

## Tobacco Market Reopened Tuesday; Prices Are Better

### Small Amount Tobacco Is Sold Account Snow

#### 15 Carloads of Tobacco Shipped to China and Japan

Sales on the local tobacco market got off to a slow start this week when the weather prevented the weed being moved. The sales were small all the week; in fact there were no sales at all on Tuesday and Wednesday. Yesterday, while no great quantity was marketed, the prices were good, comparing favorably with pre-holiday prices, and proved better than those received 8 to 10 days prior to the market's closing for the Christmas holidays.

All the buyers were back for the opening, and yesterday's sales went around twice. There is a very small amount of the tobacco crop unmarketed, but it is understood the warehouses will remain open here during the next two weeks.

#### Ship Tobacco Direct to China

The W. I. Skinner Tobacco Co., of this place, shipped fifteen carloads of tobacco to China and Japan this week. The shipment was billed direct to Shanghai, China, and Yokohama, Japan. Special packing of the tobacco was necessary, and several days were required to prepare it for shipment. As far as it is known, this constitutes the largest shipment ever to be made from here direct to a foreign country.

#### Increased Acreage Expected

According to meager reports circulated in this section there can be expected an increase in the acreage of tobacco here this year. While the increase is uncertain, for weather conditions will be felt one way or another, many farmers have stated their intention to add to their last year's acreage.

The result of an increase can not be measured in any definite terms, but those acquainted with the tobacco industry seem to think that it will be to the interest of all should the crop be held about the same or decreased a bit. Increases in the crop are expected in Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. The crop in the Old Belt, under last year's weather conditions, is expected to be about the same this year.

### Few Failures Recorded at Oak City High School

Oak City, Jan. 14.—(Special to The Enterprise).—The Oak City High School has settled down to the regular routine after the temporary confusion caused by the holidays and mid-term examinations. The athletic program is at a standstill on account of the snow, but the attendance during the rough weather has held up remarkably well. Few failures were recorded on the fall semester's work, although a high standard of excellence is demanded in all departments. Three boys and seven girls are candidates for graduation next May.

### Begin Remodeling Main Street Store

The W. C. Miller contracting firm of Washington began work remodeling the store recently vacated by B. S. Courtney, which now belongs to J. T. Barnhill, of Everetts. The store will be occupied by Mr. Barnhill's sons when completed.

## STRAND THEATRE

TONIGHT  
Corrine Griffith in "INTO HER KINGDOM"

TOMORROW  
Richard Talmadge  
—in—  
"THRU THE FLAMES"

Always a Good Show



**Bold Bad Bandit**  
New photo of Mrs. Rebecca Rogers of Austin, Texas, 22 year old co-ed bandit, who is charged with holding up and robbing the Farmers' National Bank at Buda, Texas. When released on bail she went off to be married and faces trial after her honeymoon.

### Local Program at Kiwanis Club

#### Number of Local Men Make Suggestions on Needs of Section

The Williamston Kiwanis Club held one of its best meetings Wednesday. After several friendly songs and happy greetings, the president, E. S. Peel, turned the meeting over to W. C. Manning, jr., leader for the day, who, in turn, asked several members to talk on the thing they would do to help the community.

Mayor Colburn suggested a better system of stabilizing the mercantile business of the community. Mr. E. P. Cunningham also spoke on the same subject. A committee, composed of W. H. Carstarphen, F. J. Margolis and N. K. Harrison, was appointed to study the question and report.

Dr. John D. Biggs was called on to give a summary of Babson's "New South" speech at Raleigh last week, which he described as being both sunny and rosy for the Southland.

Mr. Cunningham talked on the subject of roads, especially the proposed road through the black-land territory of Hyde, Beaufort, and Washington Counties. Mr. Cunningham favors the present location of the proposed highway leading from Pantego to Plymouth, rather than change the route so that it would reach from the Lake Phelps section to the town of Washington, which project seems to be bobbing up, a thing some folks say needs to be looked after.

### Parents-Teachers to Present Play Soon

Early in February, the Parents-Teachers association will give a play, "The Bachelor's Honeymoon". The director for the play will arrive next week to begin practicing. In the past all the directors who have put on these contract plays have been women; a man comes this time.

This performance has made great hits where it has been in this section, according to press reports.

Mrs. P. B. Cone, president of the Association, says that the recommendations are fine and she hopes to stage something that will be pleasing to the public and at the same time raise funds for the association.

### Woman's Club to Have Shower

The social committee, Mrs. C. R. Fleming, chairman, will give a shower next Wednesday afternoon at the Club rooms.

The public is invited and every one who wishes to donate something to complete the furnishings of the Club can do so and it will be greatly appreciated. Anything that can be used in the average kitchen or dining room can be used at the Club and those things required when giving parties will be very acceptable because the rooms will be used for parties of any size.

The hour will be announced in our Tuesday's paper.

Misses Annie Harper and Lucy Claire Ivey left yesterday morning for Wilson where they are spending a few days.

Misses Orpah Steed and Norma Ramsey visited in Washington yesterday.

### Series Games to Decide Basketball Champions

#### Tentative Schedule Is Made But Likely to Undergo Change

In a meeting of the Martin County Athletic Association here this week, a tentative schedule for the county championship series of basketball games was made. All the members of the association were not present, and while the plans made will not be accepted as final, it is expected they will be followed in the staging of the basketball championship games in the county. The exact date for the schedule to begin was not definitely decided upon, but the series of games to be played will be over before the time set for the State championship series.

While no definite date was assigned, the first game of the series will be played between Jamesville and Williamston at Jamesville. About the same time Oak City will meet Robersonville on one of their courts. As the schedule now stands, each of these teams will play three games; that is, if three are required to determine who shall advance in the series. Should Jamesville win the first two, then it will play the winner of the short series between Robersonville and Oak City. One game will be played between the winners of the first series; the winning team will then meet a team advanced from group two.

While there are only four teams in group one, Jamesville, Williamston, Robersonville, and Oak City, there are six in group two. The series will go forward in group one. Everetts, Hamilton, Gold Point, Farmelo, Bear Grass, or Farm Life will meet the winner of group one in a final game.

The schedule will hold that all games will be played as near the latter part of the week as possible. One game will be played on each of the local courts, with the third, when necessary, to be played on a neutral court.

The rules for the series, which are not quite complete, will appear within the next few days along with the schedule. This series of games put on by the Martin County Athletic Association is to be looked upon as separate and distinct from the tournament to be staged under the direction of the local Kiwanis Club.

### Sunday Services at Church of Advent

Rev. C. O. Pardo, rector.  
January 16, 1927: Second Sunday in Epiphany.  
Church school, 10 a. m.  
11 a. m.—Morning prayer and sermon.

3:30 p. m.—Holy Trinity Mission.  
7:30 p. m.—Evening prayer and sermon.

Beginning Sunday morning and again Sunday night and then for the next few Sundays the rector will preach a series of sermons dealing with the "Trend of the Times," as related to the teachings and principles of the Christian religion. That every aspect of life is changing is obvious. Our social consciousness is apparently undergoing a change. What does this portend? The general public is cordially invited to attend these services.

### To Play Washington Collegiate Institute

Everetts will meet the Washington Collegiate Institute basketball team here tonight at 8 o'clock in the Brick warehouse, according to a message from Everetts shortly after noon today. The game was arranged when it was learned that the Jamesville-Everetts game could not be played as was scheduled.

A good game is expected.

### MARGOLIS BROTHERS SALE STARTS TODAY

Following their usual custom, Margolis Brothers started their sale on all winter apparel and dry goods this morning. They are offering their customers real bargains in a line of merchandise that will meet with your hearty approval.

This firm since its establishment here has built a reputation that is hard to beat, and the main purpose of their sale is to make room for new stock.

### Fire Insurance Association in Meeting Here

#### Entire Cost to Farmer Members Only 22c on Each \$100

The Martin County Branch of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association of North Carolina was held at the courthouse Wednesday.

The meeting was called to order by W. C. Manning, president. James L. Coltraine, secretary and treasurer, made his annual report, which was accepted and ordered recorded.

The report showed a net gain of 64 members during the year 1926, bringing the number up to 664. There was a gain of \$112,000 insurance in force in the county of \$1,009,600.

The report also showed that there were 14 losses in the county during the year; 5 fire, 7 wind, and 2 lightning.

The entire cost for the year for loss by fire, wind, and lightning, together with the entire cost of management of the company, amounted to only 22 cents on the \$100 insurance.

W. B. Harrington, who had audited all the books and accounts of the association, submitted his report, fully verifying the correctness of the report of the secretary and treasurer and approving the method of the association's bookkeeping. The report of Mr. Harrington was adopted and he was appointed to make full and complete examination of the books in the year 1927.

The following officers were elected for this year: W. C. Manning, president; James L. Coltraine, secretary and treasurer; Sylvester Peel, Henry C. Green and Samuel T. Everett, directors.

The following township supervisors were elected:

J. E. Jackson, R. G. Sexton, and John H. Bailey, Jamesville; W. W. Griffin, Joshua L. Coltraine, and B. L. Gardner, Williams; B. McManning, Henry Roberson and E. A. Griffin, Joseph S. Griffin, A. W. Bailey and James D. Iwson, Bear Grass; W. S. Peel, L. B. Harrison, and W. H. Rogers, Williamston; J. A. Aushon, J. H. D. Peel and Henry D. Peel, Cross Roads; B. R. Jenkins, A. E. Smith and T. A. Bunting, Robersonville; J. R. Harrison, R. L. Taylor and Leroy Taylor, Poplar Point; Ed Purvis, W. S. Rhodes and T. B. Slade, jr., Hamilton; W. R. Everett, W. J. Johnson, and N. F. Brown, Goose Nest.

James L. Coltraine was elected delegate to the meeting of the State association at Raleigh January 18. W. C. Manning, who is vice president of the State association, and who will also attend, was elected alternate.

After discussing the question of finance, it appeared unnecessary to make an assessment, as from the experience of the association there is now sufficient funds in hand to pay the average expected losses until the early fall.

### Jamesville-Everetts Game Tonight Canceled

With no certain explanation for the act, the Jamesville-Everetts basketball game, which was to have been played here tonight, has been called off. Not until last night was it learned that the game would not be played, when Jamesville informed the Everetts coach that its team was scheduled to play Edenton tonight.

The game has been well advertised, and devotees of the sport from as far away as Bethel have called for information relative to the scheduled meet.

While no one seems to know, and while it can not be taken as final, it is understood that Everetts called off a game a few weeks ago, and that Jamesville is retaliating by calling off the one scheduled for tonight.

A statement issued by D. U. Hix, at noon today reads "Jamesville-Everetts game postponed until next week on account of misunderstanding. Jamesville plays in Edenton tonight. Everetts will probably play Washington Collegiate Institute in Williamston tonight."

### Methodist Program For the Next Week

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.  
Preaching service, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
Intermediate Epworth League, Sunday, 2 p. m.  
Preaching service, Holly Springs, Sunday, 3 p. m.  
Woman's Missionary Society, Monday, 3 p. m., at the home of Mrs. W. C. Liverman.  
Senior Epworth League, Monday at 7:30 p. m.  
Prayer meeting, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

### Local School Children Given Unexpected 4-Day Holiday On Account of Bad Weather

An unexpected holiday was handed the children of the local school Wednesday when the bad weather made impossible more than a 50 per cent attendance. The school closed down Tuesday with the intention of reopening Wednesday morning, and it did reopen on that day, but the small attendance and other things combined prompted the school heads to announce a holiday for the rest of the week. Classes will be resumed next Monday.

The only desirable part connected with the four days off came when it was stated that all lost time will be made up before school closes.

### Deputy Sheriff Women's Clubs Struck by Car Ask for Laws

#### S. H. Grimes Painfully Hurt in Accident Last Night

Deputy Sheriff S. H. Grimes, had a narrow escape last night when he was struck by a Dodge car driven by Lyman Britt.

Mr. Grimes, who had been to Robersonville on his way to Williamston, about 11:30 when his gas gave out and left him in the middle of the road at Collic swamp. He got out of the car and stood on the running board and waved Lyman Britt down. Britt applied the brakes too hurriedly and caused his car to skid, the rear end hitting Grimes' car so hard that it knocked it and Grimes both into the swamp. Grimes' thigh was cut very badly, he not knowing just how it was. He was dazed by the accident.

Ward of Robersonville, who was called to his father's home near Gold Point. He will not be able to resume his duties for some weeks.

The Grimes car, a Chevrolet coupe, was not badly damaged, just one wheel was knocked off and a window broken.

In the accident, Mr. Britt escaped injury while Miss Laura Norton, who was accompanying him from Robersonville, suffered minor scratches and bruises on one hand.

The Dodge car was knocked into the swamp on the side opposite the place where Grimes and his car landed, two doors were broken off and considerable other damage done to it.

### Invites Public to School of Missions

From the nature of the church school of missions to be held at the Baptist Church, the pastor and people feel justified in asking the people of other churches to attend, when to do so would not conflict with their own church duties.

For this is by no means to be a denominational school. It is a mission school. Some of the teachers are not members of the Baptist church and some of the courses of study have no connection with Baptist work, but appeal equally to all who are interested in the subject.

The pastor of the church did not begin to promote the school until after he had gone into conference with the other pastors of the town. Each one agreed that it was a wholesome thing to do and volunteered, so far as possible, to lend any possible assistance.

Accordingly, it may be assumed that especially the women's missionary societies of Williamston would profit by attending these series of services. There will be a lecture period once each week, Tuesday nights, at 7:30 o'clock. No examinations. Missionary songs, missionary Scripture and missionary lectures will constitute the program.

Every one who wants to come will be welcomed, and class accommodations will be ready for all. Especially are the ministers of the other churches wanted.

### Squire Crawford Has a Busy Day

"Squire A. T. Crawford had a busy day when he answered Cupid's summons to the courthouse last Wednesday, where he married two couples in the grand jury room. Hardly had he married Leroy Clemons and Priscilla Ruffin than he was called again to unite Wm. C. Slade and O. V. Keel. The two couples, both colored, were very much pleased with the knot, and left the house of justice rowing the boat together.

Dressed as she was never dressed before, one of the brides entered the wedding ceremony with white shoes, white hose, white silk dress, white gloves and a white garland of flowers upon her head.

A third courthouse wedding was missed when W. M. Walton took his girl, Annie Mae Cherry, to the home, where they were married and where a "breakdown" was held.

### Orders Verdict of 'Not Guilty' in Phelps Case

#### Judge Nunn is Criticised for Verdict in Case at Plymouth

Judge E. A. Nunn ordered a verdict of not guilty yesterday in the case against Mrs. Geo. W. Phelps and her daughter, Lula Pritchard, charged with killing Mrs. Phelps' husband on Sunday, December 26. The case was tried in Washington County superior court at Plymouth.

Mr. Phelps was found dead sitting in a chair at his home, with bullet wounds in his head and right breast. Mrs. Phelps and her daughter and the dead man were the only people in the home when the tragedy occurred.

Mrs. Phelps stated that she and her daughter attempted to visit at the home of a neighbor named Alexander, and that Phelps objected and took his wife's cloak; that she proceeded to get another and went on the front porch and waited for her daughter, and just as she came out she heard a pistol fire.

They both stated that they did not return to see what it meant, but went to the road and hailed a passer-by, who went in and found the husband sitting in a chair dead. They stated at the time that some one had shot him through the window, but the automatic pistol, which had killed him was lying by him and two ejected shells, found on the floor.

Neither of the two women went to examine the surroundings nor to see the dead man.

The county coroner, Dr. Bray, and Sheriff Reid, with others, were soon on the scene and took the case in charge.

Sheriff Reid picked up the pistol by the barrel, handling it without touching the grip. The pistol was taken to Raleigh to a finger-print expert, who found that the person who handled the pistol had gloves on, and it was impossible to gain testimony in that way, though it appeared significant that Miss Pritchard generally wears gloves, which she did throughout the trial.

The State began its testimony on Tuesday and built up a long line of circumstantial evidence, yet perhaps not strong enough to convict. The State continued its testimony through all of Wednesday, concluding in the late afternoon, after which Judge Nunn ordered a verdict of acquittal against Lula Pritchard.

Thursday morning, the defense went on the stand and concluded at 1 o'clock, when Judge Nunn, on his own motion, dismissed the charge against Mrs. Phelps without letting the case go to the jury.

Information received here is that a general feeling of disgust seeps to prevail in the entire county, certainly among the better class of people, all believing one of the women did the killing.

The women, who are openly branded as all famed, are alleged to have been tired of Mr. Phelps, who seemed to want decency to prevail. Some say it was a case of the wrong man being killed.

The action of Judge Nunn in dismissing the case is being openly criticized, and some are indignant, believing that he assumed too much authority when he took the rights of the State from the hands of a jury.

Some seem to be disgusted with courts, it being stated that this is the seventeenth murder in a small section of Washington County without a conviction.

### Five Initiated at Junior Order Meet

Martin Council, No. 122, J. O. U. A. M., met in regular session Thursday night, January 13, with J. Marshall Rogerson, Councilor, presiding. The business of the evening was transacted, after which the following candidates were initiated: Robert E. Manning, George Harris, Jr., J. E. Harrison, Jr., C. E. Jenkins, and J. Claude Luggott. After all the new members had made a short talk it was decided to have an oyster feast for these boys after the next meeting night, which will be January 27. All members of the council are urged to be present.

### Woman's Club To Have First Dance Monday

The Woman's club announces a dance for next Monday night from 9 to 12. The Robersonville orchestra with Mrs. W. B. Watts at the piano will furnish the music.

The club rooms have recently been completed and the first dance was to have been held last Monday night, but unfavorable weather prevented it. Sandwiches will be served free, and a small admission fee will be charged. The public is cordially invited.