

County Banks Show Healthy State of Affairs

Martin's Five Banks Are Rendering Many Services to People

It hardly seems possible that the five banking institutions of Martin county with the money they have in trust can finance trade transactions up to \$16,076.815.25. On March 23, the five banks, Bank of Oak City; Bank of Robersonville; Planters and Merchants Bank, Everetts; Bank of Hamilton, and Farmers and Merchants Bank, Williamston had around \$700,000.00 deposits. On these deposits practically every trade transaction in the county is based. There are a few exceptions, of course, and they are to be regretted, for money drops in value and usefulness when it is not in circulation. If you place \$100 in the bank, give a check for \$50. to your merchant, who in turn pays \$50 to a clerk, and then the clerk pays you \$50 for board, there distinct trade transactions have been carried on. It has been figured that as high as 25 or more such transactions have been carried on in such a manner and all based on one deposit. It hardly ever happens that so many transactions take place, but such has been known.

But decrease the number one-half or even more and then you still have a large chance to see the service rendered by Martin's institutions. We too often fail to realize the many services rendered us as depositors by the banks. They are used as our bookkeepers in many cases, we pay bills in far away states with the check, and when we stop and count up these along with the many other services we can then appreciate the banks.

The five institutions in this county are handled by competent men, men who make banking their life's work and who take a real interest in their duties. They are inviting your patronage on the basis of service and safety, and are offering every service in keeping with sound banking principles.

Baptist Program For Sunday

Mr. Moore will speak three times in the church Sunday. Sunday School meetings, as usual, at 9:45 o'clock. Arrangements have been made that the teachers and pupils shall go to their class rooms for a very short period, and be back in the church auditorium by 10:15 o'clock, at which time Mr. Moore will conduct an evangelistic service for the young people of the Sunday School. From every standpoint, this should be one of the greatest evangelistic services of the entire meeting.

Then, at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, there will be the regular morning church service. It is expected that a large number of people will be present. Mr. Moore will preach and the people are invited to hear him.

Sunday night at 8 o'clock the church is expecting a great congregation of people from this and other communities. It should be one of the greatest services we shall hold. And since Mr. Moore will be with us only this one Sunday (for the meeting will close Friday night, April 16) every one should find it possible to hear him for these Sunday services.

This church wishes to acknowledge the attendance and fine cooperation from the other churches of the town, and to thank them for same; as well as invite them again to all these services when not in services of their own.

Miss Orpah Steed and Norma Ramsey will spend tomorrow afternoon in Rocky Mount.

Third Poultry Car of Year to be Here Next Thursday

Poultry Market Stated To Be Unsteady; County Agents Advise Farmers To Sell Now

The third poultry car of this year is scheduled to stop here next Thursday, April 14. The farmers in this section are having their attention called to the placing of the car, and are advised to cull their flocks and sell all the old hens and roosters. The poultry market is reported unsteady, and a decrease in prices is likely to result. Shipments from all over the country are pouring into the big cities, and an increase in prices is not expected.

Prices that will be paid here next Thursday are above those offered on the local market, and are almost as high as those paid when the last car was here.

Many Attend Services Here

Services Will Continue Through Friday of Next Week

The people of Williamston are delighted with the preaching of Rev. Arthur G. Moore, who is here from his pastorate at Salisbury to lead this community in a two-week's meeting.

Rev. Moore is a young man who has made for himself a fine record in this State. Pastoring the church at Warsaw until a constructive work had been accomplished, he then went to Clayton, where he stayed until four years ago, when he was called to the important pastorate of the First Church at Salisbury. During these years his has been a remarkable ministry in that city.

He came to Williamston for his first service Monday evening, and since that time, has been speaking each night to increasingly large congregations of people.

Williamston has given to him a fine hearing from the very first. The people of Williamston, irrespective of church affiliation, have come and are coming to his services, and it is a source of great delight to note the fine whole-hearted support which the people are giving him.

As a preacher, Rev. Mr. Moore is capable, sane, pleasing and winsome. He is a man who knows the Lord and in his own heart has had an experience of grace. He is dead in earnest; his sincerity is beyond question. It is his consuming desire to see the Kingdom of God set up in the hearts of the people.

He preaches nothing at all except the Gospel. He hews to the line and does not stray from his Bible. His preaching is characterized by a simplicity which makes it irresistible. Every word he speaks can be understood by even the children of the congregation. All of what he says centers about Christ Jesus.

In what he says there is nothing of the sensational. He is altogether constructive and his coming will, without a doubt, mean much to the people in this community.

In the remaining week of his stay in our midst he will dedicate himself to the very best preaching of which he is capable, and will endeavor to bring men, women and children into a saving relationship with Jesus.

There will be no service Saturday night; but with this one exception he will preach every night in the church through Friday, April 15. On this Sunday he will speak three times at the church: Sunday morning at 10:15 o'clock to the Sunday School as a body; at 11 o'clock he will speak again, and at night he will address what is believed will be one of the greatest audiences this church has seen in many a day. In addition to these services he and the pastor will conduct some afternoon services for the school children next week.

Charlie Rogerson Dies at Home in Bear Grass

Charlie Rogerson died Wednesday night at his home near Bear Grass after a long illness. For many years he had suffered from a stroke of paralysis, and during the past several weeks he gradually grew worse until the end came.

Mr. Rogerson was a modest farmer, remaining on the farm where he was born. The son of Gib Rogerson, he was 57 years old at the time of his death. From his youth he had a fondness for music and took up the violin and practiced without training. He never lost the musical inspiration and even entered fiddlers' conventions after his hand had been paralyzed.

He was one of the most ardent masons in this section, having been a member of Skowarkee Lodge for more than 30 years.

He married Miss Alice Rogerson of Warren county, who with two children Miss Louise and Charles, Jr. survive. The funeral was at Elder J. N. Rogerson and the burial was at the home place by the side of his father where it was interred with masonic honors.

Fine Violators of Auto Laws

Auto License Inspector Nichols Carries the Cases to Court

State Auto License Inspector S. A. Nichols carried eight cases before Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell, when he caught as many violators of the auto-license laws of the State. Joe Moore was fined \$25 and cost for operating a motor vehicle with an improper license.

Clyde Roberson, operating a car without license, was required to pay the costs of the case and to procure a license for his automobile.

Walter Rogers was called on three different counts. For operating a car with an improper license, he was fined \$25 and cost. On the second count, operating a car without a license, he was required to pay the cost and procure a license. On the third count, he was charged with operating with a stolen license. Probable cause being shown, he was bound over to the Recorder's court. The first two cases were appealed, and in the Recorder's court Rogers was fined \$25 and cost in each case.

Amos Moore, operating car without license, was fined \$10 and required to pay the costs.

Jesse Rogers, operating car without license, was fined \$10 and costs.

Alonza Daniel, operating car without license, was ordered to pay costs and procure license.

After his last case, Mr. Nichols left town, but stated that he would be back in a few days.

The cases were heard in the mayor's office.

Standard Oil Stations Change Hands Again

The Standard Oil filling stations on Main Street went under new management for the second time within the past few days this week when Charlie James and Frank Carstarphen took charge of the one on the corner of Main and Haughton Streets, and Jack Willoughby took charge of the Midway station. It will be two weeks before Mr. Willoughby will leave his home in Plymouth to manage the station. During that time Pat Baker will "dish out" the gas. It is understood that in connection with the service station a repair department will be operated at the Midway.

Charlie and Frank, at the corner station, have been busy this week painting and caring for the grounds around their station and are making a strong bid for patronage.

Everetts Woodmen to Meet Monday Night

The regular meeting of the M. W. A., Everetts camp, will be held Monday night, April 11 at which time some very important matters are to be discussed. Every member of the camp is urged to be present and help to make the meeting a success.

Methodist Church Program for Sunday

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Preaching at Hamilton at 11 a. m. and at 7:45 p. m. Rev. S. A. Cotton, Presiding Elder of the Weldon District, will be with us at the 7:45 service and will preach and after the sermon the second quarterly meeting will be held. The people of the community are cordially invited to hear the Rev. Mr. Cotton.

Sunday Services at the Church of Advent

Palm Sunday Rev. C. O. Pardo, Rector 10:00 Church School. 11:00 Morning Prayer and Sermon. 3:00 Holy Trinity Mission. Lenten Services Wednesday and Fridays. Good Friday Service 11:—3:00.

Recorder Had Large Docket Here Tuesday

Young Colored Boy Asks Judge to Send Him to the Roads

Recorder's court, which had taken a three-week's rest to accommodate the superior court in the use of the courthouse, got in action again Tuesday, when a large number of offenders and their friends filled the courthouse.

The first case called was against Abner James, who failed to answer, whereupon his bond was forfeited and capias was ordered issued.

W. D. Boston, manufacturing liquor. Plead guilty and was fined \$200 and the cost, and sentenced to the roads for the term of 12 months, the beginning of the term conditional upon good behavior.

Lee Purrington, Joe Bullock, Johnnie Bullock, Archie Horner, Jesse Hopkins, and Wheeler Brown all were charged with an assault and assault with a deadly weapon. Not guilty.

Gus Hardy faced two charges; one for assault with a deadly weapon; the other for carrying a concealed weapon. An agreed judgment of guilty of simple assault was reached and he was fined \$10 and the cost.

Purcell Keel, charged with larceny, was found to be under 16 years old, and sent to the juvenile court.

The case against Spencer Hyman, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was not proessed with leave.

Walter Rogers, who was brought in court for transgressing the automobile license law, was found guilty of not having obtained a license and then for driving with a borrowed license. He was fined \$25 in each of the two cases and charged with all the cost.

Luther Edwards plead guilty to a charge of manufacturing liquor. He was fined \$150 and cost and placed under a suspended road sentence of 12 months. He was given until the middle of October to pay the fine.

The cases against Tommy Griffin, for manufacturing liquor; Charlie Hyman, for assault with a deadly weapon; and against Norman Jones, were continued for one week.

Roosevelt Parker, a young negro boy just over 16, plead guilty to a stealing charge. He had broken into a store on a previous occasion and could not be punished because he was under 16. This time, while Judge Bailey was trying to find some way to save him from prison, on account of his youth, he asked to be sent to the roads, because he thought it might help him, so the judge agreed to accommodate him with a term of 5 months.

Jack Dixon, charged with assault, plead guilty. Prayer for judgment was continued for one week.

J. B. Whitfield, charged with carrying a pistol and assault with a deadly weapon, plead guilty, and was sentenced to the Edgecombe roads for 8 months, but upon motion the judgment was stricken out and prayer continued for one week.

Misses Myrt Wynne, Laura Norton and Mrs. Raymond McKenzie met Mr. McKenzie and Mr. C. A. Barclay in Aulander yesterday.

Text of Address Made by Woman's Club President

At a meeting of the Woman's club Wednesday, March 30 instead of the usual program, the retiring president, Mrs. John D. Biggs read the following report:

Fellow Club Members:

Today while we are gathered in our regular business session we also note the passing of another term in the life of the Woman's Club of Williamston, and, as your president, I extend congratulations; but rather than to linger in the past would I walk in the daybreak of this new day, and while calling to you that the night is past, and assuring you that "All's well", yet remind you that it lacks much of merriment.

The things that the Club has accomplished since last April are known to each of you and are foreshadows or rather, "fore-splendors" of the greater things that may be done if we pull with that steady pull—that pull together.

It has taken time and will take further time to get fully in line with the work of North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs but time that has not and will not be wasted. The State program has been prepared by women who are not only interested in the State's progress, but are in love with it, and determined that the program shall not be in a material way alone. Realizing that "we touch heaven when we lay our hands on a human body" the first aim of the federation has been to search out and remedy the individual's needs. As a member of the federated body we have

Clean Up Week Starts Monday

Don't forget clean-up week beginning next Monday. The town will have two trash carts if they are needed and the carts will call at your place of business or home to aid in carrying away any debris that has accumulated during the winter months.

There is no time of the year when our town is prettier than at Easter time when the trees are budding and the flowers are blooming. Let's make our beautiful natural scenery more beautiful by giving it a clean background.

Teachers and Parents Hold Regular Meet

To Buy \$100 Playground Equipment for Local School Children

The local parents-teachers association held its regular meeting in the school auditorium yesterday afternoon, Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, vice president, presiding.

Following the devotional exercise, an entertaining program was rendered by various pupils of the school. A story by Elmer Jenkins; a play, "An Exciting Time" by the Dramatic club; piano solos by Katherine Harrison and Ruth Ward, were a few of the numbers given.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and the roll call made by grades, Miss Tenth Grade winning the picture for the month. The secretary read a note of thanks from Mrs. W. H. Harrell for the flowers sent to her during her recent illness.

Several committees were appointed at the meeting as follows: Program committee, Mrs. E. A. Pope, chairman, Mr. L. H. Davis; Publicity committee, Mrs. P. B. Cone, chairman, Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, and Miss Mildred Darden; Membership committee, Mrs. Robert Harrison, chairman, Mrs. O. S. Anderson, Mrs. E. A. Critcher, Mrs. L. W. Lindsay; Social committee, Mrs. G. H. Harrison, chairman, Mrs. Grover Harrison, Mrs. C. B. Clark, Mrs. J. O. Manning, Mrs. Clayton Moore; Ways and Means committee, Mrs. A. R. Dunning, chairman, Mrs. Henry Harrison, Mrs. Myrtle Brown, Mrs. B. S. Courtney and Mrs. Walter Orleans.

Mrs. J. F. Thigpen brought up for discussion "playground equipment" and a motion was made by Mrs. A. R. Dunning that a committee be appointed to look into the matter. By a motion made by Mrs. Wheeler Martin, the committee, composed of Mrs. Dunning and Principal L. H. Davis, was empowered to purchase equipment amounting to \$100. The motion was carried when placed before the meeting. Mr. Davis asked aid from the association in settling an athletic debt of last year. His request was met and \$25. was granted, leaving \$9.72

Treasurer Reviews Finances of Town

Capture Dodge Car and Liquor

Deputy Not Allowed to Search Car; Two Men Make Their Escape

Tuesday evening, J. Raleigh Manning was on his way to Williamston with three colored men, when near Gardner's Bridge a Dodge coupe rushed by them, throwing a tire as it did so. It was noticed that the two young men in the car were in such a hurry that they had no time to stop to attend to so small a matter as an auto tire or so. After racing for about 6 miles, they came to the fork of the road at Holly Springs, where the Dodge on the rim shot in towards the "Big Mill." The drivers of the other car had become so amused that they turned to follow, and when the Dodge struck the hump in the road at the railroad at Harrison's Crossing the wheel on the Dodge was crushed in, so crippling it that the boys had to stop. Manning then drove on by and on to Williamston, where he got Deputy Grimes and returned.

The deputy attempted to search the car, but was bluffed; and the two young men got in a passing car and rode away. After they left Mr. Grimes examined the car and found it wet with liquor. A few steps away he found a number of cases which had been broken when the car had struck the railroad; also 9 gallons near by which had not been broken. The car was later brought to town by Sheriff Roebuck and his deputies.

The license number on the machine was 37-523C, issued to L. R. Etheridge of Rosemary, for a Dodge touring car. The motor number of the coupe was A-244-134 and was identified as belonging to E. R. Allen, Jackson, N. C.

It is understood from the sheriff's office that warrants will be issued for the men, both of whom made their escape.

Commissioners-Board Education Joint Session

The Board of County Commissioners and the County Board of Education held a joint meeting Tuesday, at which time they were addressed by P. H. Johnson, of Beaufort, who is a member of the State Equalization Board, in which he outlined the general plan, which will be followed in the distribution of the \$3,250,000 State equalization fund among the counties. No definite basis has yet been fixed for the distribution, the general principle of the law will take money from the rich counties of the State and enlarge the school funds of the poorer counties. This will work to the advantage of Martin, as well as most other of the eastern counties.

After the joint meeting, the county commissioners held a session in which they decided to appoint three men to serve as a board of tax supervisors for the county. Thos. H. Johnson, of Oak City; Sylvester Peel, R. F. D., Williamston, were appointed; and another is to be supplied by the commissioners.

Upon motion duly made and carried J. Sam Gettings was appointed or elected county accountant at a salary of \$60 per month; it was also ordered that an additional sum of \$300 be allowed for assistance for the register of deeds.

Turpentine, Radio Water, or Liquor?

Joe Gorham, aged colored man, said it was turpentine from the wood, some allowed it was radio battery water, and others said it must have been liquor, according to the smell. Whatever it was fate handed it a death blow, for the container broke when a Ford bumped into Gorham's wagon, which was loaded with wood, last Wednesday night in front of Harrison Bros. store. The bottle's contents trickled down the street's gutter for quite a distance. It must have been a full gallon to have run so far.

The Ford suffered a broken light, Joe lost part of his wood, fine wood it was too, when he failed to stop but continued on his way down toward the river.

Roanoke Baptist B. Y. P. U. Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of the Roanoke Association B. Y. P. U. will be held at Nashville, N. C. Saturday, April 9, at 10 a. m. in the Corinth Baptist church. All who are interested in B. Y. P. U. work are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

Report Proves Work of Present Board To Be Highly Efficient

In his report to the mayor and board of commissioners of the town of Williamston this week, Mr. W. T. Meadows, treasurer, sums up the financial condition of the town in a most clear-cut manner. The report covers the work of the present administration done during the past two years along financial lines. It goes on further to state that another decrease in town taxes is likely to come about, provided conditions as they now exist are not altered materially. It must be remembered, however, that in case there is a decrease in the valuation of property at the next listing, that no cut in taxes can be expected, and it might be that the rate will witness an increase.

The first serious handicap to reach the present board when it went into office June 1, 1925, was in the form of a notice calling attention to \$15,000 borrowed money due, part of it then, and other amounts at later dates. During the board's administration the \$15,000 have been paid, and along with that amount all the outstanding bills in and around town were settled. On April 1, the town's notes payable amounted to \$1,200. Against this amount the town held as collateral a school board note amounting to \$1,065.71, and with this deducted there remain in the form of notes payable only \$134.29.

The purchase of an oil engine by the board amounted to \$18,000, and of that amount \$9,000 has been paid. Each quarter the town pays \$1,140 on the engine and at that rate the debt will soon be wiped out. Outside of \$300 for fire hose, the town owes \$400, and the financial condition is such that these bills payable can be cared for as they come due.

Town Taxes-Added for First Time The treasurer added the town taxes and found the grand total to be \$37,739.25. Of this amount \$34,271.81 come from the white and \$3,467.44 come from the colored people. Mr. W. B. Daniel, tax collector, has turned over to the treasurer in general taxes \$17,715.92, and in special taxes \$573.20 the two sums being a little under half the entire amount of all the taxes.

Taxes uncollected April 1 amounted to \$20,023.33, but of this amount the tax collector has collected approximately \$3,000 which he has in the bank waiting to turn over to the treasurer. The report, when it reached the board situation, took on a decidedly different aspect. The town's bonded indebtedness is \$340,500.00, a huge sum, requiring each year \$20,000 in interest from the town. The bonds that mature each year amount to \$11,000, and at that rate 31 years will be required to retire them. Figuring in-

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Demonstration Agent's Report for Past Month

The following report of work done during the month of March was submitted to the county commissioners at their regular meeting here yesterday: Twenty-eight meetings held, attendance, 460; 2 meetings attended, attendance, 60; 32 home visits; 89 office calls; 34 telephone calls; 285 letters written; 288 circulars and bulletins sent out; 1 article published; 6 office days; 21 field days; 660 miles traveled.

Number method demonstrations: in food preparation, 8; in steam-pressure cooking, 3; in clothing, 15; in household management, 3; in house furnishings, 1; in poultry culture, 5; in beautifying home grounds, 1.

Number lectures: In nutrition, 3; in mothercraft, 3; in home gardening, 3.

Kitchens scored for improvement, 9. Number result demonstrations: In food preparation by women, 30; in clothing by women, 15; in clothing by girls, 200; in house furnishings, 15; in child care, 3; started in gardens, 30.

Mrs. Mary E. Ange Dies In Jamesville Section

Mrs. Mary E. Ange of the Jamesville section died on April 1. She was before her marriage to A. Nelson Ange with whom she lived more than 50 years, Miss Bland of Cross Roads.

She was the mother of twelve children, ten of them now living. She was buried at the Ange cemetery near her home. For many years she had been a member of the Free Will Baptist church.

A CORRECTION In our last issue we stated that Mr. W. L. Holliday was a member of Board of Education. This is a mistake and it should have been H. C. Norman.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY

Al Hoxie

—IN—

"The Son of a Gun"

—ALSO—

Comedy

"Laughing Ladies"

—AND—

8TH EPISODE

"Officer 444"

Always a Good Show