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Baptist Revival Services Draw Big Audiences

Will Continue Services Through Friday Night of This Week

Attendance on the series of services at the Baptist church reached a new high level Sunday night, when the church was packed almost to full capacity. The preacher, Rev. A. O. Moore, of Salisbury, preached a very strong but plain sermon on the parable of the five foolish virgins, who notwithstanding the coveted opportunity of being special honor guests at a marriage feast, neglected and prostituted the opportunity and became totally unfitted to enter in at the marriage. Their simple neglect to make just a moderate, yet very necessary preparation, did not only deprive them of the joys of the marriage but did more; it filled them with the sorrow of failure and the humility of being kicked out where there was nothing but darkness.

His description of the failure of people to handle success was true to the point. Most successful people have more temptations than they can withstand, and that is why many of them fall so flat. The lawyer, the doctor, the preacher, or the business man who succeeds to the point of feeling his importance stands in great danger.

Clarence Darrow was described in his younger days, when he knew much of nature and love and truth. That was the day when Darrow believed in a God. Later in life, Darrow got tangled up with success; he looked at science, he saw wonders, he became infatuated with the small things that man has done and utterly forgot God, and he new kicks and fights Him and His followers.

Mr. Moore described our American people as being so proud of our liberties that we abuse them fearfully. We are, in fact, so proud of our liberty that we do not hesitate to abuse our own and destroy our neighbor's liberty. We actually refuse to maintain the constitution that gives us liberty. There is no doubt about the fact that we are incapable of enjoy-

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School Closes At Farm Life

To Present the Play, "Go Slow Mary" Next Friday Night

The commencement exercises of the Farm Life school began Sunday evening when Rev. C. O. Pardo, Rector of the Episcopal church here, preached to the school and its patrons.

Last night the first and second grades of the school had a unique program of dialogues and recitations. Tonight the fifth and sixth grades will entertain with reading recitations. Tomorrow night will witness recitals by Miss Roba Jefferson's music pupils. The program for that night has been especially prepared, much time and interest having been devoted to its making. Thursday night, the seventh and eighth grades will have charge and they are offering a good program for that night.

On Friday, the graduating exercises will be held, followed by a picnic. A large gathering of the people in that community is expected.

"Go Slow Mary" is the title of the play that the school will stage on Friday night. It promises to be one of the outstanding features of the commencement program. The play will bring to a close one of Farm Life's best school years.

STRAND THEATRE

DON'T FORGET FREE TICKET for Friday's Show to all who come Wednesday

WEDNESDAY "Flaming Waters" with Malcom McGregor also Comedy and Episode 9 of "Trooper 77"

FRIDAY COLLEEN MOORE in "Twinkletoes" ALSO 2-REEL COMEDY

2 Shows for 1 Price Always a Good Show

Two Candidates Announce Themselves for Mayorship

Third Candidate Is Likely to Throw Hat in Ring Between Now and 18th, Convention Night

Action crept into the town's politics yesterday and last night when it was learned that two citizens had announced their candidacy for mayor, subject to the will of the town convention here next Monday night, April 18.

It is known that both Miss Hattie Thrower and Robert L. Coburn announced their candidacy after many requests were made by their friends. It was first stated that Mayor Coburn would not consider renomination and it was not until last night that sev-

eral of his close friends urged last night to withdraw.

Miss Thrower was mentioned as a possible candidate two years ago, but she would not consent to allow her name to go before the convention at that time, and this year her hat goes into the ring as a result of many requests made by her friends.

That there will be other candidates is not definitely known, but it has been mentioned that a third will come out between now and the 18th.

Power Company To Offer Town Contract

Takes Crack at Bridge Support

Waverly Johnson Sows Members of His Race Along Highway Side

Knowing that several had failed to jar the middle support of the railroad underpass at the west end of Main Street, Waverly Johnson, colored, decided in less than a second to try the support at the left side of the bridge yesterday afternoon. The result was similar to that obtained by those who had hit the middle support, the concrete was scratched a little and a car was completely ruined. No one was hurt, excepting a few minor bruises received when the several little-colored boys who were riding with Johnson landed many feet away and in all directions from the wrecked car. One of the boys, with a small bump on his head giving evidence of his presence at the time, stated that something broke about the car, and as it turned to the left he closed his eyes just before the car hit the concrete pillar, and that he kicked a small part of the top off him when he got up a few seconds later on an embankment nearby.

The rate of speed the car was traveling just before it tackled the support could not be ascertained, but one of the boys in the car stated that it was going "twixt and between"—not between the supports, however.

Johnson, with his small friends, riding in Mr. J. F. Hutcheson's Hudson coach, had started out to Garden Terrace for some reason unlearned, and just before reaching the underpass he, from all indications, applied the brakes to the fast-rolling car, which caused it to turn to the left. It went in the narrow passage sideways, and the middle of the car hit the support, causing a perfect curve in the body and tearing the car into many pieces. The car was headed back this way when it stopped, but the occupants continued westward and landed on the green grass beside the road.

The car's engine had just been overhauled a few days before, but all its good features were lost along with the other parts when the vehicle and the concrete post mixed.

Theodore Robertson Dies of Pneumonia

Theodore Robertson, who lived on his farm in Williams township, died from an attack of pneumonia on April 8th.

Mr. Robertson was nearing his 67th birthday at the time of his death. He was the son of Eli Robertson and Fannie Godard Robertson. He married Mrs. Ludie Griffin, who with five children, two sons and three daughters survives. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Ida Hodges, of Mackeys and one brother, of Norfolk.

Interment was made in the family plot on the farm April 9th. Revs. W. Lee and C. H. Dickey conducted the funeral rites.

Mrs. Willie Roberson Dies Near Everetts

Mrs. Willie Roberson, wife of M. G. Roberson and the daughter of the late Henry Coburn and wife, Mary Ann Corey, died at her home near Everetts last week from a stroke of paralysis. She was 48 years old and leaves her husband and several children.

She was buried at the farm of Elder J. N. Rogerson near Bear Grass, Elders Rogerson and Cowan holding the funeral services.

The pall bearers were Mc. James, Dewey Mobley, Robert Whitehurst, Alex. Williams, Henry Wynn and James Bowen.

Town Board Advertises for Bids to Purchase New Diesel Engine

The town commissioners decided last night to call for sealed bids for the purchase of a 240-horsepower Diesel-type oil engine when they met in special session to discuss the matter. The ultimate purchase of the engine will not be made, however, until investigations now going on are heard from. The call for bids is necessary to make the purchase of the engine legal, and should it be that the board deemed it wise to buy the engine, then no delay would result.

Judging from the discussion on the problem in the last few days, a majority of the board members are in favor of the purchase of the oil engine. However, it might be added that should the investigations now under way disclose facts not known at this time the majority, which now favors the oil engine, will consider them and act to the very best interests of the town.

Mr. J. P. Cross, of Wilson, a Fairbanks-Morse representative, went before the board last night and answered questions relative to the type of engine, price, terms, and time of installation. The cost complete as mentioned before the board last night is \$18,586.40.

V. E. P. To Submit Contract

Mr. J. T. Chase, representative of the Virginia Electric Power Co., hearing of the town's plans relative to his power and lights, called Mayor R. L. Coburn over the telephone from Aboskie and asked that, if possible, wait a few days before making final decision in the matter. In the conversation, Mr. Chase stated that he had a contract that he felt sure the town would want to sign. The discussion last night was frank in every detail, the board declaring that the proposition appearing most advantageous would be considered. No time has been mentioned when Mr. Chase will come here to take the matter up with the board, but another call meeting is likely to be held for the purpose within the next few days.

Important Meeting of Woman's Club Today

An important meeting of the Woman's club will be held Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. This hour has been chosen so the meeting will not conflict with any church service. The meeting will be short, and it is hoped that every member will be present, since there are several matters of importance to be brought before the club membership, and every true club member will be interested.

LOUIE P. MARTIN, Pres.

Week of Prayer at the Christian Church

The annual holy week of prayer is being observed by the women of the Christian church. There will be two more services, Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 3:30 o'clock. All the women whether members or not of the Missionary society are urged to come to both these services and to join the members in visiting any who are unable to come on Thursday.

Fire Company Called Out This Morning

The volunteer fire company was called out shortly before seven o'clock this morning to the home of Dink Hardison near the Baptist cemetery. A few sparks from the stove caused a little smoke and the alarm was sent in. No damage resulted.

Misses Annie Harper and Esther Harrison and Stanley Sessoms spent Sunday in Wilson.

Results of First Group Center Contest Friday

Hamilton Extends Most Cordial Welcome to Its Visitors Friday

Eleven of the twelve schools of the western part of Martin County marched on Hamilton last Friday, and for the day took the city; all of which was more than pleasant for the hosts as well as those entertained. Guests were present to a number, variously estimated from 600 to 800 people of Martin County. Hamilton citizenship proved more than capable, for a number far in excess of those who went could have been easily accommodated. In the neighborhood of 500 pounds of barbecue was served, and there never was more deliciously served or better flavored meat. For this symposium of delights the schools are to be thankful to the kind ladies and gentlemen of the hospitable city and particularly to the committee, the teachers, and Mr. Asa Johnson, who looked after the barbecue. The everlasting "teamwork of every blooming soul" from Principal W. W. Clark to the janitor was expressive of the finest spirit of cooperation and hospitality. Martin County is proud of you, Hamilton, and we know you are proud of Martin County.

That prince of a fellow, J. L. Jones, led out with a song, "America, the Beautiful," the body entering freely into it. An address of welcome by Mr. P. L. Salisbury made every one feel at home. Then the chapel hall rang with "Ho, for Carolina." The blessings of God Almighty on the body were invoked by Rev. West, of the Hamilton Baptist Church. Mr. R. I. Leake, on behalf of the teachers and public, responded to Hamilton's generous reception. And the program was under way.

From year to year the results of the contests which are engaged in reflect the increase in teaching skill of those who have charge of the schools.

Group I Returns

Following are the winners of the Group I (schools of 6 teachers or more) contests:

Oak City, represented by Larry Ballard and William Davenport, won first and third places in the spelling contest, while Selma Gurganus, of Robersonville, took second place. The pronouncer, Mr. J. L. Jones, and assistant judges, Rev. C. H. Dickey and Mrs. R. K. Adkins, found it almost impossible to spell down the contestants and finally resorted to the high school spelling book when others failed. The average contestant, however, still finds difficulty with words which experts say a seventh-grade pupil should spell, particularly when called on to write them. Of the 50 written words requisite to entering the contest, the largest number missed by any one of the pupils of this group was 27.

In the story-telling contest, Frances Ward, of Robersonville, took first place; W. B. Grimes, of Hamilton, took second place; and the team of Oak City, William Hyman and Nancy Henslip, took third place. In this field of endeavor again the judges, Mrs. Emma House, Mrs. C. B. Hassell, and J. L. Jones, found it hard to decide. Much improvement was noted in the choice of stories told; Epaminondas and several old friends being conspicuously left out this time. The naturalness with which six or seven of the stories were told is a credit to the teachers. Elocution, not being the purpose of the child in rendering these stories, was avoided. All who entered deserve much credit.

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Urges Observance of 'Better Homes Week,' April 24-30

Eight Women's Clubs in County Will Have Special Programs on "Better Homes" That Week

By MISS ANNA TRENTHAM
County Home Demonstration Agent
From April 24 to May 1, 1927, is the time set for a "Better Homes Campaign" in America.

"Better Homes in America" is a national movement which is well worthy of our observation. Its object is to sponsor everything that tends to make better homes, such as extending knowledge of the high standards in house building; home furnishing and home life; encouraging reconducting and remodeling of old houses; and thrift for home ownership; helping each community to study housing problems and problems of family life; furnishing of homes economically and in good taste; and at the same time eliminating drudgery and waste of effort in housekeeping; promoting improvements in house lots, yards, and neighborhoods; and the making of home gardens; studying the ways of

making home life happier through home music, home play, arts, and crafts, and by better library facilities.

Many things can be done during that week to make home life better. The spring clean-up drive should continue until all the back yards, and premises are free from old tin cans and other things that mar the beauty of a landscape. Shrubs and flowers should be planted to help build up community self-respect and civic interest.

It is possible to have a home comfortable, convenient, and beautiful with average means, if the money is economically spent.

Every organization in Martin County is urged to observe "Better Homes Week" in some suitable way. During the month the eight women's clubs in the county will have special programs on "Better Homes."

List Takers for 1927 Named by Commissioners

Roy T. Griffin Appointed List Taker for This Township

The board of county commissioners met in special session Monday, April 11. J. G. Barnhill, T. B. Slade, Jr., L. P. Holliday, T. C. Griffin, and J. E. Pope were the members present. The meeting was called for the purpose of conferring with the county tax supervisors in the matter of listing taxes.

A motion was carried fixing the salary of the supervisors at \$6.00 per day, which is to cover all expense. Clayton Moore tendered his resignation as county attorney effective, May 1, at which time his office as superior court judge begins. Elbert S. Peel was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

Thos. H. Johnson having failed to accept as a member of the board of county tax assessors, Henry S. Everett was appointed in his stead. The board now being composed of Sylvester Peel, J. T. Barnhill, and Henry S. Everett.

The county assessors have appointed township list takers as follows: Jamesville, O. W. Hamilton, at \$165; Williams, Joshua L. Coltrin, at \$100; Griffins, Ephraim Peel, at \$100; Cross Roads, C. B. Roebuck, at \$200; Robersonville, J. Haywood Everrett, at \$200; Poplar Point, Luray Taylor, at \$75; Hamilton, W. S. Rhodes, at \$150; Goose Nest, J. E. Crisp, at \$150.

The list takers will list all personal property, take the farm census, and enroll on land for the county board of assessors.

Poultry Car Will Arrive Thursday

With reports on the poultry market continuing unsteady and a decrease in prices likely, the farm and home demonstration agents of the county are advising all farmers to take advantage of the cash prices to be offered at the poultry car here Thursday. The car will arrive on the morning freight, around 9 o'clock, and will leave that afternoon, according to a schedule sent out by the bureau of markets.

The agents are particularly advising the farmers to sell "boarding" hens and roosters, and a large flock of these two kinds is expected at the landing here next Thursday.

Jamesville Will Give Visitors Picnic Friday

According to an announcement made by Professor J. L. Jones of the Jamesville school in chapel there this morning, all visitors to the group center commencement at Jamesville Friday will be well cared for by the school and its patrons.

Hamilton made a most pleasing impression on its visitors last Friday, and it is understood Mr. Jones will do his best in entertaining his visitors next Friday.

Special Music Tomorrow in Washington Church

The music lovers of Williamston are cordially invited to hear the combined choirs of St. Peter's church, Washington and Calvary church, Tarboro, sing Stainer's "The Crucifixion" in the Washington church Wednesday night, April 12th. The choirs will be composed of 50 voices.

Farmer Jailed On Infanticide Charge

Clean-up Week is Observed by Some

"Clean-up Week" is being observed by quite a few people already and before the end of the week it is expected that many of the most unsightly places will be in fine shape. The Mayor and policemen are most anxious to have the trash carts on hand to carry away trash. If there are any who fail to see "Miles" just telephone the Mayor's office and the cart will be ordered out.

Town May Get License Bureau

50 Members to Carolina Motor Club Necessary to Get Bureau Here

Mr. H. M. Barmettler, district manager for the Carolina Motor club and Mr. D. M. Biggs, assistant district manager, are here to secure 50 charter members for the Carolina Motor club in order to obtain an auto license bureau for Williamston.

The club has control of the distribution of licenses and will establish a branch here for that purpose provided a sufficient number of members can be gotten for the club. A heavy expense is attached to the distribution of auto licenses and to carry this on along with its other work, the club should have not less than 50 members here. The club besides being active in legislative matters—pertaining to the automobile and state-wide accident prevention work carries many direct personal benefits for its members such as free road service, stolen car service, free legal service, road information and full membership in the American Automobile association.

Messrs. Barmettler and Biggs have just completed a campaign in Weldon where they secured 66 members in a very short time. An emblem of the A. A. A. with the name of the town is provided each member when there are fifty or more joiners.

Important Side Issues at Commissioners Meet

Aside from the main issue, the purchase of an oil engine, at the special meeting of the town board of commissioners last night, several issues were discussed and passed upon. The City Hall contract was approved, it being stated in the contract that the four churches, Kiwanis and Woman's club and parents-teachers association will have a right to use the hall one night each during the year and for a \$25 consideration. It is also understood from the contract that the school may use the hall in case it should become necessary to do so and free of cost. In every case, however, 30 days notice is to be given the certain.

Insurance policies on certain town property were discussed and rates in several instances were noticed to have been increased. The cause for this increase is being investigated.

To Audit Town Books June 1

By a unanimous vote an audit of the town's books was ordered. The audit will start the first of June and it is expected the books will be ready with audit complete to go into the hands of the new board by the first Monday in June. Frederick P. Hill of Rocky Mount was awarded the contract which calls for \$20 a day and expenses. Mr. B. E. Perkins will have charge of audit.

Frank Carstarphen, in his working clothes and his shirt sleeves rolled, went before the board, asked and got permission to hold a dance on the 20th of this month. He is to meet the usual requirements in staging the dance.

It was agreed that all unpaid taxes would be advertised the first part of next month and that all unpaid taxes would be added to the list according to law. The commissioners will issue a warning soon to all those who have not paid their taxes. The board stated that it did not wish to take the last step in collecting taxes, but it was the only course where the taxes were due and not paid.

Holy Week Services at Episcopal Church

Rev. C. O. Pardo, Rector
Holy Week:
Wednesday, 10.30 a. m.—Holy Communion. 4.00 p. m.—Litaney.
Friday: Good Friday three-hour devotion. 12 noon to 3.00 p. m.

Oscar Wynn Thought to Have Killed Two of His Own Children

Oscar Wynn, a farmer living about 5 miles from Robersonville in Cross Roads Township, was placed in jail Sunday night on a charge of infanticide in connection with the death of his 5-day-old baby Sunday about noon.

Mr. Wynn, who is a tenant farmer, is 26 years old. He can neither read nor write and has had about as few opportunities as one can have, and perhaps has taken as little advantage of such as he has had as a man can.

Two years ago he married Miss Perlie Bullock. Their first baby died under peculiar circumstances about a year ago, when they were living on the Blount farm a few miles from Williamston.

Last Tuesday their second baby, a boy, was born, healthy, strong, and good sized. It seems that a few people in the neighborhood, who had suspected foul play in the death of the first child, set a close watch over him.

Mr. Kenneth Roebuck, with whom he farmed, procured the services of Dr. Ward, of Robersonville, who treated both mother and child. Sunday morning he visited them and found each doing well.

The mother stated that she nursed the child at 11 o'clock and dropped to sleep with the baby sleeping by her side on the same bed; and that she was called half an hour later by her husband and told that the baby was dead.

Objected to Examination

Sheriff Roebuck, who happened to be in the neighborhood, heard of the circumstance, and immediately went for Dr. Ward, and Mr. Wynn objected to an examination being made by the doctor when he arrived. He did make an examination, however; and although this report has not been made public, it is understood that he stated the death was not from natural causes.

Wynn would not permit neighbors to dress the child for burial, claiming he wanted his mother to shroud it, as she had his other. When his mother

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4 Hurt When Autos Collide

Cars Are Demolished in Wreck on Highway 90 Saturday Night

Several people were badly, but not seriously, injured last Saturday night two miles beyond Robersonville on Highway No. 90, when the cars in which they were riding met in a head-on collision. Both cars were practically demolished, the two losing three wheels, two axles, a side, glass and accessories.

Mrs. P. T. Adams, of Parmele, was driving a Ford sedan, practically new, and she and her son were painfully hurt, although not seriously, when the cars met. Jesse Whitehurst, who lives near Parmele, and who was driving the other car, an old model Ford, received an ugly scalp wound and lost considerable blood before he could be removed to the Robersonville Drug Co.'s store in Robersonville. His companion, a Mr. Carson, was also hurt, but not as badly as was Mr. Whitehurst. It was thought at one time that Mr. Whitehurst was seriously hurt, but when treated by Dr. Nelson, his wound was found not to be as bad as it was first thought.

No cause for the accident was assigned, but it is thought the slow rain, which was falling at the time, made it difficult for the drivers to see.

To Install Electric Siren as Part of Alarm System

The board of town commissioners met the request of the volunteer fire company and will have installed within the next few weeks an electric siren. The company, under the leadership of its chief, Henry D. Harrison, has been working for an electric siren for the past several months and \$100 will be given by the firemen on the purchase price. The new alarm installed will cost around \$450.00.

Just the type of siren to be installed has not been definitely decided upon, but it is understood either a Federal or a Sterling siren will be bought. If it meets with the approval of the Carolina Telephone company an electric button will be placed in the operating room of the telephone exchange. The other button will be placed at the fire station.

The siren will be placed in the clock tower.