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New Quarters Are Allotted to County Officers

Office-Moving Day Will Take Place Within Next Few Weeks

The county commissioners yesterday allotted to the county officials their offices. The register of deeds and clerk of the court now occupy the two lower offices in the courthouse annex, and the home agent is comfortably located on the second floor of the annex. Sheriff Roebuck will retain his present office but will have added to it a small room now used by the superintendent of schools. Mr. Pope, the superintendent, goes to the office formerly occupied by Mr. Peel, clerk of the superior court. Mr. T. B. Brandon, county agent, will establish himself in the room now used by the county school superintendent. The commissioners supervised the old register of deeds' office for their use, and besides meeting there they will keep many of the books used in connection with their meetings there. These changes will do away with crowded conditions long experienced at the courthouse.

Some repairs will be necessary in many of the offices, but it is understood that they will not be an extensive nature.

During the past several years, the grand jury room has been one of the busy centers in the old courthouse. In it the two demonstrators had their office desks, papers, and other demonstration material. The county commissioners held all their meetings there and during court week the grand jury occupied the room. In spite of the crowded conditions, things went very well, but the county workers are much pleased with the thoughts that they will be more adequately housed when moving day comes around within the next few weeks.

Few Owners Having Auto Lights Adjusted

Officials at the Williamston Motor Co. stated yesterday that very few automobile owners were complying with the law requiring all lights on cars to be adjusted. Since the first of this month, the time the station here has been testing lights, not more than 150 car owners have had their lights tested.

The State was a bit late in appointing the inspectors for all sections, and so far there has been no arrests made where auto owners have failed to comply with that particular law. Just how long the State will hold off is not known.

The local inspectors stated that the majority of the car owners are charged only 75 cents, the minimum amount set by the State. However, the cost for adjustment runs up in those cases where many new parts are required to put the lights in proper order.

Few Cars Without New License Tags

Automobilists have bought licenses more promptly this year than ever before. A count of one block on Main Street early Friday morning showed 38 cars equipped with the new tags and only 2 with old ones. The number of out-of-State licenses was unusually small, only two being counted, one from Virginia and one from California.

Police officers say they have made no arrests for old licenses yet, and so far they have found that most of those who are still using the old licenses have filed their application and are going through the process of procuring titles.

COMMUNITY SADDENED BY DEATH OF BELOVED PASTOR, A. J. MANNING

Hundreds of Friends Pay Last Respects at the Funeral and Burial Here Yesterday Afternoon

Rev. A. J. Manning, beloved pastor of several churches in this county, died here Sunday morning at 7:30, after an illness lasting only a few hours.

While Mr. Manning had been in feeble health for the past several years, he retired Saturday night feeling better than usual. Soon after retiring he became nauseated, but still his condition did not cause serious alarm. It was shortly after midnight that the family physician was summoned to the bedside, but the condition of the greatly beloved pastor was beyond human aid. Stricken with paralysis, he lost use of his entire body, and not more than two or three low words were uttered afterwards when his brother reached him. Consciousness gradually failed him, and several hours before the end he was not aware of the presence of those who diligently tried to revive him, and it was just at the time that many of the town's citizens were making early preparations to worship at his church that the last breath left him.

Asa James Manning was born on a small farm in a humble home December 9th, 1869, the son of John W. Manning and his wife, Sarah Margaret Daniel.

He grew up under the handicaps which usually surrounded the country boy of his day. Yet he was blessed with the freedom and grandeur of nature in its natural state which he always enjoyed and which gave him a noble vision of life. He was also blessed in having a father and mother who were willing and anxious that he not lose a day from the little three-months country school, which was the only kind in reach. After completing the work in these, he attended the village school in Jamesville for a year, and then the next year he spent at Vine Hill Academy at Scotland Neck, which was then the leading school in this part of the State.

He then spent a year in the Shenandoah Normal School of Virginia, where he came under the tutelage of G. W. Hoenshel, one of the great English and history teachers of his day.

He began teaching in the little country schools when he was 21 years of age and as an instructor succeeded well. He was especially strong in history and could present it to a class as few men could. He was principal of Carolina Institute, a private school located at Old Ford, in Beaufort County for a few years. In 1899 he began teaching in Ayden, N. C., where the Christian Church planned to found a Carolina Christian College and for four years he gave his best service to the institution, which did a splendid service. It was found impractical to attempt such a vast undertaking in such a small town, and the school was suspended there and reorganized at Wilson. The work had not been in vain, however, as the lives of many fine young men and women had been inspired with the principles that make good citizens. Several of these attended his funeral here yesterday.

The appeal came to help his home folks, and he went to Jamesville, where he taught and managed some commercial affairs for several years. The declining health of an aged father called him to even a nobler service and he went to the old home farm in 1906, where he engaged in farming for a few years.

He was elected cashier of the Bank of Jamesville, and he handled the affairs of the bank without help for three years, during which time its business was conducted without a loss and his books were turned over to his successor in perfect balance.

He resigned his position in the bank to accept the office of County Superintendent of Schools in 1914 which position he held until August 1923. During his nine years in this position he found his hardest task. Although he regarded it as one of the outstanding opportunities that had ever come to him to serve his fellowmen, it was soon to become a burden almost unsurmountable. The war drew most of the teachers out of the schools and the new order of things required teachers to have units rather than experience and he found it impossible to run the schools with the money at hand, as teachers were demanding salaries twice as high as they had received in the past. While the program for better schools grew rapidly for both buildings and higher grade teachers, the funds had not been provided for by law and they could not meet the demands. He knew no politics and refused to play them which was necessary to get State aid, but preferred to stand or fall by the service he had rendered.

Since 1923 he has not been able to do very much and gave energy as he

was able to his farming interests and his ministry. Until he was well in middle age, he gave little attention to business for his own benefit, but rather contented himself by serving without attempting to accumulate things for himself. Yet, seeing the need to care for and educate a large family of children he purchased some farm lands. But he had little of the cold blood of business in his veins, and assuming all men to be honest, he sometimes trusted too great and most of his farming ventures turned out unprofitable. This was followed by the great deflation crash which sent prices to an unusually low level and drove farm values so low that he was forced to abandon much of his interests. This was a peculiar sting which gave him considerable trouble, yet he refused to yield his life to the force of financial disappointments but like Job said, "The He Slay Me, Yet Will I Trust Him," Preferring the richness of the spirit to the wealth of the world, he cultivated the spirit of human kindness and with his fellowmen he cultivated beautiful associations.

He married Miss Blanche Hodges, daughter of the late James H. Hodges and wife, Amanda Stancil Hodges, of Beaufort county, January 3, 1900, which union was blessed with the spirit of love and harmony. There were born to them seven children, five boys, James C., Robert, Henry Stancil, Asa J., Jr., and Charles and two girls, Ruth and Grace, who is nine years old and the youngest of the children. He had only two brothers, W. C. Manning, of Williamston, and Jos. E. Manning, of Jamesville.

When he was 21 years old he united with the Christian church at Jamesville and when about 30 years old, he began to hold religious services which he continued for several years before he was ordained to the ministry the fifth Sunday in March, 1907 at Pantego.

Since that time he has preached almost every Sunday. During the first half of his ministry he contributed his services almost free and he never received above a meager sum from any church that he served. He never murmured nor complained. His attitude in the pulpit was spiritual giving little attention to formalities. He was always able to fill his sermons with the gospel truth but was never strong in trying to arouse the emotions of his hearers. Until overburdened with ill health about 8 years ago, his power to unfold and to analyze the scriptures was regarded as very strong. He possessed the power to present his subject with ease and frequently displayed elegant flights of oratory.

He served the Macedonia church as pastor for more than fifteen years, Williamston for almost as long and had been pastor of the Maple Grove church since its organization more than twelve years ago. He had also served various churches for part time in Martin and Washington counties. The last work of his life was the reading of the Holy Scriptures in preparation for his Sunday morning sermon. Leaving his bible on his desk in his study, he went to bed about nine o'clock, remarking to his wife that he wanted a few more minutes to finish preparing his sermon. It is not known but from the sermon context and the page of the bible, it appears that the following verse was the last he read, the 10th verse of the last chapter of Matthew, "Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid; go tell my brethren that they go unto Galilee and there they shall see me."

The funeral attendance was the largest ever gathered in Williamston. People of all classes, the rich and the poor came to pay their last respects to their friend who had served them and sympathized with them in days gone by. The Christian church was large enough to seat only a few of the immense crowd. Around the bier lay many and lovely floral designs, coming from friends and churches expressing their love and esteem for their friend.

Rev. Richard Bagby, pastor of the Washington Christian church, conducted the funeral service. The choir composed of the members of each of the churches in town sang among his favorite songs, "Lead Kindly Light," "Abide with Me" and "It is Well with My Soul." Elder Sylvester Haesell, Reverends T. W. Lee, C. H. Dickey, and C. O. Parde, ministers of this town and R. L. Shirley, who formerly lived here, spoke very briefly but beautifully of their friendship and esteem for him. The words of each were sufficient to convince one that the life that humbly itself and serves others will reap its reward, and though a man may seem to lose

Sunday School Meet Sunday In Jamesville

Poplar Chapel Quartet and Dardens Girls To Appear on Program

The next Sunday school convention will be at Jamesville Sunday, July 17, when Sunday schools from all over that township gather there to take part in a carefully arranged program. The musical feature of the convention is expected to be most pleasing when the male quartette from Poplar Chapel and girls from the Dardens Sunday school render selections.

The following program, while it is almost complete, is subject to a slight change by the county president, Jas. L. Roberson, so as to meet the needs of the Sunday schools in the Jamesville Township if necessary:

- 3:00. Devotional. Song, Scripture reading and prayer, led by Geo. D. Leggett.
- 3:15. "How to Reach Adults and Hold Them in the Sunday School," by R. A. Pope.
- 3:35. Song (special music if possible).
- 5:40. "Meeting the Needs of the Young People Through the Sunday School," by R. J. Peel.
- 4:00. Song.
- 4:05. "The Greatest Need in Our Sunday School," or "One Good Feature of Our Sunday School." (Three minute messages from some representative from each Sunday school.)
- 4:30. Business session. Election of officers (vice president and secretary for the township).
- Record of attendance.
- 4:40. Adjourn.

Three Autos Wrecked Near Here Sunday

An auto wreck styled after the three-in-one variety occurred near here on Highway No. 90 last Sunday evening shortly after dark when an Essex coach hit a Ford roadster and a Ford touring car. The Essex was coming toward Williamston, and the Ford roadster, towing the Ford touring car, was entering the highway from the road leading from Skeawakee church.

The driver of the Essex, Mr. A. S. Jordan, who works for a hardware concern in Plymouth, and whose home is in Farmville, and his wife were cut in the accident, but not seriously. Mervin Bonds, driver of the Ford roadster, escaped injury, but was badly frightened. He, with the driver of the touring car, left the scene immediately after the accident and ran home for Mr. Bonds.

Several descriptions of the accident have been given, some leading to the conclusion that the Essex coach was traveling at a fast rate of speed, but had the right of way. The boys state that they were on the dirt where the road from the church joined the concrete. The Essex car hit the roadster and then took a crack at the touring car, causing about an equal damage to all three cars.

L. E. Corey Dies in Griffins Township

L. E. Corey, of Griffins township, died yesterday afternoon. He was the son of the late Joseph and Hanna J. Corey. He was 64 years old, never married and for several years he had lived alone.

He leaves two brothers, D. W. Corey, of Boston and Rev. A. Corey of Jamesville, and three sisters, Mrs. W. R. Roebuck, of Bear Grass, Mrs. Dora Perkinson, of Baltimore and Mrs. Sallie Moore, of Graham, Va. For a number of years, Mr. Corey had been in poor health. He suffered a stroke of paralysis a few months ago, but recovered so that he was able to get around without assistance, until ten days ago when a second stroke occurred, which was the direct cause of his death.

His body will be buried at 4 o'clock at the Daniel cemetery where several generations of his ancestors lie. The funeral rites will be conducted by Elder W. B. Harrington.

Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Larkin, of Tarboro, spent the week end here with Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Warren.

His power among men, the life that is spent in the service of God and humanity will shine among men and angels.

The burial was at the Baptist cemetery. The active pall bearers were Messrs. C. O. Moore, Simon Lilly, J. D. Woodard, George H. Harrison, Henry D. Harrison and Norman K. Harrison. Honorary pall bearers were Drs. W. E. Warren, J. S. Rhodes, J. H. Saunders, P. B. Cone, J. E. Smithwick, of Jamesville, H. B. York, R. J. Peel, T. F. Roberson, F. K. Hodges, A. R. Dunning and C. D. Carstarphen.

Board Takes Up Tax Equalization

Budget Covering Three Funds Accepted Yesterday

The Martin County Board of Commissioners met here yesterday in a continued session and as an equalization board as provided by law. The meeting was of the double-barreled nature, the continued business from the July fourth meeting was finished and the equalization of property values was gone into.

Yesterday the board, with the tax supervisors, J. T. Barnhill, Sylvester Peel, and H. S. Everett, went into the valuation of several pieces of property and changes were made. A few pieces of land had the value increased and a few had the value decreased. The business pertaining to equalization was far from finished when the board adjourned yesterday, and the tax supervisors are here again today working on the problems before them. They are not meeting with the county commissioners, but are going ahead with the work of equalization subject to the final approval of the commissioners. Just how long it will require to finish the work is not known. The law says the board may adjourn from day to day while engaged in the equalization of property, but shall complete all work on or before the first Monday in August. The law further holds that the board shall equalize the valuation so that each tract or lot of land or article of personal property shall be entered on the tax list at its true value in money, and for this purpose they shall either increase or decrease the valuation. In doing this they shall, the law states, have due regard to the relative situation, quality of soil, improvements, natural and artificial advantages possessed by each tract or lot.

The tax-list takers from all the townships have turned in their listings, and the tax supervisors have, for comparison of values listings from all over the county.

In facing the budget prepared by the county auditor, the commissioners made a few minor changes in some of the appropriations, but in the main the budget appropriations were untouched. The appropriations of this budget follow closely those used last year, and in so doing compare favorably with those of the preceding year.

The budget was accepted covering the general county fund, road and bridge fund, and interest and sinking fund. The school budget will be handled later.

In handling continued business, the board, upon motion of T. C. Griffin, seconded by T. B. Slade, Jr., ordered that a certain vacant lot in the town of Williamston lying on the north side of Main Street and adjoining the apartment building of Mrs. Fannie C. Stator, belonging to Mrs. C. B. Hassell, and on which lot the county holds a mortgage, be released from the liability of this mortgage upon the condition that said mortgage be reduced to \$4,000, including interest and all taxes up to 1927, and upon further condition that the rents of certain brick stores on the south side of Main Street occupied by the D. Pender store be paid to the county.

A loan of \$1,500 was ordered made out of the interest and sinking fund to Mr. J. R. Leggett, the loan to be secured by house and lot in the town of Williamston upon the passing of the title by the county attorney and proper execution of deed of trust.

John Drew was placed on the county aid list and he is to receive \$3 each month.

To help defray the burial expense, the county paid to the S. R. Biggs Drug Co. \$10 each for the burial of Jack Furrington, Mrs. J. D. Hurst, and Geo. E. Wynne, paupers.

T. B. Slade, Jr., and J. E. Pope were appointed a committee to meet with the county board of education and go over the school budget for the ensuing year at a date to be designated by the county superintendent of schools.

Thousands Planning to Attend Bridge Opening

Officials in charge of the Chowan bridge celebration are expecting thousands of people at the formal opening there tomorrow week. More than 10,000 people are looked for, and the people of Eden and that section are making extensive plans to care for the throngs.

Engineer Snyder, of the Nello Teer Contracting Co., states that the road to the bridge will be in good shape by the opening day, and that traffic can travel with all ease.

Bazemore Sentenced To Die August 3rd

George Frank Bazemore, murderer of Gordon Yelverton, will go to the electric chair in Raleigh, Wednesday, August 3rd. Bazemore was found guilty for a second time when a retrial was held in Snow Hill recently. At the end of the first trial, he was sentenced to die in January last, but a technical error caused the Supreme court to grant him a new trial. He was carried to the State's prison last week by Deputy Sheriff F. C. Carraway of Green county.

C. of C. Meets Here Today

Discuss Means Increase Interest in Work of the Organization

Secretary N. G. Bartlett, of Kinston and Sol Cherry, secretary of the Eastern division of the East Carolina chamber of commerce attended a meeting at the Atlantic hotel here this morning where a number of the local members of the Eastern Carolina chamber of commerce met to discuss means to increase interest in the work. Mr. Bartlett hopes to raise sufficient funds in the seven counties comprising the north-eastern district to sustain the secretarial work and pay for the advertising of this section of the State.

They hope to raise from membership fees in Beaufort county \$1,000. They are now getting \$600 and are asking Washington county for an amount between \$200 to \$500; Martin, from \$250 to \$1000; Bertie from \$250 to \$1250; Gates from \$150 to \$400; Northampton from \$400 to 500 and they agree to reduce Hertford from \$850 to \$750.

So far the service rendered this section of the State has made a wonderful impression on many sections of the county, bringing thousands of inquiries from homeseekers and investors. Many of them are already taking to the advantages of our section of the country which they regard as the most promising part of the United States at this time.

Mr. Bartlett is planning to hold a county-wide meeting at Robersonville at which time many matters of importance will be brought up.

A resolution was passed at the meeting today, requesting the State Highway commission to cut the Chowan bridge toll to half the present charges.

MRS. M. J. PEEL CHAMPION COUNTY CUCUMBER RAISER

Mrs. M. J. Peel, of Williamston R. F. D. is the leader in raising cucumbers for this season. She reports 135 cucumbers on one vine.

Misses Nina Fleming and Sophia Little, of Pactolus, will arrive tomorrow to visit Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Edwards and children, of Kinston, are pleasant visitors in the city today.

Season's First Cotton Report Shows Decrease

Raleigh, July 11.—The average farmer probably does not know that there will be but a few cotton reports this year by the government. For that reason this report does not carry information pertaining to condition or anything that will give a clue as to what the crop will be this year. Thus, farmers or growers do not have any index for this year's cotton probability, while the trade through their private reports are in close tab with the various features, like condition, stand, boll weevil effects, cultivation, lateness, etc. In encouraging Congress to pass a law prohibiting frequent cotton reports, the farmers were blind folding their own eyes only.

The preliminary acreage for this year's cotton shows North Carolina with a 10 percent reduction, while that for the entire cotton belt is given at a 12.4 percent reduction. Oddly, the least reduction was from North Carolina to Alabama. All of the remaining states had more than 10 percent reductions. This State's acreage is 1,514,000 as compared with 2,015,000 planted last year. The entire belt's acreage is estimated at 42,683,000 acres.

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County Officers Continue Drive Against Liquor

Round Up Several Stills and Few Operators in Recent Raids

Sheriff Roebuck and Deputy Grimes succeeded in rounding up several stills and a few operators recently.

First they found a batch of beer near Gold Point, but no still could be found.

Next they answered a call out on a prong of Reedy Swamp, where they found a 60gallon copper still in full blast, with three men and one dog at the plant. While the officers looked on, the men seemed to be taking drinks. After they had watched the operators for some time they approached and every one at the still ran with full speed, except the innocent dog, which stayed and told on his master. Deputy Grimes outran one of the men, Henry Jones, but the other two, James Bowen, Jr., and Stuart Taylor, plunged into the thick swamp and got away. Jones was found to be only a customer and had just tied his mule where he was plowing a hundred yards away and walked down to get a drink. Bowen lost his hat in the dash and later claimed it.

On Friday the officers, made another hunt in a pocusin back of Vance Peels, in Griffins Township, where they found a 100-gallon copper still with 2 worms. There was about 200 gallons of beer and a few tools around the still, which was cold and no one was near.

Hattie Thrower Names Memorial to Wrights

Miss Hattie Thrower, local woman, has been named winner of the \$112 Hamilton watch offered by the Elizabeth City Independent for a name for the Federal monument to be erected at Kill Devil Hills in commemoration of the first airplane flight. The name, "Wright Beacon," offered by Miss Thrower was thought to be very appropriate for the monument by the judges.

In their letter to Miss Thrower, the donors stated they were up against it, since the watch is a gentleman's model and that Hamilton does not make a lady's watch in that price class. It was their hope that Miss Thrower would visit Elizabeth City and select a watch of some other make of the same value.

The letter further states, "We should like very much to present the watch to you in a formal ceremony on the occasion of the celebration of the 34th anniversary of Virginia Dare at Kill Devil Hills on August 18. It is only a short ride from Elizabeth City to Kill Devil Hills by motor, and transportation would be provided you from this city. At the same time Kill Devil Hills will be formally turned over to the Federal government and the first Wright flight commemorated by an airplane flight from Kill Devil Hills—the first airplane to fly from Kill Devil Hills since the Wrights were there."

In conclusion the donors stated that they must have a good photo of Miss Thrower for use not only in the Elizabeth City Independent but in the State papers as well.

East Carolina Firemen Meeting Here Tonight

The Eastern Carolina Firemen's association will meet at the Woman's club building at 8 o'clock tonight.

The town welcomes the more than 100 delegates expected from the fire companies representing Beaufort, Morehead City, New Bern, Kinston, Snow Hill, LaGrange, Ayden, Farmville, Greenville, Washington, Belhaven, Plymouth, Robersonville and Windsor.

The local company is making extensive preparations for the entertainment of the guests tonight and will serve a big luncheon to the visitors in the rooms of the Woman's club.

Vote Against 8-Months Term in Smithwick's

The school election held in the Smithwicks District failed last Tuesday, when 21 electors visited the polls and voted against the measure and 8 remained away from the polls and failed to vote. The measure, which would have provided an extra two months to the regular school term had 20 supporters.

This made the second election held in that district in the last several months, and in each case the measure failed to carry by a small majority. Several of those who supported the measure stated that each election was hotly contested, and that somebody would have to die or move away before an outcome different from the last two could be expected.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY

BOB CUSTER in 'The Terror of Barx'

Walter Hiers in "OFF HIS BEAT" and FREE TICKET FOR FRIDAY

Always a Good Show.