

Insane Negro Hard to Place Under Arrest

Officers Go After Man in Cowboy Style but Rope is Cut

Joe Wiggins, aged colored man living near here, made it very difficult for officers to arrest him last Tuesday. He ran from the officers for a while and then took his stand, pulling from his pocket a big knife as a means of defense. Various attempts to take him into custody failed. Seeing no other way, the officers brought a rope into use, and no sooner than the lass went over the man's head, he cut it with his knife. The rope, right new, belonged to a fellow by the name of Outerbridge, and when he saw what was about to happen he rushed to save his rope. He was too late for the rope, but not too late for Wiggins to slash his hand almost to the bone. The next plan used to effect the arrest brought in a hoe handle. One of the officers tapped Joe on the hand with the handle and the knife fell to the ground. He was brought here and placed in a cell in the new jail. During the remainder of the day Wiggins wore himself out hitting the walls of the jail. Yesterday Sheriff Roebuck carried him to the asylum at Goldsboro.

Practically all his life Joe Wiggins has suffered epileptic fits at times, and they have impaired his mental ability to such an extent that he is crazy most of the time. He is about 52 years of age, but physically he is very able.

Edward Henry Cotten Dies Near Oak City

Mr. Edward Henry Cotten died at his home on the Cotten farm near Oak City Thursday, April 14. Mr. Cotten was 95 years old. The cause of his death was old age. He had been in his usual good health until quite recently, when he weakened away and the end came.

After completing his education at the Horner Military School, Mr. Cotten taught school for a few years, but returned to the farm when his father died in 1861.

He was the son of Arthur Staton Cotten and wife, Louise Mayo Cotten. He was the oldest of four children, the others being the late M. A. and G. A. Cotten, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Wilson G. Lamb, of Williamston.

Mr. Cotten was a member of the Baptist church for many years. He will be buried this afternoon by the side of his mother, to whom he was such a dutiful son and greatly attached, caring for her after his father's death until her death. The burial will be in the family plot on the farm where he was born and spent practically all his life.

Farm Loan Association Will Meet Tomorrow

The Williamston National Farm Loan Association will hold a meeting at the courthouse tomorrow at 9 o'clock. There are about 15 stockholders in this association, mostly in his county with a few in Washington County and several in Washington Township, Beaufort County.

It is understood that the association will declare and pay a dividend on the stock held by the members.

Services at the Baptist Church Next Sunday

There will be the regular services at the Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening. At the morning hour the choir will render special music.

The public is cordially invited to attend.



2 Martin Farmers Get High Rating

Group Center Meet at Jamesville Today

The second group-center elimination contests of the county commencement is taking place in Jamesville today with large numbers of pupils and teachers from all the schools in the eastern part of the county. Winners there today will take part in the final commencement here next Friday. The first of the elimination contests was held in Hamilton last Friday.

Load Poultry Car Thursday

7,000 Pounds of Poultry Net Producers \$1,438.00

Two ducks and two turkeys were lot here yesterday when they were placed in a large poultry car with thousands of old hens and roosters. Around 7,000 pounds were loaded in the car here yesterday, farmers realizing in ready cash approximately \$1,438.

The car started in Plymouth, where around 300 pounds were picked up. Leaving here hooked to the afternoon passenger train, its next stop was Bethel, where the shipment was made complete. From that point the car was carried to northern markets where its contents will be sold.

The large shipment yesterday was made up entirely of "boarding" hens and roosters, with the exception of the two ducks and two turkeys. Mr. Hunt, manager of the car, stated that it was a fine shipment, and that the farmers here were acting wisely in selling the old hens and roosters and saving the broilers and laying hens.

This is the third car to be loaded here this year, and with a continuation of such shipments, a greater interest in poultry raising is expected.

Bites Snake In Two to Win a \$2 Wager

The second man to bite a snake in two in North Carolina was J. Rufus Snyder, a student of High Point College, who bit a snake into three pieces and won a two-dollar bet this week.

The first and, so far as we know, only other North Carolinian to have bitten a snake in two was a Bertie County citizen, who ran over a snake during a military drill at a general muster before the Civil War. In that case, the wager was a quart of brandy, and when the head of the snake had been bitten off, and spat out, the winner drank his quart of liquor and lay drunk for two days.

So notable was this case that it was memorialized by naming one of the prominent townships in the Bertie Empire "Snake Bite," and we find that township wearing that name to this day.

Mr. S. O. Perkins will spend Easter at Burgaw, N. C., where he has his winter home. Mr. Perkins will return Monday and will resume his soil-survey work. He is making a complete survey of the Martin County soils.

A. W. Bailey and Calvin Ayers Are Given "A" Grade Certificates

A. W. Bailey and Calvin Ayers, farmers of Bear Grass Township, were each awarded Grade "A" certificates by the North Carolina State College and the agricultural committee of the North Carolina Bankers' Association recently.

The State college and the bankers' association offer each farmer in the State these certificates if he makes 80 per cent on the following test:

1. Raises enough corn and forage to feed all his stock.
 2. Raises enough meat and lard for the family all the year.
 3. Raises enough spring and fall vegetables to supply the family thru the year.
 4. Raises enough sweet and Irish potatoes to last the family for 9 months.
 5. Raises enough milk and butter to supply the family the year round.
 6. A liberal supply of poultry and eggs.
 7. Have an orchard and vineyard, kept in good condition, with as many as 10 kinds of fruits; and the selection or purchase of good seed.
 8. Rotation of crops and legumes on at least one fourth of land for soil fertility.
 9. Improve home by paint, landscape and home conveniences.
 10. More than one regular money crop as a source of income; enough business ability to take an inventory at the beginning of the year; keep a record of all receipts and expenditures and keep a bank account.
- The certificates read as follows:
- "In recognition of service rendered to the community and commonwealth this certificate is gratefully issued and signed on behalf of the State.
- "This 1st day of April, 1927."
- The certificate is signed by E. C. Brooks, for State College, I. O. Schaub for the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, and H. M. Cox, for the North Carolina Bankers' Association.

Wynne Baby is Buried Near Everetts Monday

Without funeral rites of any kind the body of the infant thought murdered by its father, Oscar Wynne, according to a verdict rendered by a coroner's jury, was placed in a little home-made coffin and buried in the Clark cemetery one and one-half miles from Everetts late Monday afternoon. As touching and cruel as the act was, rumor floated in certain parts of the county that the little lifeless body was "pickled" and would be used when the case is tried here next June. Such a rumor is entirely unfounded. The coroner brought the body here Monday, had an X-ray picture made and returned the body to its humble home the same day.

Everetts Woodmen Have Good Meeting

The regular meeting of Everetts Camp, M. W. A., was held Monday night, April 11, with a full set of officers on hand. There were 20 members present, and a good meeting was enjoyed.

Two new applications have been secured to be acted upon Monday night, April 24, and a good time is promised all who will attend. All members are asked to keep this date clear and attend this meeting.

Recorder Had Short Session Here Tuesday

Ten Cases Disposed of In Spite of Shortness of the Session

Judge Bailey and Solicitor Horton made the session of recorder's court rather snappy Tuesday, getting the docket clear long before noon.

The case charging Ben Parvis, colored, with carrying a concealed weapon, was not pressed with leave, and on the stock held by the members. Was discharged upon the payment of \$50.00.

The case of Conley Delberry, charging him with carrying a concealed weapon, was not pressed with leave. Siffa discharged upon payment of \$50.00.

J. Oscar Bullock, charged with non-support, was charged with the costs and required to pay \$5.00 weekly for the support of his children.

Tommy Griffin, charged with illegal possession of liquor, and to which charge he had previously plead guilty, was discharged upon payment of the costs.

C. Hyman, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was found not guilty.

Jack Faulk, for injury to personal property, was fined \$50 and costs, and sentenced to the roads for 4 months. He appealed to the superior court, and was released under \$150 bond.

The case against Norman Jones, for assault with a deadly weapon, was not pressed with leave.

Jack Dixon, found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, was fined \$75.00 and the costs.

The case against J. B. Whitfield, for assault with a deadly weapon and carrying a concealed weapon, was continued for 4 weeks with Whitfield under the same bond.

The case against Oscar Wynn, charged with the murder of his 5-day-old son, was called and the defendant waived examination. He was bound over to the superior court without bond.

No Date Yet Named For Train Hearing

The secretary of the Kiwanis Club, Mr. J. D. Woolard, stated yesterday that no date has yet been set for the hearing relating to the removal from the regular schedule of trains numbers 56 and 57. When the protest against the railroad's intended action was made, members of the North Carolina Corporation Commission were in Washington, D. C., and no date could be mentioned then.

While it is not certain, it is thought that a hearing will be held within the next few weeks. The towns along the route served by the two trains will have representatives at the hearing, according to reports from chambers of commerce and civic organizations in those towns.

Williamston Highs Lose to Windsor, 7-3

The Windsor High School boys defeated the locals here yesterday afternoon at baseball, 7-3. The season for the locals is just beginning, and Coach Phillips states his team will be a safe bet after practice has gone on for a few more days.

Georgians Increasing Tobacco Acreage

Mr. K. B. Crawford, who has recently spent several weeks in Southern Georgia in the interest of hail insurance for the Home Insurance Co., says the Georgia tobacco crop will be increased at least one-third over the last year's acreage. Some thing it will be increased as high as 50 per cent over last year. Farmers there are now abut through transplanting.

No Developments in Infanticide Case

With no direct statements other than the one made by the coroner's jury in the Wynne infanticide case, it now looks as if many of the facts relating thereto will not be learned until the case comes up at the next term of Martin Superior Court.

The verdict rendered by the jury empaneled by the county coroner, S. E. Biggs, to hold an inquest over the body, stated that the child did not die of natural causes. Doctors connected with the examination of the infant's body stated yesterday that they would not like to make any statements at this time as to whether or not the child's neck was broken.

County Commencement To Be Held Here Friday, April 22

County Banks Close Monday; Business Houses To Be Open

Several of County Schools Will Take Day As a Holiday; Post Offices Will Remain Open

The several banks of the county will not open for business next Monday morning. The officers, cashiers and clerks of the institutions will treat the day as a holiday and visit relatives and friends in various parts of the State. Regular business will be resumed Tuesday morning.

While business on that day is expected to be light, all the mercantile houses here will stay open. The post office will be open as usual.

The local school will enjoy a holiday that day, and it is understood that the Robersonville and Oak City schools will also take the day as a holiday. As for the other schools in the county closing, no definite information could be secured this morning.

Considering Sale of Local Power Plant

Representative Likely to Return with Good Offer for Plant

Mr. J. T. Chase, of the Virginia Power and Electric company, was in town today getting additional information about Williamston's power and lighting equipment. No bid will be presented at this time, but it is thought Mr. Chase will return within the next few days and carry his contract before the board of town commissioners for acceptance or rejection.

This morning town officials were going over the property now owned and operated for the furnishing of power and lights. They were talking in terms of thousands of dollars; but just who was to pay and who was to receive could not be traced. It is expected Mr. Chase will take the findings home with him and prepare the contract that will later be submitted here.

Methodist Church Easter Program

There will be regular services at the local Methodist Church Sunday. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., E. P. Cunningham, superintendent.

Preaching services by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

Preaching at Holly Springs at 3:30 p. m.

Farm Life Finals Take Place Today

The high spot in the Farm Life school commencement was reached today when more than 500 people in the community visited the school and witnessed the closing day's program.

This morning's program was opened shortly before 11 o'clock when the school sang "America, the Beautiful". A few verses of scripture were read by Rev. W. B. Harrington, and prayer was offered by Rev. A. J. Manning. Various speeches of welcome were made by patrons of the school and reports were read of the work accomplished during the year. The main event of the morning came when Dr. Maynard O. Fletcher, of the Washington Collegiate Institute, delivered an address. Using as his subject "Success," Dr. Fletcher made a splendid talk to the large number present. Offering advice to those who are leaving the school to enter new fields, his talk will prove of much value, no doubt.

Shortly after 1:00 o'clock dinner was served to the 500 visitors and school children on the grounds of the school.

As we go to press a declamation contest is underway with five boys and four girls taking part. Certificates of graduation and of work completed will be awarded at the close of the contest.

Tonight the school presents a play, and this will bring to a close the exercises.

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Mr. John Meyers, the father of Mrs. James Stanley, of Williamston, died at his home in Washington this morning at 4 o'clock. He was 69 years old and had been in failing health for several years, gradually growing worse until the end this morning.

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Town Convention Monday Night

Who knows but what next Monday night will be one of the high spots in our town's history when the convention is held for the nomination of various city officials. With major problems now facing the town, the entire citizenship of the town should be in attendance upon the convention and help to nominate those men and women who are willing to give time and interest to the affairs of the town.

The convention will open at 8 o'clock in the court house and every citizen should feel his duty to attend.

Baptist Revival Closes Tonight

The revival services at the Baptist Church, which have been going on for nearly two weeks, will close tonight. The meeting has not been a general evangelistic arousal, but has gone on in an orderly pleasing manner, where the spiritual development has been the center of all the services, with good singing, good preaching, and good fellowship at all the services. Rev. Arthur O. Moore, of Salisbury, has preached the simple gospel truth from the plain texts of the Scriptures.

Mr. Moore Shows Today to be Similar to the Days of Pilate

The sermon last night was the best of the series so far. The text was taken from Matthew 27:22, "What shall I do with Jesus, who is called Christ," being the words of Pilate when the accusers were railing against Jesus and demanding that He be put to death, although furnishing no proof of any wrong doing. Pilate, the speaker said, was facing exactly the same thing that every individual has to face; the choice between right and wrong. Pilate tried to shirk the duty by letting the howling mob choose between Jesus and the malefactor, doubtless knowing at the time that in the state of mind they would gleefully release the robber and crucify the Christ.

Mr. Moore stated that this day seems much like the days of Pilate, when he could not decide what to do with Jesus. Men everywhere are putting off and letting the crucifixion proceed, however, with the avowed interest of some day embracing the Christ, but at a more convenient season and after the pleasures of life had been exhausted. Then we are anxious to have Jesus lead us through the valley and plead for us before the bar of judgment.

Fifty-two New Members for Carolina Motor Club

In a drive here this week made by representatives of the Carolina Motor club, 52 new members were added to the total membership of that organization. Messrs. Biggs and Barmetier, the representatives, completed their work here last night and left for the branch office in Wilson.

Sunrise Service Sunday At Christian Church

The Easter sunrise prayer service at the Christian Church will be held at 6:30 Sunday morning, at which time a song, prayer, and Scripture reading program will be carried out. These services, which are held to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus, are very impressive.

It is hoped that every member of the Sunday school and church and all friends will attend this service.

The Sunday school will be held at 9:45. There will be no preaching service at the local church, as the pastor, Rev. A. J. Manning, will hold services at Maple Grove at 11 o'clock.

Seniors to Give Play Next Friday Night

The senior class of the local high school is announcing one of the best plays ever staged by a senior class for next Friday night, April 22. "The Charm School," a comedy in three acts, is the name of the play.

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During the past several days a large number of the senior class members have been practicing and rehearsing their parts, and all indications point to a highly successful performance. A small admission will be charged to defray expenses of the production.

Many Contests on Program; Basket Dinner One of Features

Williamston is preparing for a large assembly of folks at the local school next Friday, April 22, county commencement day. It is understood that all the schools on that day which will be represented in any one of the several contests to be given will have a holiday. This means that a good portion of Martin County will come to Williamston. Since the schools and communities, represented by some pupils from that place, feel almost duty bound to support their representative, there, no doubt, will be quite a number of school folks here. Then there are the good old-fashioned politicians, this and that town's leading business men, and the county's "uncles and aunts," without whom no public gathering could possibly be A-1, or what every one expects such to be.

These and others who may find time to come are cordially welcomed by both the school and the town. Though the plans for having dinner may not seem quite so inviting, the old-time hospitality and friendliness will not be lacking. Due to the fact that the program to be given at this time will bring the whole county, it has been decided to have a basket dinner instead of a public layout. Families that come or send representatives are invited to come and spread the contents of their baskets with those of other baskets brought from all over the county. Picnic ham, country sausage, barbecue, fried chicken, and all the "accessories" that go with picnic dinners will undoubtedly be spread on a 100-yard table that is being constructed on the campus.

Besides the regular indoor contests and activities, the local school is putting on a program of outdoor events. This program will consist of running, jumping, putting the shot, and races of all kinds—potato, suitcase, peanut, and three-legged. Both boys and girls may enter these contests. These events will be taking place at the same time the regular contestants will be comparing wits on the inside of the building.

A big day is being planned, and there is a welcome for all. The tender leaves that are fast darkening the shade in which the table is being constructed are inviting, the school says come, and the town has opened her gates to Martin county's school folks and all who are interested in the further enlightenment of her youth, both mentally and physically.

Easter Services at Episcopal Church

Rev. C. O. Pardo, Rector
9:00 a. m.—Holy Communion with junior choir.
10:00—Church School.
11:00—Choral Communion service and Easter sermon.

The chief festival of the Christian year is Easter. In the Episcopal church this Easter there will be elaborate musical numbers by the choir and the usual festival service.

There will be no night service.

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It is certain now that Williamston will have a license bureau here this year, the 50 members required by the club before a bureau could be established, having been gained, in the drive. License bureaus in Williamston, Weldon, Tarboro and Wilson will be maintained by the Carolina Motor club this year, according to a representative of the organization here yesterday.

Emblems of the club carrying "Williamston" on them will be sent the members of the club within the next few weeks.

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STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY

Tom Mix and Tony in one of their latest pictures
The Canyon of Light

Also
Two - Reel Comedy

NINTH EPISODE OF
"Officer 444"

Always a Good Show