

County Bonds Sold For Good Premium

22 Bidders at Sale Held Here Last Saturday

St. Louis and Winston-Salem Companies are the High Bidders

Martin County sold \$125,000 in bonds Saturday in two series. The first \$50,000 county home bonds, bearing 5 per cent annual interest, were sold to Kaufman, Smith & Co., of St. Louis, at a premium of 3.07 per cent, bringing \$51,877. The second series, \$75,000 courthouse and jail bonds, sold for \$104.09 per \$100 in bonds, bringing a net total of \$78,075.00. They were sold to the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., of Winston-Salem.

There were 22 bidders for the bonds coming from 10 cities and 7 States. It is rather strange that only one bid came from the rich State of New York while the smaller State of Ohio made 11 bids; 5 each coming from Cincinnati and Toledo, and 1 from Cleveland. Next to Ohio, North Carolina is second; Winston-Salem and Greensboro each presenting two bids. Other bids came from Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, and Minnesota. New York was the lowest bidder for the courthouse and jail bonds, and only missed being the lowest for the county home bonds by the small margin of \$40. This would indicate that New York is a poor bond market, but doubtless they know their business and find it more profitable to deal in distressed bonds than in free bonds.

Martin County now has outstanding seven bond issues, as follows: \$150,000 bridge bonds, dated June 1, 1919, bearing 5 1-2 per cent interest. \$75,000 funding bonds, dated April 1, 1923, bearing 6 per cent interest. \$300,000 road and bridge bonds, dated March 1, 1922, and bearing 5 1-2 per cent interest. \$100,000 school bonds, dated December 1, 1923, at 5 1-2 per cent interest. \$175,000 road and bridge bonds dated April 1, 1926, 5 per cent interest. Adding the two issues dated March 1 of this year, for \$75,000 and \$50,000, makes the county's total bonded indebtedness \$925,000; of which \$6,000 on the \$100,000 school bond issue has been paid, making a total due of \$919,000.

The board of county commissioners has set aside a sinking fund sufficient to mature the proper proportion of the total issues, which amounts to perhaps enough to reduce the bond debt to around \$875,000.

It will be observed from each issue that almost the entire amount of outstanding indebtedness was to build schools, roads, bridges, or county institutions, all of which would be approved by an overwhelming vote of the people today.

Cars Collide on Main Street Corner Saturday

Kader Brown, colored, ran his Ford touring car into a Ford coupe owned and driven by Mr. W. H. Edwards here last Saturday night. Brown was entering Main Street at the Atlantic Hotel when he stepped on the accelerator of his car and plunged into Mr. Edwards, who was going out Main Street.

There were several passengers with Mr. Edwards, but none were hurt. The front wheel on the Brown car was completely demolished, while the fender, running board, and a tire were torn up on the Edwards' car.

At The STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY
Rod La Roque in "THE CRUISE OF THE JASPER B"
Third Episode of "TROOPER 77"
and 2-Reel Comedy
Also Free Ticket for Friday
Always a Good Show

What to Do With Him? Boy, 11, Shoots and Kills



Beaten at home, Michael Pokrashaw, 11, went into a store, attempted a hold-up, became excited and shot and killed the proprietor. Michael, 11, of New York, shot and killed the proprietor of a store in New York. He was 11 years old and had never before shot a gun. He was arrested and is now in a New York hospital. New York authorities have not said how to deal with him. Should he be tried on a murder charge?

P.T.A. Meeting at Bear Grass Association to Present Play, "Out of Court" in Near Future

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The Bear Grass Parent-Teacher Association held its regular meeting in the school auditorium last Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The sixth and seventh grades rendered a splendid "Good English" program, after which the children were dismissed. The business meeting followed.

Mr. Leon Malone and Mr. Lee, principal of the school, were chief speakers. Mr. Malone spoke on "The Value of Athletics in the Schools." He referred to basketball as an example. He pointed out the benefits derived from physical exercise—chiefly the benefits gained by the individual, such as development of body, muscles, mental development and self-control.

Mr. Lee made a very impressive talk on "Beautifying the School Grounds." He spoke of teachers as being dreamers; he said the Spaniards dreamed of a shorter route long before their dreams were realized. The Panama Canal project was dreamed of a century before it was completed during Roosevelt's administration. Public sentiment must first be molded in favor of these dreams before they can be accomplished. The parent-teacher association can help mold public sentiment in favor of these things by working together as a solid unit. He spoke of protecting school property and showed how this school would look when his dreams have been realized. The school should be a community center of which everyone should be proud. Planting hedges, flower plots and trees would add to attractiveness of the school grounds.

The parent-teacher association will present in the near future a play entitled "Out of Court." Watch for the date.

SALLY ANN BAKERY MAKES SPECIAL BREAD OFFER
The Sally Ann bakery is making a special bread offer for next Thursday. All people visiting the bakery that day will receive a loaf of bread for only 5 cents.

JAMES UPTON HITS COLORED BOY HERE SATURDAY
In Mayor's court yesterday morning James Upton was required to pay the cost of a trial brought about when he slapped a colored boy last Saturday.

Crusade Closes in Local Church Sunday Night

The Crusade services at the Episcopal church all of last week closed Sunday night when the Rev. Mr. Hallock preached a big sermon on "Little Things." Mr. Hallock handled his topic in a most entertaining and instructive manner.

There was a large attendance, the other churches of the town suspending their services. The sermon throughout the week were able ones and the services were attended by large crowds.

LEAVE THURSDAY AFTERNOON TO ENTER STATE TOURNAMENT
Coach Hix of Everetts and Coach Phillips of this place will leave with their school teams next Thursday afternoon to enter the State Tournament at Raleigh Friday and Saturday.

Both coaches have talked little of the prospective results, but a win is in order for Everetts while the locals are expected to make a creditable showing.

Jamesville and Durham Play in Finals Tonight

Game Will Decide Eastern Basketball Champions

Coach S. E. Kiser of the Jamesville basketball team left with his boys yesterday afternoon for Chapel Hill where his team meets Durham tonight. The contest will decide the eastern champions and the winners of the game will meet a team from the west to decide the state-wide champions.

Jamesville has eliminated in the State championship series Edenton Farmville, New Bern and Fremont, and goes to Chapel Hill with a chance to win from Durham. The team has gained a wide reputation this year, first when it won in the peanut exposition at Windsor and when it defeated four strong teams to meet Durham in Chapel Hill tonight.

Last Friday night in Wilson, the county lads played one of the best games of the season according to reports from that town, and won over Fremont 25-17. An account of the game stated that they outplayed, outpassed and kept Fremont guessing throughout the contest.

While the odds are slightly against Jamesville in the Durham game tonight, members of Coach Kiser's team expressed a great determination to fight the game to a finish.

Graded School Honor Roll for Fifth Month

Following is the honor roll of the local graded school for the fifth month:

First grade; Miss Ellis, teacher: Velma Bennett, Joseph Barnhill, Joseph Gardner, Janie Gurganus, Marie Griffin; Myrtle Nicholson; Bert Felix Peed; James Warbleton.

Second grade, Miss Ivey, teacher: Edna Ballard, Howard Cone, Clayton Moore, Jr., Shamma Ramsey; Mary Robertson; Dolores Stalls; James Williams.

Third grade, Miss Harper, teacher: Jessie Mae Anderson, Billie Griffin, Henry Gurganus; Alice Harrison, Grace Manning, Lawrence Lindsey.

Fourth grade; Josephine Anderson, Billy Clark; Nell Clyde Harrison; Billie Pope; Ruth Price; Julian Roebuck.

Fifth grade, Miss Allen, teacher: Myrtle W. Brown, Jane S. Moore; Jennie Green Taylor.

Sixth grade, Miss Stanback, teacher: Ruth Ward, Wheeler Manning.

Seventh grade; Charles Manning, Albert Leslie Clark, Edith Peele.

Citizenship Department Meets Thursday at 4:00

The good citizenship department of the Woman's club will have its regular monthly meeting in the club room, Thursday, March 3 at 4:00 p. m. All members of the department are urged to be present, and visitors are cordially invited.

The subject for discussion will be "City government and public utilities." We expect to have good talks which will be well worth your while to hear.

THE BUCKS ARRIVE WITH THEIR PICTURES OF WONDERLANDS
Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Buck have arrived in the city with their pictures of American wonderlands.

As we go to press the pictures are being shown in the Strand theatre to a large audience of school children and townspeople. A second entertainment will be given tonight at 7:45 in the theatre.

Woman's Club Meets Wednesday at 2:30

The president of the Woman's club announces a meeting of the organization for next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30.

Raleigh Celebrates 22nd by "Telling the Truth"
The reporter who stated that the only phase of George Washington celebration in Raleigh on Tuesday was the telling of the truth failed to explain just how much strain it was "to the city" to engage in such a celebration. He also failed to explain whether or not the Legislature participated.

Mr. Harper Holliday visited relatives in Dunn during the week end.

Oil Leases Made Doheny Canceled

The government yesterday won its fight in the United States Supreme Court to cancel the oil leases and contracts awarded Edward Doheny while Albert Fall was Secretary of the Interior. In a sweeping opinion the court held that the lease by which the Doheny interests were to develop the Elk Hills Naval Oil Reserve and the contract by which they were to build storage facilities at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, were tainted by fraud and corruption. The decision canceled both lease and contracts, confirming the findings of the lower court.

22 Permits to Marry Issued

Marriages in Upper End of County are More Numerous

While the February record of marriage licenses issued showed a decrease of 10 from the previous month, it held its own and went ahead as compared to the number issued in February of 1925 and 1926. In February, 1925, the number issued was 17; in 1926, the same month, it was 14; and in last month the number jumped to 22. The whites maintained the lead for the greater part of the time but last month the colored went ahead when they secured 15 permits, as compared to 7 issued to the whites. The permits were well scattered, some going to the lower part of the county, but the greater part going to couples in the upper end of the county. Licenses were issued as follows:

White
Harold Elester Hopkins, 20; Sudie Asby, 18. Seth Bailey, 25; Atholeen Dail (Beaufort County), 18. James C. Gurkin, 40; Hilda V. Leggett 20. Simon Clayton Bailey, 19; Ethel Capps, 19. William S. Corbett, 36; Mrs. Lydia Manning 25. John Williams, 21; Clyde Rogers, 18. Dempsey Robertson, 23; Pearl Wells, 22.

Colored
William H. Brown, 21; Ruby Lee, 17. Turner Hines, 22; Lucile Lee, 19. Dave Davis, 22; Letha Council, 20. Bennett Stancill 21; Estelle Robertson, 18. John Edwards, 39; Maggie Wiggins, 26. Roosevelt Coffield 22; Hatie E. Barnes, 20. Willie Rogers, 20; Tower Williams. Briscoe Davis, Hettie Edmonds. Murray Walker (Washington County) 23; Iola Hunter, 18. Ulysses Swanner, 43; Ida Coburn, 25. James Black, 26; Lossie Jones, 22. Arthur Taylor 21; Lillie B. Draper, 18. Henry Knight, 40; Addie Clark, 21. Louis Sheppard, 21; Lottie Council, 22. William Blount 18; Chelsie Williams, 21.

Announce Rules for Beauty Queen Contest

The Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce beauty queen contest will be held at Rocky Mount during the exposition, April 4 to 8. There will be two prizes, each \$250 in gold. One prize will be given to the winner in the city of Rocky Mount; the other prize will go to the winner outside of Rocky Mount.

All candidates must register with Secretary N. G. Bartlett, Kinston, N. C., by 6 o'clock Saturday, March 5. It costs nothing to enter. Candidates must be single, over 17 years of age, and pretty. The people of Rocky Mount will entertain each entrant in the contest during the week of the exposition.

Local Highs' Stock Continues Upward

Basketball stock of the local high school boys' team took another rise last Friday night when they decidedly defeated Pantego 20-10. Even though the game went without features, it was one of the best the local boys have played this season. The team work was evident and improved passing over former games was noticed from the beginning of the contest. The visitors played a hard game, and showed up well for a first year team. The locals are scheduled to meet Nashville here tomorrow night in the last game on the home court.

Oak City School Will Carry Play to Jamesville

The senior class of the Oak City High School will present the play "An Adopted Cinderella" in the Jamesville school auditorium next Friday evening, March 4 at 7:30 o'clock. The play met with much success when it was given in Oak City last week.

Invite School Committees to Teachers' Meet

Demonstrations Will be Held Showing Current Year's School Work

Members of the several school committees of the county have been invited to attend the Martin County Teachers' meeting in Robersonville the 18th of this month when demonstrations of the work done during the present year will be given with various school officials in charge. Messrs. Lee, of Bear Grass, Jones, of Jamesville and Pope of Williamston met here yesterday and discussed plans under which the demonstrations will be held.

Several worth-while demonstrations are being planned for the meet that day, and it is hoped that a large number of the committee will be in attendance upon the meeting. A demonstration in the use of the square will be given with Professor Overby of the Jamesville school, in charge. The short story will take its place on the program, Professor Ainsley, of the Oak City school, having that particular phase in charge.

The meeting which is the last one of the year is expected to be the largest one yet held. Bad weather interfered with the last meeting here and much of the work is being carried over to the one to be held in Robersonville, Friday the 18th. The date was set for Friday so as to make it possible for the school committees to attend. While it has not been announced, it is likely that the schools of the county will have a half-day holiday that day so it will be possible for all the teachers to attend.

Woods Fire Cost County Thousands of Dollars

Woods fires that were raging in many sections of this county several days ago have about burned out. Few signs were seen of fires in the past two nights, but there were some of little consequence. The loss resulting from the fires of several days ago has been variously estimated to range from \$35,000 to \$60,000. Adjoining counties have suffered similar fires, but the damage estimated only includes that done in this county. While several houses were threatened by the flames, there have been no reports that anything other than timber was burned.

The early part of the week fires in lower Beaufort were devouring large stretches of timber, but none of the details could be learned. The State forestry bureau is spending thousands of dollars each in an effort to prevent such fires, but each year this section suffers heavy losses from them. Estimates of losses suffered in other counties have not been given out at this time, but they are thought to be equally as great as those in this county.

County Man Joins 101 Ranch Shows

Mr. George R. Roebuck, of Hamilton, will join the 101 Ranch Shows, of Marland, Okla. this Spring. This is regarded as the leading show in the world for "wild west" and horsemanship exhibitions. The firm that owns the shows, Miller Bros., is composed of three brothers, Colonel Joe, Colonel Zack and George L. Miller, and all are men of high type and determined to keep alive the thrills of the west.

Mr. Roebuck has trained his horse, a Kentucky thoroughbred, for several years until now he is to be taken to Oklahoma to exhibit a new trick to the horse family, not even known in the west. Mr. Roebuck has taught his horse to hold a small piece of paper, similar to a cigarette, in his mouth for his master to cut in two with a 15-foot Australian lash. It seems that so far as is now known, no other horse has had such unflinching confidence in his master that he stands stock still while the crackling lash fans his lips.

Mr. Roebuck will leave for Oklahoma about April 15, taking with him his horse, which besides this particular trick has been taught many others. He has exhibited him at the Martin County Fair, where he did excellent work.

Mr. Roebuck will doubtless make good in his new work, as he is a man who can be depended upon to do his duty well, and he has the patience necessary to train and work horses.

GREENVILLE HOME GUARDS FAIL TO SHOW UP FRIDAY

The Everetts-Greenville basketball game, scheduled for last Friday night, went through when Greenville's home guards failed to appear on the scene. The play met with much success when it was given in Oak City last week.

Slated High



Despite evasive denials, report is current that Judge F. H. Gary, head of U. S. Steel, plans to retire in April and that former governor Nathan Miller of New York (above) is to take his place at \$200,000 a year.

Barnhill Bros. Open Thursday

Have One of Most Up-to-date Sections in

Williamston welcomes the opening of a new general store on Main Street in the building recently vacated by B. S. Courtney. The new firm, Barnhill Bros., is composed of Garland, Leaman, and Abram P. Barnhill, the three oldest sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barnhill, of Everetts, will formally open Thursday, March 3. They have remodeled and made the store one of the most up-to-date in this section. They will carry a full line of general merchandise and will also handle general farm supplies and deal in country produce.

These young men have been raised up in the mercantile business and are well equipped with the experience essential to success. Mr. N. K. Harrison will be with them. He, too, has had a long experience in the mercantile business. He was for a long time with Bailey & Barnhill, and after returning from the World War has been with Harrison Bros. & Co., of this city.

Local School Leads in Comprehension Test

The results of a comprehension test held in schools in the State last April were given out yesterday by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Raleigh, and according to them, the local school led the county and went slightly above the State average.

For the State, as a whole, the median was, for thorough word-knowledge, 64.73; for Iowa comprehension, 16.38. For Martin County, the median was, for the first, 60.57 and for the latter, 14.25. Williamston ranked highest in the two, having 65.00 for thorough word-knowledge and 19.00 for the Iowa comprehension. Other schools in the county ranked as follows: Jamesville, 60.83 and 11.00; Oak City, 55.83 and 13.16; Robersonville, 60.83 and 17.00.

While this method of testing the rating of schools by many, little weight can be given it since the test is not truly comprehensive, that is it tests in two instances while there are dozens allowed to remain out.

To Begin Bible Study at Baptist Church

Beginning tomorrow night (Wednesday) the Baptist mid-week services will go back to the usual time of meeting, Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

The pastor has been preparing for, and at this service will begin, a series of short studies on the books of the New Testament.

The first book to be taken up is the little book of James, which many of the scholars think to be the first book ever written in the New Testament series.

The people interested in a fuller and more accurate study of their Bibles will profit by following this course of study, and are heartily invited to do so.

Robersonville Wins over South Edgemont

On the Dixie court here last Friday night Robersonville high school girls outplayed South-Edgemont in every phase of the game and won 23-9. While interest lagged in certain periods, both teams fought hard from the first to the final whistle. Robersonville meets Conway in a semi-final game next Friday night in Windsor.

Mrs. Nannie M. Manning Dies Result of Burns

Relatives Try to Put Out Flames with Hands but Efforts Fail

Mrs. Nannie M. Manning, died at the home of her son-in-law, A. Williford Hardison, in Williams Township, yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock, as the result of burns received when her clothing caught fire about 7 o'clock in the morning.

Her 9-year-old grandchild had gotten up and built a fire in a heater and gone back to bed. Mrs. Manning then got up and was dressing when her clothing caught fire. The children saw the fire and cried out, but before Mrs. Hardison could reach the room she met Mrs. Manning at her room door wrapped in flames. Mrs. Hardison found it impossible to beat the flames out with her hands and had to run for a bucket of water and it required a second bucket to entirely extinguish the flames, after which it was found that she was burned to a blister almost all over except her face and the top of her head.

She did not seem to suffer so much, complaining very little except with one of her hands. She retained perfect consciousness until about an hour before her death.

Mrs. Manning, before her marriage, was Miss Nannie M. Stewart, of Williamston, and was raised by Elder Joseph D. Biggs near Skewarkee Church. She was about 70 years old. She was married to Joseph A. Manning who died about 25 years ago. She leaves four sons, Henry and Joe Manning, of Wilson, John E. Manning, of Merry Hill, and Will H. Manning of Williamston, and two daughters, Mrs. Lillian Hardison and Mrs. Mary Reddick, of Williamston.

Mrs. Manning was noted for her gentleness and kindness. She passed through the long span of life, the three score and ten, with such devotion to duty that she died a friend of all.

She was, since early life, an ardent member of the Methodist Church, and will be buried by Rev. T. W. Lee, assisted by Rev. A. J. Manning, at the Short burying ground near Holly Springs this afternoon.

Frank Brinkley, Well Known Tobaccoist Dies

J. Frank Brinkley, one of the most widely known tobacco men in Eastern Carolina died at his home in Greenville Sunday morning. He was a native of Halifax county, born in Scotland Neck. He was 72 years old and was at one time register of deeds of Halifax county. After four years work at that post he entered the tobacco business and opened the first warehouse in Halifax county. A few years later he went to Greenville and was one of the proprietors of the Center Brick warehouse for more than 20 years, operating as Brinkley, Hooker and Spain. He sold his interest in that firm two years ago and since that time he has been engaged as a buyer and solicitor of tobacco.

Mr. Brinkley was well known in this county where he had visited every tobacco farm regularly for almost 20 years. He was highly esteemed by everybody for his friendly and kindly way among his fellowman had endeared him to hundreds of people.

New Series B. & L. Stock to Go on Sale Saturday

The Martin County Building & Loan Association will open its 20th series Saturday, March 5. This association was organized in 1914, since which time it has matured and paid out eight series. The association had its best year in 1926, making a net earning of 8 per cent on all stock. The period of maturity of stock was fixed by the directors at 32 weeks.

The office of the association was recently removed from the Dennis Simmons Lumber Co. building to the Farmers & Merchants Bank building, where Mrs. Earl Wynne, who is treasurer, may be found Mondays and Saturdays.

The building and loan has proved a very convenient thing to many of our townsmen, enabling them to build at a minimum of cost with easy payments. Then others have paid little by little, saving the small sums that would have gone through the little outlets that get most of our money.

Double Header with Nashville Tomorrow

A double-header is scheduled here for tomorrow night when Nashville sends its two teams down to do battle with the local girls and boys. The games will be played in the Dixie warehouse.