

E. M. Poteat to Speak at Local Church Sunday

Noted Religious Statesman and Missionary Worker

The town of Williamston and Martin County are to be signally honored by the coming to Williamston of Dr. Edwin M. Poteat for a single speaking engagement next Sunday morning.

Dr. Poteat is the brother of the illustrious president of Wake Forest College, and is himself an educator of the first rank. Dr. Poteat was for a long time president of Furman University in South Carolina. He has long been prominently connected with religious and educational activities in the South, and was for years a leader and religious statesman in the North, with headquarters in New York City. He has two sons who are missionaries in the Far East, and five years ago he went out to visit them. On his passage to China, he was offered a chair in the Shanghai College, which he accepted; and for five years he has taught, preached, and lectured in China.

He is going to speak in the Memorial Baptist Church of Williamston Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, leaving immediately afterwards for an engagement in Chicago. The local Baptist church conceives it to be a notable piece of service to bring to Williamston, from time to time, men of note and ability in their respective fields. And not only will the local congregation be interested in such a man as Dr. Poteat, but the people at large will want to hear him. The pastor of the local Baptist church, in conference with the pastors of the local Methodist and Christian churches, learns that these two churches will have no service next Sunday morning. He, therefore, feels free to invite the people of these congregations to hear Dr. Poteat at this morning hour.

The people of the surrounding towns and rural sections are heartily invited to take advantage of this rare opportunity. In fact, everybody who is not engaged in a religious service at this time is cordially invited to hear Dr. Poteat.

He has just spoken before the sessions of the Southern Baptist convention in Louisville, Ky., and within the week preached the baccalaureate sermon for Meredith College, Raleigh. After speaking in Williamston, he goes immediately to Chicago to fill an important speaking engagement at the meetings of the Northern Baptist convention.

Comparing County And School Costs

Messrs. J. H. Alexander, cashier of the Scotland Neck Bank, and Norfleet Smith, treasurer of Halifax County, visited the various county offices here last week. While here they compared the county costs and school costs of Halifax with those of Martin. It is not known definitely the result of the comparison, but, according to a statement made by one of the two men, a favorable impression was made when they saw the several county books. Halifax is making a comparison of its county and school costs with those of all the adjoining counties.

Young Boy Dies at Home Near Bear Grass

Mayo, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Taylor, died at the home of his parents, near Bear Grass, Friday afternoon. Besides his parents, he leaves several brothers and sisters. The little fellow was very popular with the family and with a large number of friends.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY
A Ralph Ince Production of a Peter B. Kyne story "BREED OF THE SEA"
Also
Comedy and Serial and a Free ticket for Friday
DON'T MISS IT
Always a Good Show

Expect Big Boll Weevil Damage

The boll weevil, according to some reports, may be expected to appear in great numbers this year. Already the pest is found to be far more numerous in many sections than at the same time last year. It is hard to grow a profitable cotton crop if the boll weevil gets a large portion of it. The margin of profit is so small that a farmer can't lose a third or a fourth of a crop without showing a net loss.

Leaguers To Present Play

"Sweet Pickles and Hot Tamales" to be Staged Here Next Week

Preliminary arrangements have been made looking to a big home talent production of "Sweet Pickles and Hot Tamales," a Spanish-American musical comedy, to be given under the auspices of the Epworth League and its friends of Williamston and vicinity.

The cast is being chosen, and the various choruses, representing Spanish senoritas, American tourists, Ku Klux Klan, and midgets being selected for their vocal and histrionic talents.

The date for the production has been tentatively set for Thursday, June 2nd, and preliminary rehearsals have begun, under the personal direction of Albert L. Baker, of Cincinnati, Ohio, of the Baker Production Co.

The costumes are beautiful and the special scenery which is to be employed will enhance the picturesqueness of the enactment. There will be about 100 persons taking part.

Local School Honor Roll for Last Month

Even though the 1926-27 school session has closed, it seems to be no more than appropriate to mention the honor students of the last school month. The list, while not so long, carries the names of many who have attained the honor the greater part of the eight months.

First grade, Miss Lincke: John Boyd Fleming, Edgar Gurganus, Carlye Hall, Freddie Orleans, Ella Wynne Criteher, Julia Everette, Lois Taylor, Jean Watta, Ruby Harrison, Marjorie Lindsley, Addie Lee Meador.

Second grade, Miss Ivey: Thomas Sullivan, James Williams, Tona Ballard, Shamma Ramey, Mary Robertson, Delores Stalls, Evelyn Stalls.

Third grade, Miss Darlen: Thad Harrison, Ben Manning, Jim Manning, Milton James, Frances Cox, Jessie M. Holloman, Lorene Weaver, Kathleen Price.

Fourth grade, Miss Harper: Grace Manning, Billie Griffin.

Fifth grade, Miss Sample: Jennie G. Taylor.

Sixth grade, Miss Allen: Louise Perry, Nettie Ferrell Meador, Jennie S. Moore, Myrtle Brown, Julia Daniel.

Seventh grade, Miss Stanback: Wheeler Manning, Reg Simpson, Frances Bowen, Mary C. Williams.

Methodist Missionary Meeting at Lewiston

There will be a group meeting of the Woman's Missionary societies of the Methodist churches in this section Friday, May 27 at Lewiston on the Windsor charge. The meeting will be held at 7:30 and there will be two sessions. Each person going is asked to carry a very small lunch, something like a half dozen sandwiches. An excellent program has been arranged, one of the principal features of which will be a talk made by a missionary from India, dressed in the costume of the natives in India.

The ladies from the Williamston, Hamilton, Holly Springs and Vernon churches are urged to attend.—Reported.

12-Year-Old Boy Is Typhoid Fever Victim

Roy M., the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Taylor, who live in the Sweet Home section, died Friday evening from Typhoid Fever. He was buried Saturday at the James Rogers burial plot.

Several members of the Taylor family have had the disease, some of the other children now being dangerously ill.

Mail Workers To Meet Here Next Monday

175 U. S. Employees From Four Counties Are Expected

Postal employees of four counties, Bertie, Pitt, Beaufort and Martin, are planning a big day when they meet at the school building in their annual meeting. That day will be a holiday for Uncle Sam's employees and around 150 to 175 of them are expected to attend the meeting and bring their families.

The meeting's first session will be called at 11 a. m. by Mr. J. T. Price, local postmaster. Mayor R. L. Coburn will make an address of welcome and Judge Francis D. Winston will make the response. Congressman Lindsay Warren will deliver the main address at this session. At the conclusion of Mr. Warren's address, a basket picnic dinner will be served on the school grounds. The afternoon session will hear a discussion of the problems relative to organization of rural carriers and welfare councils.

The four-county association, of which Mr. J. E. Harrell, of this place, is president, is an active one. Its annual meetings are looked forward to by the postal employees of the four counties and on every occasion many things are done in behalf of the postal employees. The association is extending an invitation to postal employees in Washington county, and a large crowd is expected to be here that day.

Juniors To Install Officers Thursday

Martin Council, No. 122, Jr. O. U. A. M., will on Thursday night, at 8 o'clock, in the Junior Order hall, install officers for the next term of six months. All members are requested to be present and give the incoming officers a good start. All non-local Juniors are invited to attend.

J. M. ROGERSON, Retiring Counsellor.

Open Jefferson Davis Highway Saturday

Virginia will celebrate the opening of the Jefferson highway with elaborate ceremonies at Fredericksburg Saturday. The highway extends from Richmond to Washington and fills the final link in the north and south travel line with a good road. For years this has been the "miracle" that traffic so dreaded when going to points beyond Richmond.

Having a Successful Revival at Hookerton

Press reports coming from Farmville state that the revival at Hookerton, in which Mr. R. F. Pope, of this place, is conducting the singing, is meeting with much success. Rev. R. J. Lowe, who is conducting the revival, is delivering some very strong sermons and the song-services are proving of much interest. The revival ends there tomorrow night, and Mr. Pope will return here to be with his family a few days.

N. C. C. W. Alumnae Invited to Exercises

Miss Hattie V. Everett, chairman of the Martin County Alumnae Association for the North Carolina College for Women, in a recent letter, is urging all the alumnae in the county to attend the home-coming exercises at the College June 3-6. Miss Everett in her letter says "All-Martin County alumnae of the North Carolina College for Women, at Greensboro, are invited and urged to be present at the home-coming and dedication of the new auditorium at the college, beginning on Friday evening, June 3, when the class reunion suppers will be held, and closing Monday evening, June 6, with the annual commencement and the awarding of diplomas to the graduates of 1927. A great host of alumnae from all sections of the State is expected to attend, and it is hoped Martin County will be well represented."

According to a bulletin from the college, there are around 38 living alumnae in this county, and Miss Everett is urging each of them to attend the exercises. The dedication of the new auditorium will be a big event for the alumnae and those who aren't able to attend the entire commencement are urged to attend the exercises on Saturday, June 4, the time the dedication exercises will be held. The college will furnish rooms free of charge to the alumnae, and reservations should be made as soon as possible.

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Brown Will Case Attracts Much Interest

Number Local People Attending Court in Washington

For the past several days little groups have gathered on the main corners of the town here to hear second-hand evidence of the Brown will case now being held in Washington. Yesterday's testimony carried with it more interest than usual, and the little groups remained perfectly quiet while those who attended the court's sessions retold the evidence heard by them during the day.

Judge Henry Grady claimed the court's proceedings yesterday afternoon when he stated "Dr. Taylor said that when Judge Brown came to the hospital as a patient he had a delusion of poverty; that he was a pauper and an object of charity. Dr. Taylor said that he humored him. I then asked Dr. Taylor if he was not worth considerable property and speculated as to whether he had made a will.

"Dr. Taylor replied that he had made a will, but that it was of no worth the paper it was written upon. He said that he would swear in any court that the judge had been crazy for the past six months and had not had sense enough to make a will. He said that his brother, who is insane, there beside him, would swear to the same thing, though he had not seen his patient."

Dr. James K. Hall, of Westhook Sanatorium, has testified in the case, and according to his opinion Judge Brown was in an abnormal and irresponsible condition when he testified in the sanatorium in 1919 and not of sufficient mental ability to make a will, and that from the evidence that had been seen of even less disposing capacity when he did make his will in January before his death in March, 1925.

Just when the jury will get the case is not to be known. Those who have been attending the trial from here stated it will be as late as Friday, if not later, before the case will reach the jury.

According to reports, interest in the case at Washington has reached unbelievable heights, and long friendships are being shattered as the testimony goes on.

Judge Moore First Here To Learn Flyer's Success

"Just heard that Lindbergh landed" were the words of a Winston-Salem lawyer to Judge Chas. Moore here over long distance telephone late Saturday afternoon. "Lindbergh did what?" asked Mr. Moore. "No, the flyer?" stated the Winston-Salem man. "What, had a big fire there?" questioned the Judge. It was then that the newly appointed Judge turned his thoughts from judicial affairs, and learned that Captain Charles A. Lindbergh had been successful in his flight from New York to Paris.

"The St. Louis man left New York Friday morning at 7:30 and reached the French capital Saturday afternoon flying in the air alone for thirty-three and one-half hours. Lindbergh's flight has attracted world-wide attention, and is the first successful attempt. Other flyers are considering the trip, but no time has been set for their 'hoping off'."

Important Meeting Of Masons Tonight

There will be a regular communication of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 96, A. F. and A. M., at the usual hour at the Masonic Hall tonight. All Master Masons in good standing are cordially invited to attend. Officers and members of the third-degree, are especially urged to be present.

Woman's Club To Meet Wednesday

On account of the all-day district meeting to be held in Williamston by the Episcopal church next Thursday, besides other conflicts, the Woman's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 25, at 4 o'clock. This will be the last meeting until the fall, and it is hoped that all who possibly can will attend.

To Study 'Unpardonable Sin' at Mid-Week Meet

A study of the unpardonable sin will be the center of interest at the mid-week Bible study at the Baptist church Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. This is a theme of never-ending interest. And the Scriptures themselves will be examined for the teachings on this subject. The book to be studied this week is St. Matthew's Gospel. The membership of the church should attend.

Two School Elections To Be Held in County on July 5th

Favorable Vote Will Provide Eight Months School Terms in Smithwick and Williamston Districts

At a called meeting of the Martin County board of education here last week, two special elections were ordered, one to provide upon its passage, an eight-months school term for the Smithwick School District, the other to supplement the six-months schools with an eight-months term in Williamston Township.

The two elections will take place on July 5th; the voters in the Smithwick district will visit the polls at the old Smithwick Schoolhouse, on that date, while the "polling" place here will be the courthouse.

Gang Caught Robbing Store

Several Robberies Believed Solved in Capture of 3 Negroes

Simon Fagar, Jr., Amos Moore, and Solomon Green, all colored, were caught stealing gasoline and groceries from the store of Ned G. Gaird, on the Jameville road, Friday night. Tom Moore, a colored man, was walking along the road just a few feet from a man towards him from the store, which frightened him so badly that he yelled for assistance. The negroes cry for help woke Mr. Gaird, and as he rushed out, Fagar, Moore and Green ran over him.

They had emptied the gas tank and gotten together nearly all the small pieces of groceries in the store.

It now seems that both Fagar and Moore had developed into expert gas-tank thieves. They had a gas-tank crank, which was taken from N. J. Corey's tank on the Washington road several months ago, since which time a great many people around the county have missed gas from their tanks. It has also been felt that Fagar has not done much work for a number of months.

The Green boy, who is only about 14 years old, was apparently present into the service of the gang.

Episcopal Women To Meet Here Thursday

On Thursday morning at 10 o'clock there will convene in the Church of the Advent the first get-together meeting of the women of the Episcopal church in the Roanoke District. Representatives from the churches in Avoca, Roxoli, Woodville, Windsor, Hamilton, and Williamston will meet for organization.

The meeting will open following a celebration of the Holy Communion, the Rev. C. O. Parbo, celebrant, assisted by the Rev. Arthur J. Mackey, of Windsor. Mrs. R. T. Cox, of Winterville, will preside and assist in organizing the group for future activities.

The Rev. Arthur J. Mackey will make the principal address of the day. At 12:30 the ladies of the Church of the Advent will serve lunch in the parish house, after which the concluding business of the meeting will bring to a close the day.

Call of the Wild Lures Preachers Out of Town

The town was put upon its honor shortly after noon today when all of its pastors except one rode out of town to go "fishin'" at Swansboro. They won't be gone long, so the strain will be light from the standpoint of duration.

Rev. Mr. Dickey, of the Baptist church, is remaining at home while Rev. Mr. Lee, of the Methodist church, Rev. Mr. Manning, of the Christian church, Parson Pardo, of the Episcopal, and County Superintendent of Schools R. A. Pope are going to trap the fish. The teacher and three pastors will be joined in New Bern by Editor W. C. Manning. Going from New Bern, they will spend tonight in Swansboro and return home late tomorrow afternoon.

Joins Sales Force of Harrison Brothers

Mr. Roy Coburn, formerly of Robersonville, but who for the past several years has been in the employ of Punting & Sons, at Bethel, has accepted a position with Harrison Bros. & Co., local merchants. Mr. Coburn is an experienced clerk, having worked in the dry goods departments of J. H. Roberson & Co., of Robersonville, several years and with Bunting at Bethel for two years. He will work in the dry goods department in the store here.

Good Prices for Irish Potatoes Are in Prospect

Dry Weather Expected to Cause a Short Crop Here

According to a report made by a large Irish-potato planter here yesterday, a good price for the crop can be expected this year. His statement is subject to change, however, with weather conditions between now and digging time. The crop is selling in South Carolina at \$8 and \$9 a barrel, and it was the planter's opinion that the "spuds" in Eastern Carolina might bring a favorable price.

Farmers in communities near here report that their potato tops indicate barrels and barrels of potatoes, while the potatoes indicate a very small crop. One farmer, when judging the yield from the way the tops looked, stated he expected 1,500 barrels, but a closer investigation changed his estimate from 1,000 to 300 barrels. Unless rain falls within the next day or two, such a decrease can be expected to be general in this section, according to statements made by farmers.

Martin Pastor Holds Service at Sans Souci

Sans Souci, May 23.—(Special to The Enterprise)—Mother's Day was observed in Lawrence's Church, near here, yesterday. Rev. A. Corey had charge of the program. Mr. Corey states well among our Bertie people, and his congregation holds him in high regard. He is a strong preacher and a tactful pastor. Lawrence is one of the strong congregations of our county, taking its name from Elder Reuben Lawrence, a strong preacher who served Martin County churches before the Civil War.

Judge Francis D. Winston spoke on "Mother's Day" in the morning. A real old-fashioned Bertie dinner was served to the hundreds present. In the afternoon, Prof. J. L. Jones, of the Jameville High School, made a splendid address which greatly pleased the congregation. A special feature of the afternoon was the singing of a quartette composed of Messrs. J. L. Jones, Thomas White, J. E. White, and Judge Winston.

Local School Board Held Meet Friday

School problems held the local board of trustees in a three-hour session here last Friday afternoon. The business of the meeting dealt with the next year's school work, and while no definite action was made, plans were formulated for the running of the school next term.

Professor L. H. Davis will be back again next year, he having accepted the contract offered him by the local school board. The school's other teachers will not be known until June 1, or a few days thereafter, when they will accept or reject the contracts sent them by school heads.

In reviewing the session just closed, the school board spoke very favorably of the work accomplished by Professor Davis and his teachers, and expressed confidence in his leadership during the next term.

Modern Woodmen Have Good Meet at Everett

Everett, May 24.—The regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen camp at Everett held last night was greatly enjoyed when an ice cream supper was served at the close of the meeting.

With about fifty members of the organization present, a brief meeting was held and closed at 9:05 after which the ladies and visitors were admitted in the camp where cream was served them by the order.

We were glad to learn that we had present with us at this time, three of the members who started with the camp, known as the charter members they were Mr. V. G. Taylor, Me. G. Roberson and A. L. Raynor.

A honor the cream was served a contest was held. The following members were called upon to tell the crowd about woodcraft. Mr. J. Arthur Wynn told why he was a woodman. Mr. C. B. Redlick explained insurance protection at such low costs. Mr. W. F. Crawford brought the big figures of the society showing that there were more than one million, one hundred and twenty-one thousand members carrying insurance to the sum of over a billion dollars. One of the most interesting things was when the goat was turned loose and all of the strangers seemed to think we were ready to initiate them, or at least a few of them.

There was approximately one hundred and twenty-five present and everybody seemed to have enjoyed the occasion very much.—Reported.

Flood Relief Fund \$267.90

Will Not Stage Dances as Was Recently Suggested

Two donations, one of \$10, made by Mr. J. S. Whitley, and another by Mr. and Mrs. John R. Poe, amounting to \$2, by the Methodist church, and the Red Cross chapter here to \$110. A donation made by Margaret and acknowledged through the chapter here makes a grand total of \$267.90.

The local chapter's quota was \$150 and counting all donations, the amount raised has almost been doubled. With the quota almost doubled, for the purpose of raising funds, have been postponed. At the present, it is understood that nothing more will be done unless another call is made. How ever, all donations will be forwarded to the proper officials should any one care to offer aid to the flood sufferers.

Local Girl Is Honored At Lousiburg College

Honors have come to many of our young people who are away at school, but when Evelyn Harrison was elected to the presidency of both her sorority, the Sigma Delta, and the student government organization of Lousiburg College more honors were heaped upon her at one time than the average student receives during his or her whole college career.

Evelyn was already president of the Junior class and had also been a member of the W. C. A. cabinet. She was elected practically unanimously to the presidency of both her sorority and the student government body, this being very unusual in the case of the president of the student government.

It is useless to say that no young girl receives all these positions of honor unless she is held in the highest degree of esteem by both teachers and pupils of this venerable old school. She had good training at home, for it was always Evelyn that could be depended upon in both church and school work.

Principal Wants Names Of First-Year Pupils

To parents who will have children to enter Williamston school next fall let this be their first note:

We must know how many first grade children there will be in the Williamston school district to enter school next fall before the primary teachers can be employed. Those parents who have children becoming six years of age by October can benefit the school officials greatly by dropping the principal a card or seeing him on the street. The child's name, age and sex is wanted in the principal's office by June 1. A delay now will cause much friction and interruption next fall.

Please get this information in the office as soon as you can. It will be greatly appreciated.

L. H. DAVIS, Principal

Garden Terrace Hang-Out Raided Saturday

Police officers went out to look over the Garden Terrace hang-out Saturday, and found John Respass, colored proprietor, pouring out his liquor. John's place had been searched before, but the officers found him too quick, and he poured all of his liquor out as they approached. This time Chief of Police Daniels flanked him by watching from the rear of the building while Officers Cook and Grimes entered the front. Respass rushed ahead and emptied his jug, pouring the liquor between the ceiling and weatherboarding, so that it ran outside where Chief Daniels was standing.