

Firemen's Indoor Circus Will Get Under Way Here Monday

Twelve Teams Enter Basketball Tourney

Many Features Are on All-week Show's Program

The firemen's indoor circus will get under way here next Monday night, when the show opens with a full program. Plans have been completed for the circus, and the program already announced has been added to, and the present outlook points to a gala week here.

While the week will be crowded with features, the basketball tournament is attracting the attention of many. Twelve teams have been entered, and on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday there will be double headers with the best teams in this section in action. The teams have been divided into three groups, and to the winner in each group a silver loving cup will be presented. Everetts will meet Washington in the first game of the tournament Monday night, and Robersonville will play Hamilton on the same night.

Members of the circus will arrive here early Sunday, and the stage will be all set for the opening performance Monday night. The circus carries 10 acts.

A committee has been appointed to decorate the warehouse, and when the show opens at 7 o'clock Monday night all arrangements will be complete.

The Virginia-Carolina Aces, a splendid orchestra, will be in late tomorrow night and early Sunday ready for the opening performance. This orchestra will furnish music throughout the week.

More than a dozen booths have been rented to various parties in the town. Several of the churches have accepted the offer of the firemen, and they are making preparations for their booths. Local automobile dealers will have on display several makes of automobiles. The firemen will have one main booth, while there will be others run by private concerns.

A large number is expected to take part in the Charleston contests, and these events will be well worth seeing. On Friday night the fiddlers' convention promises to be one of the pleasing features of the show. Several of the real old-time fiddlers have expressed their intention of being here that night to take part.

One of the largest dances of the year is scheduled for Thursday night. It is being well advertised, and couples from all over eastern Carolina are expected to be here that night. While every night offers a good program, Thursday is expected to bring the largest crowds, since the dance comes on that night.

The circus is sponsored by the local firemen, and a fair part of the proceeds will go to their volunteer organization. They do not expect to make any big sum off the circus, but all proceeds going to them will be used in purchasing equipment for the company.

NUMBER OF STRAY DOGS KILLED BY POLICE CHIEF

During the past few days several mad dogs have been killed on the streets by Chief Daniel. All dog owners are urged to keep their dogs shut up for a few days until it is safe to allow them to run the streets.

STRAND THEATRE

FRIDAY
A Wonderful Picture—**"PARADISE"**
With MILTON SILLS and BETTY BRONSON

SATURDAY
Al Hoxie
in "THE BATTLING KID"
Mack Sennett
Comedy
"HONEYMOON HARDSHIPS"
"Casey of the Coast Guard"
Episode No. 8
Always a Good Show

Parents-Teachers Play Tonight 8:30

After two weeks of intensive practice, forty local people will present under the auspices of the parents-teachers association tonight in the graded school auditorium "A Bachelor's Honeymoon."

Those who have seen this show in other towns praise it highly. Mr. McIver, the director, is well pleased with his cast, saying that it is composed of the most promising members so far coached.

Tickets have been on sale during the past few days, and a record attendance is most evident. The doors will open at 7:30 and the performance will begin at 8:30.

Robersonville School News

County Commencement to be Held 23rd of April

On Saturday morning, January 29, a number of the high school principals of the county met in the Robersonville school building to assist Supt. R. A. Pope in formulating definite regulations to govern the management of the county commencement. One group center meeting will be conducted on April 9; the other April 16. The county commencement will be held on April 23, entering for competition those who win out at the elimination meets.

Don't forget the chautauque program that will be given here on Friday evening, February 4. The Parent-Teacher Association expects every parent and teacher to do his duty. Come.

On Thursday evening, February 10, the parent-teacher association will hold its regular meeting for February. Interest is still good; so a large attendance is anticipated.

The committee that was to consider ways of improving the school auditorium reports that a firm from New York will soon come to make some changes, in the addition of felt, to better the acoustics of the hall. Such is good news to those who realize the importance of the movement.

Venus and Jupiter to Appear Like Twins

February will afford the opportunity of a lifetime by showing two planets which are otherwise never easily visible and giving a close approach of Venus and Jupiter.

Tomorrow, as soon as the sun has set, look out on the western sky and behold the spectacle of the brightest two of all planets, Venus and Jupiter, shining as if they were twins. Jupiter, the giant of our solar system, is the upper one of the two, but Venus is far more brilliant.

On February 13, Jupiter has acquired another temporary companion; this time it is Mercury paying a close visit. It would now be entirely impossible for the full moon to pass between them.

On February 24, there will be still another phenomenon, less spectacular than the other two, but well worth seeing. By that time Jupiter has disappeared in the sun's rays, Mercury is still fighting its hopeless battle to keep ahead of the sun, but Venus stands high in the sky, apparently alone, and yet not alone. Her companion for the evening is Uranus, one of the outer and slower members of the solar system.

Fiddlers' Convention at Jamesville School

The Jamesville High School Athletic Association is going to stage a real old-time fiddlers' convention Friday February 18, at the school auditorium. Any violinist living in the United States is eligible to enter, or any soloist or clog dancer. There will also be a Charleston contest. Several good prizes will be awarded for the best fiddlers, dancers, and singers.

A fiddlers' convention is one of the few gatherings that everybody always admits that they get more fun out of than they pay for. The members of the association are determined to spare no effort in making this a success.

Honor Roll of Local School

Lower Grades Are Well Represented in the Honor List

Following is the honor roll for the Williamston Graded and High School for the past month:

First grade, section A: Charles Dickey, Pete Egan, John Fleming, Carlyle Hall, John Fleming Thigpen, Jean Watts, Addie Lee Meador, Marjorie Lindsley, Ruby Harrison, Lois Taylor.

First grade, section B: Janie Gurganus, Velma Bennett, Thelma Mizell, Nellie Gray Hopkins, Myrtle Nicholson, Burras Critcher, Joseph Barnhill, Wilson Sprull, Joseph Gardner.

Second grade, section A: Evelyn Stalls, Mamie Clyde Taylor, Mary Robertson, Howard Cone, Edna Ballard.

Second grade, section B: Ben Manning, Jim Manning, Milton James, Erum Ward, Jr., Frances Cox, Jesse Mae Holloman, Ara More, Kathleen Price.

Third grade: Billie Griffin, Jessie Mae Anderson, Mary Belle Edmondson, Alice Harrison, Grace Manning.

Fourth grade: Josephine Anderson, Mabelle Hardison, Mary M. Price, Wheeler Martin, Jr., Julian Roebuck.

Fifth grade, section A: Grace T. Barnhill, Myrtle W. Brown, Nettie F. Meador, Jennie S. Moore.

Seventh grade: Edith Peele, Albert Clark and Charles Manning.

Eighth grade: Josephine Harrison, Ollie Marie Roberson.

Baptists Announce Sunday Activities

The old Roman tribulum was an implement used in threshing. From it we get our word "tribulation." And "Tribulation" will be the sermon subject at the Baptist Church Sunday morning.

What is the meaning of the word? Why is tribulation in the world? Does any good come out of it? Who suffers it? What does it do for us? Hear this sermon Sunday morning.

There will be no service in this church at the evening hour—our congregation joining with the Methodists in their evening worship at 7:30 o'clock. The pastor is concerned that his people attend this service in large numbers.

There are but two more sessions of the missions school, at which recitations and lectures will feature. The closing night will be given over entirely to Dr. R. T. Vann, former president of Meredith College. Already, as many people have attended the first three sessions as anybody thought would attend the six. The subject of the lecture to be delivered to the adults next Tuesday evening is "The Harvest of Missions."

Dr. Poter is to speak for us at the morning hour on Sunday, February 13th.

Kiwanis Members Join E. C. Commerce

The Kiwanis meeting this week put a goodly portion of its efforts towards advertising Eastern Carolina and a number of those present joined the Eastern Carolina chamber of commerce.

There were several visitors present at the meeting, among them Mr. Luke Lam, of the Wilson Rotary club, who was called and who talked on the Rotary work.

B. S. Courtney Secures Licensed Embalmer

Mr. Harper Holliday, of Dunn, has accepted a position with Mr. B. S. Courtney, and will have charge of the undertaking department of that store.

Mr. Holliday is a licensed embalmer, and has had several years experience as undertaker and funeral director. He comes to our town well recommended not only in business but as a good citizen, as well.

Barbershops Merge; Located in Hotel

The Service barbershop, for several months located in the Bowen building on Washington street moved today to the shop recently prepared by Mr. W. J. Jernigan in the Atlantic hotel. The two shops have combined and will operate as the Service Barbershop. This shop will have three chairs and will have for its proprietors, Messrs. Jernigan and Jenkins.

Judge Bailey Tries Number Liquor Cases

Several Boys too Young to Convict Appear in Day's Court

Liquor and automobiles jointly furnished the basis for the Recorder's court here last Tuesday. Outside of one or two cases coming from a former session, the court dealt only with liquor and automobiles in one way or another.

The case charging L. L. Ange with disposing of mortgaged property finally went in the nol pros with leave column after coming over from a former session of the court.

The judgment coming from a previous session was made absolute in the case against Will Hines, colored. Hines was charged with assault.

Joseph and William Hollis came in to court and plead guilty; William to a charge of illegal possession of liquor and public drunkenness, and Joseph to the charge of driving an auto while intoxicated. William was fined \$35, required to pay the cost, and escaped a 60-day jail-sentence by pledging his good behavior. Joseph was required to pay \$50 and the cost of the case, and on top of that lost his right to drive an auto for 60 days.

Tuesday of last week Sheriff Roebuck and his deputies brought in Pete Brooks, William Keys, and Worley James from the Free Union section and placed them in jail. Last Tuesday they faced the charge of aiding and abetting in the manufacture of liquor. William Keys was adjudged not guilty by the court. James, being under 14 years of age, was held under a \$50 bond for his appearance before the March term of superior court. Brooks was found guilty. Prayer for judgment was continued for one week.

Lonnie Bullock, Paul Irvin Bullock, and Jimmie Jones were next in line to face a charge of larceny and receiving. Lonnie and Paul, both minors, were turned over to the juvenile court. After the hearing of the case, Jones was found not guilty.

J. R. Griffin plead guilty to a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He was fined \$10 and a six months road sentence on the Edgecombe County roads was held before him, but this was suspended and remains so as long as he shows good behavior or until capias is called for by the sheriff.

The case of Ben Mason, charging him with assault with deadly weapon, was continued until next Tuesday with Mason under a \$50 bond.

Try to Combine Two Colored Schools

A committee of the Spring Hill colored school was here yesterday in the interest of a school in that section. The Spring Hill school was burned several months ago and since that time a church has been used to carry on the lessons. It is up for debate, since the Burroughs colored school burned, whether to consolidate the two or to build separate houses. The matter will come up before the board at its April meeting.

Tobacco Acreage Being Increased in the County

Mr. T. B. Brandon, farm agent, finds in his trips through the country that the acreage devoted to crops will bear a greater ratio this year than in the past several. Tobacco will have the greatest increase of all the crops. Cotton will show the greatest decrease, while corn will about hold its own.

Livestock and poultry are fast becoming popular with many of our farmers, and a much greater attention will be given them. Due to unfavorable weather conditions, cover crops occupy a much smaller acreage this year than last.

Cotton Ginnings in Martin Fall Short

Martin County is behind in cotton ginning, in comparison with the 1926 crop, which stood 8,368 January 16, 1926, while it showed only 6,811 bales of the 1926 crop ginned to January 16 1927, a falling off of 1,557 bales. The low price may have caused the farmers to be slow in getting their cotton to the gin.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

Rev. C. O. Pardo, Rector
10:00 Church School,
11:00 Holy Communion and Sermon.
3:30 Holy Trinity Mission.
7:30 Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Plan To Have 3 Tobacco Test Farms in Different Parts County This Year

According to the plans of Farm Demonstration Agent T. B. Brandon, there will be three test farms in the county this year.

While the tests will cover the several phases of farming, it is understood they will be principally for testing fertilizer in the growing of tobacco. No particular farms have been selected where the tests will be carried on, but Mr. Brandon states that they will be located one in the upper part, a second in the middle, and a third in the lower part of the county.

A test was made on a farm near here last year, and many valuable

results were obtained in studying the soil, types and mixtures of fertilizers. Certain types of fertilizers on various kinds of land were found to produce a better crop as for weight and quality. Mr. Brandon has all the statistics gained from the test, and he will be glad to show them to any farmer interested.

This year the tests will be carried on in a larger way than last year, and more valuable information is expected. Much interest in the undertaking was expressed by a large number of farmers, and with three tests going on this year, a much greater interest is expected.

Regular Meet Woman's Club

Many Reports Made by Club's Various Committees

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held Wednesday and so much time was taken up by the reports and new business attended to that the program was dispensed with.

The American Citizenship Department, Mrs. T. W. Lee, chairman, gave an outline of the course of study selected for its year's study. Influences of the different organizations of life, the home, community, State, national and international relations on the citizen will be studied during the coming year. Mrs. Lee is making the work very interesting, and those who have selected this department expect to enjoy it as well as receive the benefits.

Miss Trentham, chairman of the home department, reported her plans; and "Nutrition" will be the subject of her first meeting. Miss Trentham knows her work and has provided a course of study that embraces every phase of a housekeeper's duties.

The building committee made its final report, which was accepted, and the committee discharged with a vote of thanks. It read that the rooms had been remodeled by taking out the stage and making all floors on the same level, several additional rooms built, the walls painted, the floors sanded and waxed, besides water being installed and the necessary wiring done.

The bills incurred were as follows:

Albert Perry, woodwork and labor	\$575.08
W. E. Dunn, plumbing and fixtures	248.15
J. W. Manning, wiring	119.60
W. H. Williams, paint and labor	175.00
C. B. Siceloff, fixing floor	26.00
Total	\$1,143.83

Of this amount over \$400 has been paid.

The welfare department made a good report, but their work will be mentioned later.

Jno. Manning Back in Grocery Business

Mr. John A. Manning has purchased the stock of the Green Grocery Co., and will open for business next Wednesday in the building adjoining Anderson's store. The store is closed this week while new fixtures are being added and other arrangements made.

Mr. Manning is well experienced in the business, and he has many old customers who will welcome him back. His store will be run on a cash basis, but deliveries will be made twice daily.

Many Hogs Treated in County Last Month

During the month of January, County Agent T. B. Brandon has vaccinated an average of 50 hogs a day. The treatment was for cholera, and as a result there have been very few cases reported. Of course, there have been some, but as a whole the disease has been held considerably from the amount reported in previous years.

Treatment has been in all sections of the county, but recently the greater part has been going on in the upper part of the county.

Ground Hog Fools Many

The ground hog has fooled everybody this time; like the folks, he is getting braver and braver every year. He is getting so brave that he isn't even afraid of his own shadow. He just brought spring with him.

Some of the weather men still expect to see Mr. Hog have to go in his hole 40 days before the roses bloom again.

Mr. Wilmer Sitterson believes there is nothing to the whole business, while Pete Fowden is a firm believer, he stating that the hog wore goggles this time.

Smithfield, 29; Town Team, 31

Team Maintains its Unbroken Record of Victories

The town basketball team maintained its unbroken record of victories here last Tuesday night when it defeated the Smithfield National Guards in a well-played game. The visitors offered the strongest opposition of any the teams the local boys have met this season, and not until the final whistle were the winners decided.

The first half went by without special features, Smithfield holding the top of a 17 to 14 score. In the second half Gaylord went in for Frank, and during the period a fast brand of ball was played. Neither of the teams could build up a lead, and the score remained tied the greater part of the period. The locals forged ahead in the last few minutes of play when Brown made a most difficult goal. His shot prevented a tied score, for the final whistle found the visitors with 29 points and the locals with 31.

Brown led both teams in points scored when he threw four field goals in the first period and three in the last. Ellington, for the visitors, followed with 11 points, and Britt next for the locals with 7.

The passing of both teams was equal that of any college team, and the playing of all members was classed to be the best seen on the local court this season. A large number witnessed the game.

Williamston Defeats New Bern Guardsmen

The local town team continues undefeated, it having bested the New Bern national guards here last night in an off contest by a score of 28-25. Aided by members of other teams, the locals started in with a rush and before the half was over, 22 points had been rung to New Bern's six. During the first period the visitors failed to score from the field, and it looked as if the game would be a walk-away. New Bern came back, however, in the last half better acquainted and threatened to tie the score before the final whistle sounded. Nineteen points, the visitors made in that period while the locals made six.

Both teams played well at times, but as a whole the game was not as interesting as the Smithfield game here last Tuesday was. Brown and Gaylord played a splendid game for the locals and they had much to do with the victory. The visitors were well guarded in the first half and in the last they made their points by accurate foul throwing and long field shots.

MAY COBURN TO TALK BEFORE WOMAN'S CLUB

Taking as his subject, "Good Citizenship," Mayor Robert L. Coburn will speak to the members of the Woman's Club next Thursday afternoon.

W. B. Hadley Answers His Final Roll Call

Served in Confederate Army; Dies at Old Soldiers Home

Mr. W. B. Hadley, an inmate of the North Carolina Soldiers' Home, died several weeks ago, according to news from one of the old gentleman's acquaintances.

"Uncle Billy" as most of the Williamston people called him, was a member of the Junior Reserves in the Confederacy and had just passed his eightieth year when he died. He was a native of Williamston where he spent practically all of his life. He lived a while in the West and a few years in Pitt county. For the past five years he has been in the Soldiers Home in Raleigh.

Mr. Hadley was very well educated and was regarded for many years as Williams' best clerk, working for a long period with W. H. Carstarphen and later for C. D. Carstarphen.

For a long while he was a slave to liquor, but of his own will power, he stopped the drink more than 25 years ago, and since that time he has been one of the drink's bitter enemies.

In his last years here he lived a secluded life and his mind began to fail him before he left for the Home at Raleigh. He lived under delusions and fright and while he was rooming in the Godard building, he would often tramp down the hall to the central office at two and three in the morning and beg the operator not to let "them" get him. He never explained what he meant when he referred to "them." After a few minutes' spent in talking with the old gentleman, he would return to his room as if nothing had happened. His case was truly pitiful at times, for his friends were numbered and no one had time to spend in overcoming his ways common among everybody almost in old age.

After his long career, the people in his home town did not know of his death until weeks after the potters' field had embraced his body.

It makes it all the more sad when we think how quickly we pass down the road and how little we know of each other as we get near the end, especially is it true if we have no money.

This old man had passed his entire life in peace with his fellowmen. He was industrious, always willing to work. He never married, just faded and faded until he had passed from the memory of the people of his town. He had a heart as kind as man generally possesses.

Plan Campaign for A. C. C. Endowment

Two hundred ministers and laymen of the Christian churches in North Carolina are meeting at Greenville today to discuss the plans and purposes of the \$300,000 endowment crusade for Atlantic Christian College, Wilson.

The meeting is being held in the Eighth Street Christian Church. Rev. R. J. Bamber, pastor. Dr. H. O. Pritchard, of Indianapolis, Ind., general secretary of the board of education of the Disciples of Christ, addressed the morning session. A luncheon was served the delegates at noon. Dr. H. H. Harmon, Indianapolis, secretary of the department of endowments of the Disciples of Christ, presided at the luncheon program. Addresses were made by Dr. Pritchard, Dr. A. E. Corey, Kingston, and other ministers of the State.

Atlantic Christian College is a Disciples' College, founded in 1902 by action of the North Carolina State convention. Dr. Howard S. Hillyer has been the president of the institution for eight years.

W. C. Manning and Rev. A. J. Manning, of Williamston, attended the meeting in Greenville today.

Joshua D. Griffin Dies at Home in Griffins

Joshua D. Griffin died at his home in Griffins township last night following an affliction of about five years, caused from a stroke of apoplexy. Since that time he has been an invalid, yet he could walk with some assistance. For the last month, he has suffered from what was supposed to be cancer and which seemed to have been the direct cause of his death.

He was 50 years old, married Miss Bettie Ward who survives him. He leaves no children.

PLAN SURVEYS OF CAROLINA RIVERS

According to reports from Washington, rivers in eastern Carolina, including the Roanoke, will be surveyed by government agents. The survey will include a study of the possibilities of water power.