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## Teachers Hold Regular Meet Here Saturday

### Superintendents Jones and Ainsley Make Interesting Addresses

On Saturday afternoon, January 22, the teachers of the county met in the Williamston school auditorium for the fifth regular meeting of the current year.

The meeting opened with a song, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," led by Mr. J. L. Jones. After the song service, Rev. E. W. Mason, of the Robersonville Baptist Church, conducted the devotional part of the program.

After the minutes of the December meeting were read and approved, Supt. R. A. Pope spoke of the bill now being agitated for the abandonment of certain very worthwhile departments of education. He mentioned the one relative to State aid for home economics and the one pertaining to negro education; but he enthusiastically discussed the need for the department of certification and the misfortune that would befall the profession were it to be discontinued. He insisted that each principal realize fully his responsibility and asked that each write Secretary Jule B. Warren his views. It was his suggestion that they ask that the department be maintained and submit any recommendations agreeable to themselves.

There were only two numbers on the general program. Mr. H. M. Ainsley spoke on "High School Discipline—What Is It?" By way of definition he said that high school discipline is promoting the seven cardinal principles of secondary education, ethical character, citizenship, health, worthy home membership, worthy use of leisure time vocally and command of fundamental processes. Each of these he explained and applied to the secondary child. It was his opinion that a well-regulated school is one in which the pupils, the teachers, and the home properly function. Home conditions must be realized; children must be considered partners in the government; and the teacher must inculcate themselves into the scheme in a judicial and unobtrusive way. Their position, while an active one, must be democratic.

Mr. J. L. Jones spoke on "Worthy Qualifications Found in High School Principals and Teachers." Preparedness was his key-word. The various qualities that go to make a teacher or principal prepared, as given by him, were:

- (1) Personal appearance; (2) scholarship; (3) common judgment; (4) ambition; (5) conservative spirit; (6) skill at "peace-making."

Brief discussions of these were given; after which Mr. Jones impressed the teachers with the responsibility of trying to make them increasingly characteristic of themselves professionally.

Both talks showed careful thought and preparation and were thoroughly enjoyed by those present. The president, Supt. R. I. Leake, expressed his appreciation to Messrs. Ainsley and Jones for the help and inspiration that they might be to the association.

## New Assistant Secretary



Photo shows Carl T. Schueman, the new assistant secretary of U. S. Treasury. He succeeds John B. Winston who has retired.

## Lose 105 Bales Cotton by Fire

### Coast Line Platform and Boxcar Burn in Early Morning Fire

Robersonville was aroused by the fire alarm early Monday morning when a blaze was discovered at the freight platform of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad station. By the time the fire company reached the scene, they found the roof was in flames and the fire could not be stopped until the platform and one box car had been destroyed with 105 bales of cotton.

The origin of the fire, according to reports, came from a lighted cigarette thrown down by a bunch of boys who were thought to have been playing cards between the rows of cotton bales on the platform some time Sunday, and the fire gradually ate its way through the cotton until it fired the timbers.

About half the cotton was already billed and will be lost by the railroad company, the other half belonged to individuals who had placed it on the platform, but had not gotten bills of lading for it. A portion of the cotton was salvaged after it had partly burned. Some portions of a number of bales will be saved and repacked.

## Entertains Large Crowd Courthouse Last Night

Richard B. Harrison who is doubtless one of the greatest entertainers of the colored race, appeared before a large audience at the courthouse here last night in a well received recital.

Harrison is a native of Canada, is 62 years old and now lives in Chicago. He is working under the auspices of the Federated churches of New York City. His purpose is to help kindle the fires of higher ideals in the Negro race.

## Local Tobacco Crew Is Here to Market to Close Season Friday

### Approximately 100,000 Pounds Sold Since the Holidays

The Williamston tobacco market will close for the 1926-27 season next Friday, after maintaining a splendid record established last year.

Since the reopening of the market following the Christmas holidays, approximately 100,000 pounds of tobacco were sold. The price paid for this amount is said to be a little better than that received a few days prior to the market's closing before the holidays. Tobaccoists throughout this section were badly off in their estimates as to the amount of tobacco to be sold after the holidays. In most cases only a very small percentage of the estimates has been sold. The local market only got one-third of its after-Christmas estimate, a much better percentage than most of the markets have gotten so far.

According to those who have long been acquainted in the tobacco business, the amount of tobacco held over after Christmas for sale was the smallest ever known. The statement is very correct, as far as this county is concerned, for Martin County farmers have been about as scarce on the warehouse floors in the past few days as teeth in a chicken's head.

The record made by the Williamston market here this year has been most favorable, and indications are that the town is in a position to build a much larger market than it now has and one that will rank with the leading markets of the State.

## Crusaders to Visit Washington Church

Bishop Johnson, of Missouri, will be the speaker and Rev. Mr. Klownman will be the conference leader when the Bishop Crusaders visit Washington February 6th to 11th.

There will be three meetings of the general crusaders in the Diocese of Eastern Carolina, Wilmington, Washington and Elizabeth City.

The program will begin in Washington Sunday morning, the 6th at 7:30 with holy communion. At eleven o'clock there will be the regular prayer service and sermon. A mass meeting will be held each night at 8 o'clock except on Sunday, at which time the meeting will be held at 7:30.

## Crew Is Here to Start Installing New 'Phones

### Hope to Complete Work By Latter Part of This Week

Mr. S. H. Baker, of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company arrived here this morning with a crew of 20 men ready to effect the change from the old magneto system to the common battery one. Early in the morning employees of the company will start work on Main street, replacing old telephones with news ones. There will be two groups of installers, one going up the main street and the other one down the street. Practically all the rural lines will be switched through the new office late this afternoon. Approximately fifty town stations will be working on the new system tomorrow night, while it is hoped a complete change will be made by the latter part of the week.

The change is under the supervision of Mr. Mullins, chief construction manager of the company.

Miss Guanita Hough is now instructing the operators in the use of the new board. Several days will be required for the operators to become thoroughly acquainted with the new switchboard, but everything possible is being done to effect a smooth change. There will be some confusion at first, no doubt, and the cooperation on the part of the subscribers in assisting in making the change will be appreciated by the officials of the company.

## Fined for Speeding On Main Street

G. J. Sherman, of Baltimore, was fined \$25 in Mayor's court here last Friday when he was carried before Mayor Coburn to face a speeding charge. Sherman, according to eyewitnesses, drove his car down the town's main thoroughfare at a rate of 20 miles an hour dodging traffic and turning corners.

The Mayor reconsidered the fine and decreased it several dollars.

Mr. Sherman is in the employ of the Western Electric company and assisted in the installation of the new telephone switch board here.

His case was the first to come before the Mayor in the past several weeks.

## County Commencement Plans to be Made at Steering Committee Meet in Robersonville Saturday

Plans for a county school commencement will be made next Saturday when the steering committee meets in Robersonville at 10 o'clock. The members of the committee, Professors Ainsley, Davis, Leake, Jones, Lilley, and Wynne, represent respective committees, and they will map out the program for the event. The meeting is open to all teachers of the county, and those who are interested in the working out of a

program and plans for the commencement are cordially invited to attend. The meeting will be held in the school building.

## Teacher Hurt in Auto Wreck

### Three Pinned Under Car When It Turns Over

Prof. L. B. Ezell, of the Oak City High School, suffered severe injuries Friday night when a Ford driven by Kelly Bunting, in which Ezell and Abner Brown were riding, turned over at Hassells after striking another car. The young men were returning from Robersonville, where they had attended a basketball game.

Just as they reached Hassells, where there is a sharp curve in the road, they met a colored man driving with only one dim light, causing them to strike the negro's car and turning their own car over, pinning all three of them underneath the machine. The colored man was so badly frightened that he ran to Hassells, a few hundred yards away, for help, and left the young men with the car on them.

In the meantime, other people came up and the car was taken off the men. Mr. Ezell says he would not have been able to stand the weight on him much longer. He suffered internal injuries about the breast and a fractured collar bone. Brown suffered bruises on the hip, while the driver escaped unhurt, although he was caught under the car and the top and the windshield were crushed on him.

The car driven by the negro was not damaged much, except a wheel was crushed down. No special blame was charged to any one, just a case of failing to see in time.

## Mission School Again Tonight

### Hope to Hold Up Good Attendance Record Made Last Week

The second session of the Church School of Missions will meet tonight in the rooms of the Baptist church at 7:30 o'clock.

The attendance a week ago was most gratifying. Many people were unable to attend that first session, and will want to come tonight. There will be a place for everyone.

It was especially gratifying to have so many people from the other churches last week. Surely, anything which will promote good fellowship and tolerance amongst us is worthwhile. And this is one thing this school is doing. For while it is wonderful to see the way in which the people are rallying to this school, it is also remarkable to note the fine spirit which characterizes the whole effort. Men, women and children, from all churches, and from no churches are at work, studying the great fundamental, not of any one church, but of the Kingdom itself.

It is a good day in this community when we can join in a common effort like this.

The school will open promptly at the above hour, and the session will last sixty or seventy minutes.

## Jamesville Loses to Red Oak, 19 to 15

Jamesville lost one of the prettiest games of the season here last Friday night when Red Oak walked away with 4 more points than Jamesville carried home, the score being 19-15.

The two teams offered a brand of basketball that is hard to beat. Members of both teams played a clean game. Of the two, Jamesville worked the harder; but Red Oak worked, too. The team work of the Red Oak boys gave them the victory, but even at that they were not sure of their win until the last few minutes of play when a substantial lead was built up by them, a lead that Jamesville found impossible to overcome.

The first half saw the score tied several times; and it looked as if the tournament winners were out for another win. In more than one instance both teams would offer the spectators the type of ball commonly seen on college courts only.

Jamesville was not quite up to its best form, but Red Oak had the edge in that its players were taller and apparently older at the game.

## Runs Ford Car into Electric Light Pole

What almost resulted in a very serious accident happened Sunday afternoon when a young man from Suffolk, accompanied by his mother and sister, ran his Ford coupe head on into an electric light pole near the Texas service station.

The elderly lady (who wanted her name withheld) suffered a cut over the eye and a bruised knee. The others escaped unhurt. The windshield and several other parts of the car were broken.

The driver complained at the pole's being in the way and suggested that a very heavy suit might follow.

JUNIOR ORDER MEETING ON THURSDAY NIGHT

To all members of Martin Council, No. 122, Jr. O. U. A. M.: Thursday night, January 27, is regular meeting night, and all members are expected to be present. We have several candidates to initiate, after which an oyster feast will be held. Please make an effort to be with us. Council opens at 8 o'clock.

By order of J. Marshall Rogerson, Councilor.  
JULIAN H. HARRELL, Recording Secretary.

## Discuss School Problems Here at Class Dinner

### Faculty Entertains Civic Club Heads and the Class of 1927

The class of 1927, the school board, and presidents of the Kiwanis and Women's clubs here, last Friday evening, very fittingly entertained when the faculty of the local school had them as guests to a wild-duck dinner at the Woman's Club.

Mr. Davis, toastmaster, in announcing the purpose of the dinner and introducing other speakers, spoke of existing conditions in and around our town, and showed that a larger school would give the much-needed relief. He suggested that the larger percentage of college diplomas held by our people are indicative of an educated citizenship, and wondered if we were true to the cause of education when we were calmly sitting by and thereby denying our younger people in and around town educational opportunities commensurate with the times.

He asserted that other towns were doing these things and setting the pace for our State, whereas Williamston was in danger of letting the State, which has always been behind the towns, set the pace for it. He showed that a large percentage of town students were dropping out of school between the 7th and 9th grades because of our exclusive school curriculum, and that hundreds of our rural neighbors' children, who ought to be coming to Williamston school, were given only a six-months school opportunity. He suggested that a larger school district would take them in and enable the school to offer a more varied course of study, which was the crying need of Williamston. He warranted a greater Williamston economically, socially, and politically as a result of a more varied and more inclusive educational policy.

Mr. Elbert Peeler, president of the Kiwanis Club, responded with the assertion that Williamston was at the bottom of the list in Martin County as regards adequate school plant. "Even Everetts has a better building and Bear Grass leads Williamston." He reminded the seniors that only few people can sit on the pinnacle of fame, that the lots of the masses was to live, to serve, and to die in a small town, but leave the town a better place for others who would follow. He urged that the most successful life was devoted to only one thing and that thing done well.

Mrs. Martin, vice president of the Woman's Club, represented the club, as the president was behind the curtain helping other members of the club prepare the delicious dishes, and gave a resume of the educational work of the club. She joined Mr. Peeler in pledging to the board of education the support of her club for larger and better schools in Williamston.

John Wadsworth, representing the senior class in the absence of the president, Eli Barnhill, assured the faculty that the class appreciated its having them as its guest to the dinner, and pledged the support of the class in giving Williamston a larger school with more variety in the course of study.

Mr. C. D. Carstarphen, chairman of the school board, was introduced as the clean-up man—the allusion being to handling the baseball bat, and no welding the knife, fork, and spoon—who spoke in behalf of better schools. He stated that the board had on foot plans that looked promising for great school opportunities in Williamston. After Mr. Carstarphen's remarks, the third course of the dinner, consisting of delicious ice and cake was served.

Citizenship Department to Hold Meet Thursday

The department of good citizenship of the Woman's Club of Williamston will meet for its first program Thursday, January 27, at 3:30 p. m. The meeting will be held in the Woman's Club room. The topic for discussion will be "The Influence of the Home on Good Citizenship." Four good speakers have been arranged for, and the meeting will last only an hour. The public is cordially invited.

Mrs. T. W. Lee is chairman of the department of good citizenship.

WOMAN'S CLUB CARD PARTY THURSDAY NIGHT

A second card party will be held next Thursday night in the Woman's club rooms from 8:30 to 11:30. The party is under the direction of a committee of the club and those desiring to have tables arranged should see either Miss Frances Williams, Mrs. T. B. Brandon or Mrs. S. R. Biggs for tickets.

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## Rehearsals on Parent-Teacher Association Play Begun; to be Presented Friday, February 4

### Play is George M. Cohan's Big Musical Comedy Success, "A Bachelor's Honeymoon"; to Have 40 Local People in the Cast

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Melver, of the National Producing Bureau, Omaha, Neb., arrived here Sunday and started directing George M. Cohan's big musical comedy success, "A Bachelor's Honeymoon" last night. The play, which is being staged under the auspices of the parent-teacher association here, has gained a most favorable record in the eyes of the people of this section. It has been staged at Greenville, Wilson, Farmville, Kinston, and Fayetteville, and many other towns have it booked for future dates. At each of the places shown it met with hearty approval.

The National Producing Bureau stands high in the production of plays throughout the country, and only recently has it been in this immediate section.

## T. Gray Coburn Farm to Be Sold at Auction

Mr. A. F. Charles, of the Atlantic Coast Realty Co., was in town yesterday advertising the sale of the T. Gray Coburn farm, which will be sold at auction next Saturday. The Coburn farm, probably one of the best developed farms in eastern Carolina, is being sold in order to effect a settlement of the estate.

The farm has been subdivided into 26 tracts in size from 1 to 99 acres. During Mr. Coburn's lifetime he spent approximately \$75,000 improving the land and property, and the farm is said to be one of the most modern type.

The Atlantic Coast Realty Co., selling agents, have just completed large sales in South Carolina, and they come from that State to auction the Coburn farm. The land is located in Washington County, just four miles below Plymouth at Westover Station.

## County Officers Have Big Day Raiding Stills Monday; Over 2,600 Gallons Mash Destroyed

### Two Stills Found Within 500 Yards of Each Other; Beer Poured Out and Equipment Destroyed but No Operators Caught

Sheriff A. L. Roebuck and Deputy J. H. Roebuck made a pretty good haul Monday morning, when they made several raids, which netted them 2,600 gallons of beer mash.

They first went to a point 2 miles west of Bear Grass, where they found 29 barrels of meal and sugar beer, two empty 10 gallon kegs, and 2 water barrels. A still had been operated either Saturday or Sunday night, but had been removed, evidently when a three-gun signal had been fired by a neighbor.

The beer was poured out and the barrels destroyed. Twelve of the barrels were new Coco-Cola barrels.

The officers then found a still running red hot about 500 yards away from the first stand. The still was a 50-gallon copper outfit. The opera-

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tors had run away with all of the liquor except a small quantity which had run from the still after the operators had gone. There they found 14 barrels of beer, an axe, a brace and bit, funnels, buckets and a good breakfast.

After destroying everything at this plant, the officers pursued a due westward course, where they found a stand of two barrels of beer, but nothing else.