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## Railroad Ordered to Continue Trains 56 and 57 Until Hearing

### Order Is Result of Protests Made By Kiwanians

#### No Date at Present Has Been Set for the Hearing

The general superintendent, Mr. W. H. Newell, of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, Rocky Mount, has been ordered by the North Carolina Corporation Commission not to take any action toward removing trains 56 and 57 until such time as a hearing can be had. At present no date has been set for a hearing, but one will be arranged within the next few days, according to a letter from Mr. W. G. Womble, the commission's state clerk.

Action toward the removal of the two trains which run through here, one at 1:15 p. m., and the other at 4:50 p. m., was held up when the Kiwanian Club, through its secretary, Mr. J. D. Woolard, requested a hearing on the matter.

In the railroad company's application to the corporation commission on March 21, several mistakes were evident. It was stated that there was a hard-surfaced road from Tarboro to Plymouth. Those who are acquainted with the roads in this section know that the hard surface stops at the edge of this town's limits.

The railroad company's statement in their application that this station—meaning towns now served by trains 56 and 57—has bus service is also incorrect; for towns below Bethel have no bus service other than Williamston, and in its case the bus merely crosses the route run by the trains.

It is understood that when the hearing is held practically all the towns now served by the two trains will have representatives present to protest the removal of the trains.

It is now certain that the service as announced, but that the trains will not be discontinued next Friday continue to run until the matter until the matter is settled at the hearing.

## Mayola Ice Cream Truck Burned After Collision

The Mayola Ice Cream truck and a Ford car had a dangerous collision Saturday morning on the Washington road about 9 miles from Williamston.

According to reports, the Ford passed the truck and cut back into the road too soon, the fender catching on the bumper of the truck, causing the Ford to turn over a few times on one side of the road, the truck, cream and all turning over, wheels up, on the other side of the highway. The truck then caught fire and was completely destroyed with the exception of the iron parts.

It seems that the two men driving the Ford were unknown, and, so far as we are now informed, are still at large.

## Royal Arch Masons to Install New Officers

Concho Chapter, R. A. M., will meet Thursday night, at which time the new officers will be installed and several important matters will be taken up.

After the business meeting there will be a supper served in the Woman's Club to the members and all visitors.

A number of visitors are expected from other towns.

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REMEMBER IF YOU COME WEDNESDAY YOU GET A FREE TICKET FOR FRIDAY  
Always a Good Show

## First Group-Center Contests At Hamilton School Friday

### Second Group Commencement Will Be Held at Jamesville the 15th; Final Here on 22nd

The first group center commencement of the year will be held in Hamilton next Friday, April 8. Some confusion has been experienced in school circles recently as to when the group center commencements would be held. The dates have been changed and the first commencement will be held next Friday in Hamilton, the program starting at 10 o'clock. The second will be held in Jamesville on the 15th and the general county commencement will take place here on the 22nd. Hamilton is planning a royal entertainment for its visitors there next Friday, and the best display of school work ever witnessed in the county is expected this year.

## Carry Head of Officers Raid Man to Raleigh Several Stills

### Body Dug From Grave After Two-Days in Ground

A man's head, packed in a lard stand with ice, was carried through here last Sunday morning, about 8:30, and on to Raleigh, where it was to be examined. Few details could be had in connection with the affair, and just the exact cause for the removal of the head could not be learned.

It was learned, however, from members of the party carrying the head to Raleigh that the man had been bit several weeks before by a dog. The man died a horrible death, and after the body had been buried two days it was dug from the ground late Saturday and the head cut off. Reports, other than those from members of the party carrying the head, hold that it was carried to Raleigh to determine whether or not the dog that bit the man was mad. Another version is that a small girl, about four years old, had been around the man before his death, and that the man's head was carried to Raleigh because doctors were afraid he had been scratched by the man and to hold an examination was considered the safest plan to follow.

While the information is not authentic, it was stated yesterday that the man's name was Simpson and that he lived near Edenton. The findings of the examination have not been learned.

## Salisbury Preacher Begins Revival Here

Last night at the Memorial Baptist Church Rev. A. O. Moore, of Salisbury began a series of meetings which are to continue until Easter.

Mr. Moore preached on the theme, "Do We Need a Revival?" He treated the subject at length, showing that business, social, and economic conditions can't do for us the things which we most need. That while education is a leading subject of the age, yet religion is more important. Great leaders of men everywhere are saying that the one thing we need is a revival of religion.

Mr. Moore is a preacher of simplicity and earnestness. He gets at once to the matter before him, and stays with it for the duration of his sermon. As a platform speaker, he is winsome and attractive; as a preacher he is possessed with great power.

The people of the community and county are invited to these services. There will be services each night at 8 o'clock.

## R. A. Pope is Re-elected County Superintendent

At a meeting of the Martin County Board of Education here yesterday, Mr. R. A. Pope was re-elected superintendent of county schools. The reelection of Mr. Pope was based on his record made during the past two years, his work having met with the hearty approval of the educational board.

The board also re-elected Miss Hattie Throver as secretary to the office. She has served in that capacity for the past several years, and during that time she has rendered much aid toward promoting progress in the county's schools.

## Convention Called for Monday Night, April 18

The commissioners at their meeting last night called a town convention to be held on Monday night, April 18 at the court house.

Citizens of the town are urged to remember this date and see that no conflicts with other affairs take place on that night.

## Case Mistaken Identity Stops Funeral Plans

### Samuel Isaacs Discovers Mistake When He Sees Under Casket's Top

In a recent issue of the Casket & Sunnyside, a New York trade journal, appeared an article describing the arrival of Tom Boston's body in Ticonderoga, N. Y., on January 20. It will be remembered that Boston's body was sent from the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta to the New York town through mistake, when it should have been sent to his home near Jamesville. The article follows: "Samuel Isaacs, of Ticonderoga, N. Y., father of Joseph Isaacs, serving a term in Atlanta penitentiary for running, received a severe shock on January 24, and what was scheduled to be a real, old-fashioned wake was turned into rejoicing. And it was all due to a clerical error.

"On January 20 the elder Isaacs received a telegram from Atlanta, 'Your son, Joseph, died last night of pneumonia. Do you wish the body given a Christian burial here or shipped home at government expense?' 'Send it home,' wired Mr. Isaacs in return.

"The grave was dug; relatives and friends gathered from miles around, the home was literally banked with floral offerings, and a preacher was engaged. On the morning of January 24, while mourners waited at the house, the casket arrived.

"Mr. Isaacs, assisted by John F. Gunning, Ticonderoga funeral director, removed the lid, and lo, and behold! 'That's not my son,' cried Mr. Isaacs. And it certainly wasn't. For the casket contained the body of a negro. Rushing to the telephone, Mr. Isaacs demanded an explanation from Warden John W. Snook, of Atlanta penitentiary.

"He was informed that the body was that of one Tom Boston, whose home was in North Carolina. A telegram followed soon after: 'Your son is alive and well.' is read. 'Clerical error on our part. Sorry. Hold body of Boston for further instructions. (Signed) John W. Snook.'

So the body of the negro was brought to the Ticonderoga station, the flowers were relegated to the side lines, and relatives and friends rejoiced.

## Members Board of Education Sworn In

Members of the Martin County Board of Education were sworn in for their third term yesterday by Clerk of Superior Court R. J. Peel. Messrs. John Getzinger, Javan Rogers, W. L. Holliday, B. M. Worsley, K. B. Crawford, members of the board, have served the county schools for the past six years.

At their meeting yesterday, the sale of the old Hamilton school building and lot was confirmed. The bid for the property had been raised three times, the property finally going to Mr. O. T. Everett for a consideration of \$1,340.

## Josephus Daniels Is Visitor Here Monday

Josephus Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News & Observer, spent some time in town yesterday afternoon. While here he visited Elder Sylvester Hassell, who was his teacher in the Wilson school when he was a boy. Mr. Daniels expressed his appreciation for the fine influence shed on his young life while under the tutelage of Elder Hassell.

Mr. Daniels was accompanied by Mrs. Daniels and was returning from a tour of the northeastern section of the State.

## County Agent's Report For Month of March

Following is the report of County Agent T. B. Brandon as submitted to the board of commissioners at their regular meeting here yesterday: 21 days field work; 6 days office work; 141 office conferences; 128 telephone calls; 158 letters written; 63 farms visited; 832 miles traveled; 412 hogs treated during month. Three cars farm drain tile delivered for draining farm land; 2 tobacco fertilizer tests arranged for. 21,659 pounds poultry sold during month. One car of Pyratol delivered during the month. Two self feeders for hogs built. One poultry house built. The greater part of the month was spent in treating hogs, as there has been a severe outbreak of cholera in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Godwin Dunning, of Aulander, were in town shopping yesterday.

## State Dentist Begins Work in County at Local School

### Will Examine and Treat Children's Teeth in the Schools of County for Seven Weeks

Dr. L. H. Butler, of the State Health Department, arrived in the county yesterday and had his equipment already set up to begin work this morning in the local school. Dr. Butler will examine all children between the ages of 6 and 13 years, and will offer treatment free of charge in all cases possible.

The work will go on in the local school all this week. Dr. Butler is planning to attend a meeting of the State dental association in Raleigh next week, after which time he will resume his work in the county. No routing has been given him yet, and it is not certain what school he will visit next.

Dr. Butler has just completed two months' work in Perquimans and Tyrrell Counties, and will probably remain in this county around seven weeks.

## Town Board Holds Important Meeting

### Clean-Up Week April 11th to 16th

Next week the Woman's club has set apart a clean-up week. This is the second one the club has sponsored and the first one did some good, but it is expected that the whole town will be cleaner for Easter this year than ever before. The Kiwanians and the town officials have given their whole-hearted promise to cooperate with the club women. The ladies of the town are unusually willing to help make any thing cleaner and better, so whether they are club women or not, they are requested to help with the work.

## Consolidate 2 Negro Schools

### Burroughs and Spring Hill Will Have A Rosenwald School

Committees representing the Spring Hill and Burroughs colored schools went before the county superintendent here yesterday afternoon and stated their positions as to the consolidation of the two schools. The committees have already raised several hundred dollars for the erection of a school at a point between the old school sites, and \$700 will be given from the Rosenwald fund. The old school sites will be offered for sale, and a new three-room school will be built, according to tentative plans now before the board of education.

The Spring Hill school building was burned over a year ago, and the Burroughs school met with the same fate several months ago. Since the Burroughs school burned, that school has been going on in a colored church near the place where the school building burned. The committee of that school is meeting with much difficulty in settling the amount of rent to be paid the church's pastor, Outerbridge. It is understood that Outerbridge preached in the school building for some time and never paid anything for the privilege of so doing. Now the preacher is asking for \$25 for the use of the church.

## "Flesh and the Devil" at Strand Next Week

The management of the Strand Theater announces one of the best pictures of the season for next week. "Flesh and the Devil," the name of the picture, is the first German picture made in America. It is European; every foot of it transports one back across the Atlantic—but directed by an American, and with an American star. The new play, based on one of Europe's greatest classics by a master dramatist, is elaborately staged in reproductions of modern Europe. It is a vivid romance of that country, hanging on old-world traditions of love and marriage.

The picture has been booked by the local theater for next Monday and Tuesday nights.

## Parents-Teachers to Meet Thursday

The parent-teacher association will hold its regular meeting on Thursday afternoon, at 3:45 o'clock in the local school auditorium.

This will be a very important meeting, as the new committees will take up their year's work at this time. The parents are urged to be present and assist the association in the upbuilding of the community.

## Commissioners Hold Regular Meet Monday

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Proceedings of the board follow: W. M. Perry was released from the payment of taxes on \$1,100, listed by error in Williamston Township in 1926.

G. A. Parker was released from the payment of taxes on \$3,490, listed by error in Robersonville Township, for the year 1926.

The following allowances were made to the poor outside of the county home: J. T. Farmer, \$4.00 per month; Neptune Williams and wife, \$4.00 per month; Vena Ballard, \$2 per month; Jas. T. Gardner, \$3 per month; Otis L. Luch, \$4 per month.

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Bennett and Ray were released from the payment of taxes on \$349 worth of property listed in error in Williamston Township, year 1926.

Reports of receipts and disbursements were received from J. S. Getzinger, register of deeds; A. L. Roebuck, sheriff; and R. J. Peel, clerk of the superior court, for the month of March, as follows: R. J. Peel, received from all sources, \$330.15; J. S. Getzinger, \$440.20; A. L. Roebuck, \$210; a total of \$980.30. The combined salaries of the three officers and all assistants were \$1,158.33, making a net loss of \$177.98 for the month of March. March was likely above the average for the register of deeds and clerks offices, as it is a big registration month and also the biggest court month of the year.

The sheriff's office collections would have been considerably smaller but for rewards and sugar captured at stills. However, when the collection of taxes comes into his hands it will raise the amount considerably above these figures.

Upon motion, the board passed the following resolution: "Whereas, the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. has petitioned the corporation commission to discontinue trains Nos. 56 and 57; and whereas it will be a great inconvenience to the larger part of the citizens of the county; therefore be it

"Resolved, That this board make protest against such curtailment of service, and ask the North Carolina Corporation Commission not to grant said order.

## Spelling Contestants Bring Pencil and Paper

Oak City, April 4.—(Special to The Enterprise.)—The spelling committee wishes to announce that all contestants entering the group-center commencement will come prepared with pencil and paper for elimination prior to oral spelling, as stated in article 7 of rules governing the spelling contest.

It is hoped that all schools will participate in the different contests, and thus aid Superintendent Pope and his co-workers in setting up standards of achievement.

Success depends on cooperation of the teacher who has at heart the advancement of every child, whether he lives in town or in the most isolated spot in Martin County. We should strive constantly for the highest, always remembering that the grade of our rating as leaders will be measured by the type of reaction we produce in these children.

## Specials for Friday's Issue Enterprise

Friday's issue of this paper will carry several articles of much interest to the people of the town and county. Be sure that you get your copy.

The Town Treasurer, Mr. W. T. Meadows, will have his report ready for that day.

The report of the President of the Williamston Woman's club will appear.

Mr. P. H. Johnson and the various county boards are working on valuation problems today and an account of their findings will appear.

The present outlook of the Recorder's court, according to a call from the county's temple of justice, points to a day of interesting cases. The reporter is still on the job at the court house, and he will offer the cases as heard before Judge Bailey.

Martin County's banking institutions and their services, will be the topic for another article.