

Plan Increased Equipment for Exchange Here

Will Make Williamston Important Toll Center of Carolina System

Williamston will soon be one of the most important telephone toll centers in this section of the State.

The Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co. has plans which will immediately be commenced which will give us direct lines to Norfolk, New Bern, Wilson, Elizabeth City, Edenton, and half a dozen other towns which are not now reached by direct wires from here.

The company will install repeaters in the office here. They have no other town in their entire system with such equipment, except at Weldon, where such service was established by the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. to use in connection with their service in this section of the State.

The large offices of the Carolina company at Henderson, Rocky Mount, Wilson, Fayetteville, New Bern, and Kinston are all without this type of equipment.

Williamston was the point selected as being the best located for such equipment. A study of eastern Carolina by the Southern Bell Telephone Co., of Atlanta, Ga., led them to recommend Williamston to the Carolina company as the logical place for the location of this equipment.

The repeater equipment is nothing more than a booster or transformer of the electric current on a telephone line, taking up a weak current and sending it out as a strong current. All very long lines must have them or the talking current will run so low that service will be impossible, and these devices provide the only way by which a conversation can be carried on across the continent.

According to officials of the Carolina company, they expect in the near future to install on their main toll lines what is known as the "carrier system," which means the use of the same line at the same time for two different conversations. This is done by using a higher electric wave frequency for one than the other, being the same principle as used by the radio, where the same elements are conducting a number of different messages, all unknown to the other because they use a different wave length.

When the Carolina company purchased the property of the Williamston Telephone Co. a year ago, officials of the Williamston company recommended the general layout to the Carolina company as it is now preparing to install. The Carolina company at that time did not fully appreciate the opportunity and built its Williamston office and equipment on a smaller scale. It now finds that both will have to be greatly enlarged and the office building completed less than 6 months ago will be remodeled and enlarged at once and a large quantity of new equipment will be installed.

Sunday Services at Methodist Church

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Services at 11 a. m. Services at Holly Springs at 3:30 p. m. The Woman's Missionary Society will hold its regular meeting at the church Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

On account of the revival at the Disciples Church, there will be no services at the Methodist Church Sunday night.

A. F. Manning, of Middlesex, has been in this section this week looking after the timber interests of the Montgomery Lumber Co.

Fair Association Books Higgins' Concert Band For 1927 Roanoke Fair

BARITONE VOCALIST



HARRY DEGRAY
Mr. DeGray, who assists the Higgins' Hussar Band, has won many laurels throughout the States with his deep mellow baritone voice and as an artist in singing.

Local Church's Revival to End Sunday Night

"When Chief of Sinners Was Converted," Is Subject Tonight

On Tuesday night Evangelist DeGafferly preached on slaves. He took his text from John 8:34, "I say unto you that every one who commiteth sin is a slave to sin." He said, in part, "The true Christian is the only man who is not a slave. There are some people in bondage who think themselves most free. Better to be a literal slave than a slave to sin." The evangelist then went on to speak of various kinds of slavery and said that all these can be summed up under three heads, slaves to error, to a lie, to ignorance. He then made a comparison between the condition of a physical slave and a slave to sin. He said there are slaves who have grown afraid of freedom. Men who are afraid to be Christians and assume the place of dignity and responsibility that God would give them. All this, he said, prepares us for that all-important question, "can man be delivered from this awful bondage?" The true answer is in Jesus Christ, who creates in man a sense of personal responsibility, personal worth, and his right relationship to God.

On Wednesday night, Dr. DeGafferly brought one of his strongest sermons on the subject, "Meeting God Face to Face." He said that 2,700 years ago the Prophet Amos said, "Prepare to meet thy God," and that was a message for today. "The sublime assumption of the Bible," said the evangelist, "is the fact that there is a God. God is man's great necessity. To meet God face to face man is commanded. Man must prepare for things less important, why should he not prepare to meet God. This command is more than authority, it is an utterance of God's love. Every one must meet God face to face, and this thought is wonderful, because man is made like God intellectually. How shall this preparation be made? By getting rid of all other Gods. Meet God here and now, meet Him through Jesus Christ."

Last night was a special service. The first part of the service was a remarkable demonstration by the children whom the evangelist has been training for more than a week in song and Bible drills. Every one was pleased and greatly surprised at such fine work learned so quickly and well by the boys and girls. They answered more than a hundred questions on the Bible. Dr. DeGafferly delivered a special sermon to them on, "The Two Builders." He based his remarks on what Jesus said concerning the two men, one who built his house upon the rock and the other upon the sand. "To dig deep," said the evangelist, "is against the spirit of the times. Men are prone to build superficially. You people try to 'get by' in school. A building is determined by its foundation; it can not be more commodious nor enduring than its foundation. So it is with character. The work of digging must be done before decoration. Jesus is the Rock of Ages and the only reliable foundation.

The sermon theme for tonight is, "When the Chief of Sinners Was Converted." There will be no service Saturday night, but Sunday will be the big closing day. In the morning the sermon theme will be, "The Mind of the Master"; at night, "Making Light of Christ and Salvation."

Considered Equally As Good as Royal Scotch Highlanders

The famous Higgins' Hussar Band will play the fair here this year, according to Mr. J. L. Rodgerson, manager of the fair. Mr. Rodgerson states that the Higgins' Band has been a popular number on programs all over the country. It has a reputation equal that of the MacDonald's Scotch Highlander's Band, according to those who have heard performances of the two.

Mr. Frank F. Higgins, director of the famous band that bears his name, is formerly from Boston, and he will present 15 first-class musicians and soloists in the latest musical entertainment consisting of popular and classical band selections.

Mr. Harry DeGray, a noted baritone, accompanies the band, making it one of the main features of the programs rendered by Mr. Higgins' 15 musicians all over the States.

Since its establishment, the Roanoke Fair Association has always provided the best in musical entertainment, and this year, Mr. Rodgerson states, will be no exception to the rule.

New Purchasers of Cars Get Concession on Tags

Raleigh, June 14.—A ruling yesterday by Commissioner of Revenue R. A. Doughton to the effect that all applicants for titles or licenses dated June 15 or later covering purchases of new or second hand cars would be permitted to purchase a new tag and would not be required to pay for six months' license expiring June 30, served to remove much of the practical effect from the previous ruling that new tags would not be recognized prior to July 1, but left that ruling still in effect.

C. W. Roberts, executive officer of the Carolina Motor Club and of the Automotive Trade Association, who in his former capacity is in charge of the 36 branch offices for the sale of tags issued a statement in which he said that purchase of the new tag would be sufficient on all purchases of automobiles on June 15.

However, Sprague Silver, chief of the automobile bureau, stated that instructions to indict all owners operating under new tags still stood and that the only purpose of the new ruling was to avoid the necessity of returning applications for additional remittances.

Commissioner Doughton stated that in making the new ruling he reserved the right for the department to make inquiry and prosecute if any automobile had been operated without proper license.

Local Agent Sells Many Frigidaires

Mr. O. S. Anderson, local agent for the Frigidaires, unloaded a half carload of the machines here this week. The majority of the Frigidaires are especially built for the smaller user, there are several of the larger machines in the shipment for commercial use.

Mr. Anderson stated that the shipment was practically all sold and that he was expecting several more individual orders to arrive within the next few days.

Sunday Program at Church of the Advent

Rev. C. O. Pardo, Rector
First Sunday after Trinity:
8:00 a. m., Holy Communion.
11:00 a. m., Morning prayer and sermon.
10:00 a. m., Church school.
3:30 p. m., Holy Trinity Mission.

There will be no evening service as an act of courtesy to the Christian Church congregation and pastor, who are conducting an evangelistic meeting. The rector urges the church people to attend this service.

T. JONES TAYLOR CALLER IN TOWN YESTERDAY
Mr. T. Jones Taylor was a caller in our office yesterday. Mr. Taylor says the crops in his section are, in his opinion, as good as he has ever seen for the season. He further stated that many of the farmers are moving just a little nearer the poorhouse each year.

W. O. SAUNDERS TO TALK TO GIRLS CLUB MEMBERS
W. O. Saunders, editor of the Independent, of Elizabeth City, passed through town Thursday on his way to Camp Leach, near Washington, where he will address the girls' club members of several counties who are camping and taking lessons there.

Club Members Return From Week in Camp

Miss Anna Trentham in Charge of Economics Instruction

According to a report by Miss Ruby Gurkin, secretary, the several county economics clubs had a most delightful and beneficial week at Camp Leach recently. The 26 club members with Miss Anna Trentham, county home demonstrator, and Messdames T. B. Brandon and Jimmie Harrison, chaperones, left here Tuesday morning, June 7, for a week's outing and economic instruction on the Pamlico.

At the very outset, the outing took on the appearance of camp life. The girls would rise at 6 in the morning, go through their morning physical exercise, enjoy a few minutes' swim in the river and then dress for breakfast.

At 8:30, the club members assembled for class instruction; and, according to reports, Misses Lois Kainwater, of Jackson, Anna Trentham, and Mrs. Harrison did much for the girls by giving them practical lessons in the various phases of economics as related to the home.

During the week several ladies from the county visited the girls and delivered lectures during their stay. Mrs. V. A. Ward, of Robertsonville, using as her subject, "Think for Yourself," made a splendid talk which was well received by the club members. On Thursday, Messdames A. R. Dunning and W. C. Manning gave several food demonstrations and mentioned the right foods for health.

Rev. Richard Bagby, of the Washington Christian Church, visited the camp Sunday and made an excellent talk to the young ladies. The Wednesday before Dr. Bagby made his talk to the girls, Mr. R. J. Peel, of this place, visited the camp and led the clubs in the evening devotional exercises. The week's program was a most varied one, and one that was thoroughly enjoyed by the group.

The 4-H Clubs, as they are known, are made up by girls from Jamesville, Robertsonville, Hampton, Parmele, Williamston, Bear Grass, and Gold Point. The clubs have a very large membership, and it was regretted that so few were able to join in or the trip.

Miss Gurkin, in her report on the trip, spoke very highly of the agent's work, and stressed the great value derived from the training and instruction given while at the camp.

Thirteen Criminal Cases on Docket

Martin County Superior Court will convene Monday with Judge R. A. Nunn presiding. The criminal docket has only 13 cases for trial, 6 of them being cases on appeal from the Recorder's court. Of the thirteen cases, eleven of the criminal laws are alleged to have been violated.

Two cases are for housebreaking; two cases for violating the liquor law; and one each for larceny, assault, murder, assault with deadly weapon, manslaughter, fornication, carrying concealed weapons, reckless driving, and cruelty to animals.

The case against Oscar Wynne for killing his 5-day-old baby, is the only charge of capital felony.

Ephraim Woolard is charged with manslaughter as the result of an automobile wreck near here April 29, when a car driven by him struck another, driven by John A. Brickhouse, of Grimesland, resulting in the death of W. W. Brickhouse, of Columbia, and injuring several others.

There has been no civil calendar prepared by the court and the bar. However, the last term of the court set for trial at this term four cases.

J. Henry Gurganus Has Narrow Escape

Mr. J. Henry Gurganus suffered a very painful accident Wednesday while trimming a mule's mane. The animal became frightened and started running; a line which was tied around the mule's neck caught Mr. Gurganus by the foot and the mule ran around the lot several times before the line broke and released Mr. Gurganus, who found that he had no broken bones nor dangerous bruises, but the shake up put him in bed. He thinks the breaking of the rope saved his life.

WELL-KNOWN GOLD POINT FARMER VISITOR

Hymen Warren, of Gold Point, was a visitor at the office yesterday. He says his crop is only fair, and that while he has improved his seed until he has the very best corn and cotton he has not been able to fully outgrow the 1920 blight.

Only Seven Days Remain to Register for School Election

Town to Submit Counter-Proposal to V. E. & P. Co.

Details of Counter-Offer Not Known at Present; To Be Submitted to Company at Once

At a meeting here last Wednesday night, the town commissioners appointed Attorney R. L. Coburn to draw up a paper to submit to the Virginia Electric & Power Co. relative to selling to that company the right to retail electric current and power here.

The terms to be embodied in the proposal are not known, and since the proposal has not been completed, no details could be learned this morning. The papers will be carried before the commissioners at once, and passed on to the Virginia company. It might be that the town's proposal to the power company will either call for the purchase of franchise and all equipment, or for the franchise alone. The acceptance of the proposal by the power company is a matter for speculation, but should it be accepted it is understood that the proposition will be placed before the people for their approval or rejection as soon as possible.

It is rumored that if the power company rejects the proposal, other propositions will be given further consideration; it was stated yesterday afternoon.

Quota Includes Roads Built by County Funds

Martin County Spent Over \$550,000 for Its Roads and Bridges

The State is now paying the counties that made loans to the highway commission, for building purposes the sum of \$8,000,000.

Martin County had the distinguished honor of contributing the little sum of \$401,000, but they say we are not to get ours back.

However, that is not all. The highway commission is charging Martin County with the roads that were built by its own money, and are even charging the county with the \$150,000 we gave on the Roanoke bridge, nearly all of which was spent in Bertie County.

It really seems that the commission is treating the county worse than Jesse James did his victims. When he held a fellow up and took all he had, he at least did not set up any further charges against him. So if the highway commission is not going to pay us back, then they should not charge us with the mileage we built with our own money in the equalizing distribution to the counties.

Rev. A. Corcy says the slick road from Williamston to Jamesville will slip you in the ditch unless you use the greatest precaution, and, he says, it would help it to cover it with about 7 inches of concrete.

Big-Legged-Pants Save Life of Boy

The first event yet recorded to commend big-legged trousers occurred in Jones County a few days ago, when a youngster who was working on a farm, wearing a pair of the Oxford bag trousers, was struck by a large rattlesnake.

The young man's leg was so far from the edge of the big trousers that all of the force of the snake was exhausted before the fangs reached the young man. The snake tore one of his fangs out by having it hung in the big trousers' leg.

Baptists Announce Program for Week

Next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, the regular mid-week Bible study will be resumed. Sunday morning the pastor will preach, having for his theme, "The Fruits of Righteousness." Those who will do so are asked to read, before the service Galatians 5:22-23 and Matthew 7:16-20.

There will be no service at this church Sunday night, because this will be the last service of the series which have been going on at the Christian church.

Now that vacation time is upon us, it may be necessary to remind the people that it is never wise to leave the church week out of one's program. There is a time for everything under the sun, and first things should come first, in summer as well as in winter.

3 Children Killed by Cars Within 24 Hours

Three children, each five years old or under, were killed in the city of Greensboro within 24 hours Sunday and Monday by automobiles. Two of them were run over by drivers of cars and the other one was killed when the car in which it was riding turned over.

Warehousemen to Meet Tomorrow

The local warehousemen are scheduled to meet tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the office of the Dixie Warehouse, according to information from one of the warehousemen this morning. The nature of the business was not stated, but the meeting will be of much importance, and the warehousemen are urged to attend.

Recorder Has But Few Cases

Violator of Liquor Law Fined \$150; Isaac Lee in Court Again

Interest in the recorder's court here last Tuesday centered around two cases, the Hill Johnson liquor case and the Isaac Lee abandonment case.

Hill Johnson, a colored man living at the edge of town, skipped officers when they searched his house for liquor last Saturday and he was not at the hearing held before justice of the peace A. T. Crawford. He was caught later in his home behind the organ and carried before Judge Bailey last Tuesday. Pleading guilty to the charge, he was fined \$150 and required to pay the costs of the action. A six months road sentence was suspended upon the defendant's showing good behavior.

Isaac Lee, colored, was in court about two weeks ago facing an abandonment charge. The judge at that time had the case continued for two weeks with the possibility that Lee would return to his wife and young child, but nothing so good as that came about. Soon after the hearing of the case that day, he wrote a letter, indignant in nature, and told his wife that he would not return to her, would not pay the doctor's bill or make any amends whatever. The case came up again yesterday and Lee was required to pay the doctor's bill and pay to the mother \$5 each month for six months when another disposition of the case will be made.

There were six other cases on the Tuesday docket, but they were of little or no importance.

Skewarkee Lodge Elects New Officers

The annual election of officers of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., was held at the regular meeting of the lodge on Tuesday night.

Luther Peel was elected Master, N. C. Green Senior Warden, L. H. Gurganus Junior Warden, C. D. Carstarphen, treasurer, and C. D. Carstarphen, jr., secretary.

These officers will be installed at meeting to be held after St. John's Day. A public installation of the new officers is being considered.

Sunday Services at Christian Church

Rev. Asa J. Manning, Pastor.
Sunday school session at 9:45. W. C. Manning, superintendent.
Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Dr. A. F. DeGafferly, of Danville, Ill., will preach. Sermon subject, "The Mind of the Master."

Evening evangelistic service. Sermon theme, "Making Light of Christ and Salvation." This is the closing service of the revival. A love offering will be taken for the evangelist.

Urge Voters to Register For Special Election On July 5th

For a bigger and better school in Williamston Township, the people only have seven more days to work.

You can register tomorrow and any day next week. If you do not, then you will have no voice whatever in saying whether or not the township shall have a bigger and better school. The registration books are located at the Farmers Supply Co., on Washington Street, and Roy T. Griffin is registrar. The election will be held on Tuesday, July 5.

Our weakness now is because of the poor educational opportunities of one hundred, fifty and twenty-five years ago. The social, religious, and business standing of this community fifty years hence depends upon what we do now. If we are to keep step with the rest of the world, then we must do our best. The best thing we can give our children is education, and the public school is the best known way.

It is now expected that the county will be able to reduce the general tax about 5 cents on the \$100 valuation to run the schools for the six-months term. This comes about through the enlargement of the equalization fund from the State; and indications now are that the county will be able to reduce the tax even more next year. This will help the people to put more in the special fund to provide a longer term.

Register before the closing of the books on June 25, and vote on July 5th for bigger and better schools for Williamston Township.

Fair Is Fortunate in Booking Reiss Shows

"I have bought all my advertising matter, made all arrangements in connection therewith, but I would throw it all away and postpone our fair a week if we could get the Nat Reiss Shows to furnish the amusements for us this year," were the words of one fair manager in the eastern part of the State to a representative of the Enterprise day before yesterday.

He had seen the Nat Reiss Shows, and he knew that they would furnish amusement, and at the same time enhance the rating of his fair, or else in such statement would have been made. The local management considers the booking of the Nat Reiss Shows highly important, and when he commends them to the Roanoke Fair patrons he does so along with hundreds of newspapers all over the country where these shows have played.

The fair, September 27-30, is only a little over three months off, and preparations are going on daily to make it one of the best yet.

Club Girls Form County Council

While at Camp Leach last week, members of the Martin 4-H clubs organized a girls' county council, one of the most important organizations yet found for forwarding home demonstration work in a county according to leaders in that field. The council is made up of girls from all over the county, and while its membership at the present time is not very large, an increase is expected when the council holds its first meeting in September.

Miss Icelene Martin, of Jamesville, was made the council's first president; Miss Vera Rogers, of Bear Grass, was elected secretary; Miss Pauline Jenkins, of Robertsonville, is the council's first vice president, and Miss Emma Hurst, of Gold Point, was made treasurer by the members of the organization.

Martin County to Get More Aid for Schools

The State Equalization Board is almost ready to distribute the \$3,500,000 educational equalization fund for schools. Ninety of the 100 counties will receive this amount; the other ten receiving none.

The poorer counties will get most of the fund, while the large rich counties will get nothing. Wilson is the only county in this section of the State that will not appear in the receiving line.

Martin County received about \$11,000 last year from the same source but in a smaller distribution. This year, according to Hon. P. H. Johnson, the member of the board from the first district, Martin County will probably get something like \$20,000 more than last year. However, it may vary some, with reasonable hope that it will be more.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY

BUCK JONES
THE KING OF COWBOYS

in
"30 BELOW ZERO"

Also
TWO REEL COMEDY
"Charley, My Boy"

And
SERIAL
"The POWER GOD"

Always a Good Show.