

## Many Present at Banquet in Robersonville

### Outline Work to be Done in Creating \$300,000 Endowment Fund

Christian Church Educational crusaders met at Robersonville last night where more than 200 members from all parts of the county were royally entertained by the Robersonville church.

The meeting outlined the work to be done in creating a \$300,000 endowment fund for Atlantic Christian college at Wilson. Dr. Sidney R. Bradley, who is in charge of the crusade, spoke on the purpose and need for the educational drive. Dr. H. S. Hilley, president of the college, was the next speaker introduced, and his address was followed by John M. Waters, of Pamlico. Dr. A. E. Corey, pastor of the Kinston Christian church was the last speaker.

While each speaker took some special feature of the work to be done, each spoke from the same great point, the need of an endowment for the college. In the several speeches, the need of educating and training the race was stressed, that the training shall be for the uplifting of others as well as ourselves. Hence, the need for the church college was shown. The church college must give the same training the state college is giving, and more, it must stress the worship of God as the first duty of man which applies to all the educated and the uneducated alike.

Again the call to stewardship was impressed upon the audience. The meeting was all the way through one of inspiration for the large number of attenders.

One of the most enjoyable as well as the most inspiring features of the meeting was the singing of the college songs by the college glee club.

The crusaders, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Waters, Mr. Alvon, Mr. Wise and Mr. Harris assisted by Miss Lowery, will make personal calls on as many of the church people in the county as is possible to solicit pledges that the \$300,000 endowment fund may be raised and the college placed on a firm financial basis.

All reports since the beginning of the campaign have been very encouraging.

## Nellie C. Perry Died Saturday

Nellie C. Perry, the daughter of Henry Perry, died in Poplar Point Saturday morning, following an illness of only a few hours.

Although she had not been well for two or three days it was not thought to be more than a slight ailment.

She, however, was taken violently ill Friday night, and before a doctor could reach her Saturday morning she was dead. She was only 17 years old.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. C. H. Dickey and the burial was at Reddicks Grove Church.

## Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Cherry Dies

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Cherry, who live on the old Everetts-Williamston Road, died shortly after midnight today. Interment will be made this afternoon in the cemetery on the home place.

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At The

# STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY

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Also Comedy

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## Leading Aspirants For Nominations



## County Teachers to Hold Last Meeting of Term in Robersonville Saturday

The last meeting of the 1926-27 term for Martin County teachers will be held next Friday afternoon at Robersonville at 2 o'clock. Classes in all the schools of the county will be suspended at noon on that day, and a large representation of the teachers is expected at the meeting.

A special program is being arranged for the committeemen of the several schools in the county, and one of the best meetings of the year is expected. Just how

many of the 84 committeemen in the county will attend the meeting could not be learned, but it is understood that each school will be represented.

The work carried on by the reading circles during the year will be brought to a close, and delegates to the North Carolina Teachers' Association meeting will be named. The meeting will be held March 23, 24, and 25, and this county may send as many as eight delegates.

## Should Put On Episcopalians Clean-up Drive

### Movement the Town's Civic Organizations Should Sponsor

"Clean up and beautify" is the slogan to be written on the gates of many Carolina towns in the near future.

Durham, one of our leading towns will begin their drive on the 28th of March. They are going to add "paint" to their slogan, which will make three objectives, clean up, beautify, and paint up.

All the towns in our own county have been warned of the danger that is lurking in the rubbish and filth that accumulates in our back lots and yards and along our streets. The board of health has asked that our towns do the same things that other towns are doing to make life, health, and property safer.

It has been suggested that a procession of 400 school children, 400 church members, the Kiwanis Club, the Parent-Teacher Association, the Woman's Club all get together and march thru Williamston shouting down with typhoid and malaria and colitis; away with the dangerous disease-breeding and unsightly rubbish, and plant a rose in the spot where the weed grew. The campaign may come yet.

## Tri-County Doctors to Hold Next Meet Here

Dr. William E. Warren attended the meeting of the Tri-County Medical Society at Greenville last week. The society is composed of doctors of Martin, Beaufort, and Pitt Counties. The meeting was attended by 90 doctors.

The next meeting will be held in Williamston with the Martin County Medical Society as hosts. Dr. Warren is now and has been secretary of the society since its organization several years ago.

## Shot Accidentally, Man Dies in Hospital

The body of John T. Harrell passed through here late yesterday on its way to a final resting place near Republican church in Bertie county.

Several days ago while handling a pistol in a careless manner Mr. Harrell shot himself in the leg. Blood poison resulted and he was carried to the Washington hospital where he died late Saturday night. Interment will be made today.

## Mr. Harrell managed a filling station near Windsor on the Williamston Windsor highway. He was a veteran of the World War.

## D. A. R. Meets with Mrs. F. U. Barnes

Mrs. F. U. Barnes was hostess to the D. A. R.'s last Thursday evening at her home on Church street. There was a shower given for the immigrants who are detained on Ellis Island. A box will be shipped to them at once.

The most important thing done at this meeting, however, was the passing of a resolution to place a bronze tablet to the memory of the Martin County's World War veterans. A committee was appointed to begin work on the undertaking.

Two new members were received into the chapter, Mrs. James G. Stator and Mrs. J. Dillon Simpson.

The hostess served a salad course which was enjoyed by her guests.

## Episcopalians and the Baptists Meet in the Finals Tomorrow

Too much Pete Fowden just about sums up the defeat of the Christians by the Episcopalians Friday night, in the second round of the basketball tournament for the purpose of raising funds to provide the boys of the town with a baseball diamond. The Episcopalians won, 13-10, and will meet the Baptists in the finals of the series Wednesday night immediately after prayer meeting.

The Christians started out to win and led at the half, 8 to 5. The Episcopalians came back strong, however, and with Pete playing one of the best games in the line at guard (although his regular position is quarterback) ever seen here, held the fast-traveling Christians without a field goal in the last half; while Francis Barnes got his eye tuned in and put the game on ice with two field goals and a foul.

The Christians put up a fine game, and on form were due to win. Their line-up included Harper Holliday and Leamon Barnhill, who alternated at center and forward; Z. Hardy Rose, forward; and Elbert Peel and Stanley Sessoms at guard. Francis Manning went in for Z. Hardy Rose at the end of the first quarter and put up a fine game, ringing the most difficult shot yet seen in the tournament. Leamon Barnhill was high scorer with 7 points, 2 field goals and 3 fouls. Francis Manning made the other 3 points for his team.

For the Episcopalians, Joe Godard played center; Cortez Green and Charlie James, forwards; and Francis Barnes and Pete Fowden, guards. Dick Smith went in for Pete Fowden in the second quarter and distinguished himself by a number of fine flying tackles. Barnes was high scorer for his team with 5 points; Green counted a field goal and a foul for 3 more; Joe Godard accounted for 3; and James made the other 2. The Episcopalians put on a nice exhibition of floor work, Cortez Green and Charlie James being particularly elusive for their guards.

The game was thoroughly enjoyed by the spectators, and \$12 were realized for the diamond fund. This makes a net total of \$23.25 profit from the two games of the tournament. A large crowd is expected at the finals Wednesday night, as the competing teams are evenly matched. The fact that Messrs. Gus Harrison and Pete Fowden will appear on opposing teams should pack the Roanoke and Dixie.

## Three Autos Wrecked on the Washington Road

Nothing more than minor bruises were reported when three automobiles were wrecked on the Washington Road Sunday night. The most complete of the three was at the edge of town, when a practically worn-out Ford touring car hit a locust guy pole of the Carolina Telephone Co. The speed of the car was so great that it mowed the tough piece of timber down at the ground's level. The driver, whose name could not be learned, escaped unhurt with the exception of a bruised nose. The second wreck of the three took place at Old Ford, where a large touring car was wrecked. A Ford roadster took to the ditch bank between Old Ford and Washington, but no great damage was done.

## Superior Court to Begin Here Next Monday

### Two Murder Cases Are on the Criminal Docket

The March term of Martin County superior court begins next week for the trial of criminal and civil cases. Judge R. A. Nunn, of New Bern, will preside over the two weeks' session.

On the criminal docket there are 11 cases. There are two murder cases but only one is likely to come up for trial, since an arrest in the other has never been made. J. H. Hollis, charged with the murder of John Keel several weeks ago, will fight his case. About two years ago Perlie Rogers, colored, killed a negro in the Free Union section. He made his escape and hasn't been heard from since, but his case continues on record. The other cases take the nature of forgery, assaults, disorderly conduct, manufacturing liquor, and house breaking.

The first two days will be used for the criminal cases, while the remainder of the time will be devoted to the hearing of the civil actions.

## Citizenship Department Gives Program at Club

The Woman's club had its regular monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon with a representative number of its members present. The committee reports were good and the treasurer's report was encouraging, the debt assumed by the club for remodeling the rooms is fast disappearing through the united efforts of the club's members.

Miss Anna Trentham, home demonstration agent, made a motion that the club ask the Kiwanis club and the chamber of commerce to assist it in petitioning the City Fathers for a sanitary market for our people and this was passed unanimously.

The civic committee was asked to see if there could be any means found whereby the people could find out where fires are as there are times when the department needs the assistance of the citizens.

The program was under the supervision of the Good Citizenship department, Mrs. T. W. Lee, chairman. She had arranged a very instructive program, having for her subject, "County Government". She was assisted by Mrs. L. B. Harrison and Mrs. Henry D. Harrison in giving the seven recommendations made by the commission appointed by the Governor to remedy county government. Mrs. Lee had gone to the county officials and was able to tell the club the status of our government and how these remedies would affect it.

The club had as its guests two members of the Woman's club of Windsor, Mrs. C. J. Rhea and Mrs. C. J. Sawyer.

## Add Storage Building to Tobacco Plant Here

The W. I. Skinner Co. began the erection of a storage building last week at its tobacco plant here. A large number of brick masons and carpenters are at work on the structure this week. The building, which will be 96 x 117 feet, has a storage capacity of 1,000 hogsheads of tobacco. It will be a one-story metal structure, and connects with the main plant.

Mr. Skinner, who is here this week, says with the present business outlook they were forced to have increased storage room to handle successfully the business increase this year. Mr. Jim King, a second partner in the firm, comes from the Washington Tobacco Co. This makes a strong team of tobacco experts.

The company will have buyers on several markets this year and also contracts to dry tobacco for several of the large buyers in this section.

## Home Department t Meet Next Thursday

The home department of the Williamston Woman's Club, Miss Anna Trentham, departmental chairman, will meet Thursday, March 17, at 4 p. m., in the club rooms.

## Violates School Law; Judgment Suspended

Before Squire Edmondson in Hamilton last Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock, a case against Tom Wells, charging him with a violation of the compulsory school law was heard. Judgment in the case was suspended when Mr. Wells agreed and promised to send his children, two of whom are within the compulsory school attendance age limit to school.

The case was brought by school authorities, and Mr. Wells offered poverty as a cause for his children not attending school.

It is understood the welfare officer is making investigations in several similar cases in the county, and unless the parents require attendance action will be brought through the courts.

## Smithfield Guards Play Town Team Tonight

The Smithfield, National Guards come here tonight to do battle with the local tomcats in the last basketball game of the season. The championship title of Eastern Carolina's independent teams is the goal for both teams, and the best as well as the last game of the season is expected.

Two games have been played by these two quints this season, and each has won one. In each case the win was registered with a three point margin over the losers.

## Poultry Car To Be at Depot All Day Thursday

The second poultry car of the year will arrive at the A. C. L. station this week ready for the loading of hens, roosters, ducks, guineas, geese, and broilers. The car will receive poultry from 11 a. m. to 6 p. m. Thursday. From here the car goes to Hohgood and Scotland Neck. Prices will be about the same as those paid last week when a car was here.

The bureau of markets, in connection with the county farm and home demonstration agents, arranges the schedules for these cars, and the dates are so fixed that the farmers are able to cull their flocks and do away with the "boarding" stock.

## Town Demurs Against Suit

### Judge Nunn to Pass on Validity of Demurrer Here Next Week

City Attorney Robert L. Coburn filed a demurrer to the action brought by Mrs. Lucy Modlin, administratrix, against the town of Williamston last Saturday morning with the clerk of the court, R. J. Peel.

The suit, amounting of \$15,000, was brought by the plaintiff's attorney, H. A. Critcher, in January, as a result of the death of Ruth M. Modlin. The child was killed by a falling plank used by painters on the clock tower last August.

The defense in filing the demurrer states that the painting of the city hall was a governmental function, for which a private action for damages resulting therefrom would not lie in favor of the plaintiff.

Judge Nunn will pass on the validity of the demurrer next week. If he should pass favorably for the defendant on the question, it will then lie within the discretion of the plaintiff's attorney as to whether the case will be fought out in court or not.

## Local High School Boys Win While Girls Lose

The local boys continued their winning streak in basketball last Friday night when they won Windsor High School at Windsor, 7-4, one of the smallest scores of the season. At times in the game the Windsor lads were leading by a point margin, but in the last 45 seconds of play the locals put the game on ice when they threw two field goals in quick succession. Coach Phillips stated the game outlasted any he had seen in years.

While the boys won by a small margin, the Williamston girls dropped a game to Coleraine at Windsor, 16-8. At the end of the first half the locals were leading, 6-2; and during the first periods they played one of the best games of the season. In the last part of the game, the Coleraine forces were aided by substitutes and came from behind to win 16-8.

The two teams journey to Pantego tomorrow night, completing their season there with the Pantego boys and Belhaven girls.

## Shoulder Broken in Fall from Wagon

Mr. James E. Harrison fell from a wagon loaded with wood Monday and the vehicle ran over his shoulder, breaking it. Doctors Warren and Saunders found that the break was in the shoulder blade and that the main bones of the shoulder were not broken. He was also otherwise bruised by the wheels passing over his back.

Mr. Harrison was alone when the accident occurred and was unable to get back in the wagon or to get to his home, which was about 400 yards away, for more than an hour.

## Knocked Unconscious Returning from Funeral

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The truck, bringing a large number from the funeral, turned to the side of the road for a car to pass, and in doing so it went into the ditch. Mrs. Perry lives in Poplar Point and was in the Sandy Ridge section when the accident occurred.

## Down the Potomac



Quite often now you will read of the President, Mrs. Coolidge and friends being aboard the "Mayflower" on a week-end vacation. Here is the start of the first cruise, as the "Mayflower" faced south, March 6.

## Exposition Has Good Program

### April 4-8 Date Set for Eastern Carolina's Big Event

The Eastern Carolina Exposition will be held at Rocky Mount April 4-8. This exposition is the product of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, which has held expositions in a number of the eastern Carolina towns. The purpose is to present Eastern North Carolina to the world by showing it and its opportunities and products. No section has neglected itself longer than has this particular territory, and others discovered us even sooner than we did ourselves. Now that N. G. Bartlett has found eastern North Carolina and shown it its own photograph, it is looking out on its possibilities.

The exposition, according to the program recently sent out by Mr. Bartlett, will be one of the best programs ever presented at any of the former expositions.

The queen's contest will of course command the interest of everybody, at least it always has. The musical program will be one of the finest ever presented in this section. Governor McLean will speak Monday, April 4, at 3.30. On Thursday night, Sir Frederick McGill, of London, will speak.

Among the many musical attractions, Martinelli, the great tenor, will appear on Monday night, and Luella Melius will sing Tuesday night.

## Put Up Stacks Again at Local Power Plant

The smoke stacks at the light plant were raised last week, the second of the two going up Friday. Mr. W. H. Dickerson, of Wilson, with his crew and rigging arrived last week and started immediately on the huge task. The stacks had to be removed to a position where they could be mended and straightened out, and yesterday the first one was occupying its old position.

According to the contract, the Wilson man is to get \$300, that amount covering the mending, replacing, and painting of the stacks, which were blown down during the storm last Wednesday morning.

Mr. Dickerson, after examining the anchorage of the stacks, stated that had the anchors not pulled out of the ground the wind would have twisted the tops of the stacks off.

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## Final Rites for H. M. Poe Held Sunday

### Body Placed to Rest in Weldon, Boyhood Home of Deceased

Funeral services of Mr. Herbert M. Poe were held at his late home in Rocky Mount Sunday afternoon, with Rev. C. K. Proctor, of the First Methodist Church, in charge, assisted by Rev. Willard Conger, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and Rev. J. M. Daniels, pastor of the First Methodist Church, of Goldsboro. Masonic and Knight Templar services were conducted by R. C. Dunn, of Enfield.

Following the services at the home in Rocky Mount, the funeral cortege left for Weldon, the childhood home of Mr. Poe, where final rites and interment took place.

News of Mr. Poe's death reached here last Friday afternoon and caused a great shock in the community among his many friends. An attack of pneumonia, lasting only two days, resulted in his death.

Ranking high in Masonic circles, Mr. Poe had made many friends in several organizations. He was secretary of the Seaside Division of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. For three years he successfully managed the Roanoke Fair here, and during that time he had made a large host of friends.

Surviving Mr. Poe, who was about 40 years of age, are his widow; three children, Alice Virginia, Hugh and Nancy Poe; and his mother, Mrs. Virginia Poe, of Weldon. In addition he leaves an unusually large host of friends throughout eastern Carolina, particularly in railroad and Masonic circles.

## Strand Offers Varied Program This Week

The Strand theatre is offering a most varied program this week. Last night "Tin Hats" was on, a comedy based on the Army of Occupation. Tonight, a very good picture, Marie Prevost in "For Wives Only", is scheduled. Tomorrow, Fred Thompson in "The Two Gun Man", Hubert Rawlinson in "Trooper 77" and a comedy, Lloyd Hamilton in "Hooked" make up the program.

Dunbar's musical revue starts a three-day run here on Thursday. The show carries a chorus of six girls, and has enjoyed a good patronage in the towns it has played this season. Then on the same night, Monte Blue will appear in "The Limited Mail", a splendid picture and one local theatre goers will enjoy.

The program for the remainder of the week is good and will be announced in the box run regularly by the theatre.

Last night in Robersonville a crowded house saw the first performance of Dunbar's musical revue. Reports from that town state that it was unusually good, and that an even larger attendance was expected for tonight's performance.

## Episcopalians to Hold Special Prayer Services

In preparation for the evangelistic services to be conducted in the Episcopal Church, beginning March 27, there will be several special prayer services held in different sections of the town next week.

On Tuesday, March 22, the women of the parish will meet at the home of Mrs. F. U. Barnes, Church Street. All the women of the church are urged to attend and any others who are interested will be cordially welcomed.

On Wednesday, March 23, the prayer will be held in the home of Mrs. Fannie Carstarphen on Main Street. On Thursday, March 24, the prayer service will be in the home of Mrs. Irene Smith, Watts Street.

The meetings will be held at 3.30 in the afternoon and last until 4 o'clock. All are requested to attend the meeting nearest their home if they find it impossible to attend all the meetings.

On Friday, March 25, the United Thank Offering will be received at the service of the Holy Communion, which will be celebrated at 10.30 Friday morning. This day is the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is celebrated each year.

## Collision on Main Street Saturday

A Ford touring car driven by Miss Mae Dell Wynne, of Everetts, and another Ford touring car driven by James Henry Speight, colored, of Wilson, collided at the corner of Main and Houghton Streets last Saturday afternoon. While the occupants of both cars escaped injury, the Speight car was badly wrecked.