage was read at his funeral service. This Scripture will constitute the text for Sunday morning's sermon. It is found in the Book of Micah.

At 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening, the text will be Nahum 1:7, and read: "The Lord is good; a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him."

The church school of mission will begin in our church on Tuesday evening, January 18th. All the teachers have been selected, their course of study is in their hands, and they will be ready to go right to work on the very first evening of the meeting. No time will be lost—a full program the very first night.

The church is trying to make this a sort of family school—the entire family can come and will find classes for every one, from the tiny tots to the gray-headed. Announcement as to the teachers will be made in next Tuesday's Enterprise.

Until the close of this mission school, all mid-week services in this church will be held on the day evenings instead of Wednesday evenings.