

Sixty Doctors Attend Medical Meeting Here

Martin County Medical Society is Host at Hotel Banquet

More than sixty doctors from three counties and several from out of the State attended a meeting of the Tri-County Medical Society here last night at the Atlantic hotel.

The meeting was said to be one of the best held by the Society in some time. The Martin County Medical Society was host to the meeting at the banquet at the hotel, and aside from the program the doctors thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Methodist Church Services Next Week

Preaching, 11:00 a. m.
Preaching at Vernon, 3:30 p. m.
At 8 o'clock in the evening the pastor will fill the pulpit at the Christian church.

Start Work On Audit of County's Books

Members of the M. N. McRae Auditing company, of Rocky Mount, started work this week on an audit for the county. The audit will cover everything coming under general county supervision.

Submit 1927-'28 Budget to Committee Today

According to information coming from the courthouse, the superintendent of schools for the county will submit the school budget to a committee from the county commissioners today.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY
Tom Mix in "NO MAN'S GOLD"
also Mack Sennett Comedy, "Isn't Love Cuckoo" and Episode No. 14 of Power God
Always a Good Show.

Construction Plans of Factory Complete

L. Bennett Peel Dies in Garden

Dies of Heart Failure While Cultivating House Garden

Tuesday afternoon friends were called by the farm bell to the cry of distress of a loving wife who had found her husband dead in the garden and while she was all alone. Just before the approaching storm that afternoon Mr. Lawrence Bennett Peel went to his garden and as he did not return at once his wife went to look for him. Calling and receiving no answer, she hurried on and found him lying lifeless, having fallen face downward to the ground. Neighbors soon reached the home and carried the body from out of the storm. Death probably came from heart failure as he had suffered with heart trouble for some time.

Mr. Peel was 72 years and one day old and for the past several years he had been in feeble health.

He was the youngest child of the late Noah Peel and Sallie Roberson Peel, of Griffins township, his mother dying during his infancy. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Mattie Woodard before their marriage many years ago, and by five half-brothers, Messrs. Sylvester, Plenny, Alex and Ephraim Peel of this county and Mack G. Peel of Beaufort county. Besides these, he leaves seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The grandchildren, the daughters of his only child, Mrs. Laura Roberson who died years ago, are Mrs. Frank Lilley, Mrs. Redding Leggett, Mrs. T. B. Patterson and Misses Carrie, Laura Hoyt, Alice and Mattie Lou Roberson.

Early in life, the deceased became a member of the Primitive Baptist church at Smithwick's Creek, but later joined the Christian church at Macedonia where his wife and daughter were members. His life was a long and happy association with his family and friends and there are none who can say ill of him. He had a beautiful spirit of friendliness and charity toward his fellowmen and there were very few flaws, if any, that could be found in his character. He was as his friend, Asa J. Manning, who preceded him to the grave only a few days, a truly good man and has lived in the past few years in a state of anticipation of the joy that he expected to have after departing his frail earthly body.

The funeral was conducted yesterday afternoon at the late residence and interment was made in the midst of a great number of sorrowing relatives and friends in the Rice cemetery, a short way from the place where he was born.

Pipe Arrives For New Water Mains

The first car load of pipe to be used in extending the town's water mains arrived here this week. The shipment was unloaded yesterday and is being placed along the proposed extensions.

At a meeting of the town commissioners several weeks ago the matter of increasing the water lines was brought up and it was decided to extend the mains across the railroad on the Washington road and to a point in the rear of the tobacco warehouses near the tobacco re-drying plant.

The material for the extensions has been ordered for some time and the shipment yesterday was the first to arrive.

Mrs. W. B. Watts Is Badly Hurt in Fall

Mrs. W. B. Watts while leaving the theatre here last Wednesday night grew vertiginous and fell the entire length of the first flight of steps leading to the second floor of the building. Mrs. Watts, becoming affected by vertigo, reached for the hand rail to steady her self; and falling to do so she fell first to the cement below, causing many to wonder how she escaped serious injury. Even though no bones were broken, she was badly hurt, and it is her doctor's orders that she remain in bed for several days. In the fall, Mrs. Watts had two of her teeth knocked out.

Further Developments Await Action of Railroad

Officials of the Standard Wholesale Phosphate and Acid Works, Messrs. C. T. Crockett, T. H. Wells, A. H. Gischel and John McGregory, were here yesterday in the interest of that company's proposed plant here.

"All plans for the construction of a factory here are complete, and should the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company assure us that they will extend their tracks to the river, arrangements for shipping material here would be made at once," the officials stated in an interview yesterday. While here the company's officials looked over the property surveyed and approved the proposed site.

Mr. Crockett, one of the factory officials, went on to say that further plans for the erection of the factory would have to await the action of the railroad company, that their plant would do practically all its business over that road and it would be necessary to have shipping facilities at hand before actual work on the plant could be started.

No definite answer could be had regarding the Coast Line company's action in the matter from the fertilizer men, they stating that their company would do a large amount of business over the Coast Line tracks. Local people who have investigated the factory's locating here, state that they see no reason why the railroad company would hesitate to repair the old road to the river and give service to the proposed plant.

It is understood that the railroad company says that \$6,000 would be necessary to repair the road. Local people who are familiar with engineering and who have walked the road, state that no such amount would be required to repair the road, that around \$3,000 would be sufficient for the purpose.

The people in this section are very much interested in the proposed plant's locating here, and many of them are at a loss to understand why the Atlantic Coast Line company is not ready to meet the demand of the fertilizer people, which is considered here as being very reasonable.

CAMPAIGN TO RAISE MARTIN'S QUOTA ON

First Meeting Held in Robersonville Last Tuesday Night

An intensive campaign to raise Martin county's quota for the support of the branch office of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, at Windsor, is now being put on. The first gun was fired in this campaign last Tuesday night at a big barbecue held in Robersonville. The effect of the "shot" was checked considerably by the down pour of rain in the afternoon and night of the occasion. But despite this fact, about twenty-five citizens from Williamston and Robersonville were on hand to enjoy the program. The meeting was adjourned until the next day at noon, where a second barbecue was held, where about thirty citizens from Everetts and Robersonville were in attendance.

At both meetings the program of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce was explained by Secretary N. G. Bartlett. Interesting speeches were made in support of the work of the organization by Mr. E. G. Anderson, and Mayor G. H. Cox, of Robersonville and Elbert S. Peels, of Williamston.

The following quotas have been assigned the various towns in this county: Williamston, \$300; Robersonville, \$200; Everetts, \$50; Oak City, \$90; Jamesville, \$50; Hamilton, \$50. Everetts has already reported her quota raised. Paul Bailey, cashier, Planters and Merchants bank, Everetts, was chairman of his committee; Elbert S. Peels, of Williamston, accepted our town's quota and has set about to get it up by the latter part of his week. Oak City is working on her allotment; Hamilton has her quota just about in hand. Jamesville has not been heard from as yet, but it goes without saying that Jamesville will go over the top, as usual.

From all indications now, every town in the county will raise its quota without much trouble and will be represented in the big Middle Western Advertising campaign that will be waged this fall. Sol Cherry, manager of the Windsor office is busily engaged now getting things finished up in Martin before going into the other counties for their respective quotas. The seven counties in the jurisdiction of the Windsor office are, Bertie, Northampton, Hertford, Gates, Martin, Washington and Beaufort.

County Sends Three Inmates To the Asylum

Ben Simmons Is Crazy Over the Expected New Model Ford

Sheriff Roebuck carried the county's third inmate within the past few days to the asylum at Goldsboro this week. Recently Mary Tom Tyner, familiar character on the streets here, was entered in the asylum, and last Tuesday Bennie Simmons and Mack Knight were carried in. In exchange, Sheriff Roebuck brought back two inmates from the asylum.

Bennie Simmons, 18 year old negro, was placed in jail here last Saturday and during the few days there he substantiated all evidence claiming him crazy. He told Mr. J. Sam Getzinger to turn him out so he could drive one of the new model Fords. Well, it would be unjust to call him crazy for wanting to drive a new model Ford; for there are numbers of people who have already made the first payment or that type of car. But when the boy stated he wanted to get his hands on one of the new models so he could fly all up in the clouds and never come back, why he differed. Sheriff Roebuck had no trouble with him while on the way to Goldsboro, but soon after they entered the office of the asylum, Simmons turned loose and turned things around. It required several to quiet him and march him to his room.

Mack Knight, an aged colored man, and who has been at the county home for the past several months, stated how badly he hated to go to Goldsboro, for he said he knew they would cut him all to pieces when he reached there. Upon the assurance from Sheriff Roebuck that no such thing would happen to him, he went along last Tuesday without making further objections other than expressing disappointment for having to leave John Bland's county home.

While at the asylum, Sheriff Roebuck saw Mary Tom Tyner and he stated she had not changed a bit, that she was in the kitchen helping with the cooking and doing all the bossing. Her gift at quarreling was still evident, the Sheriff stated.

Rev. T. W. Lee Preaches At Christian Church

Rev. T. W. Lee, of the Methodist church has kindly consented to preach at the Christian church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The congregation is urged to hear Mr. Lee and members of the other churches are cordially invited to attend the service.

WILL PREACH AT JAMESVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUNDAY

Rev. J. F. Pipkin will preach at the Jamesville Christian church next Sunday, using as his morning text, "Why Are You a Church Member?" In the evening, Mr. Pipkin will preach on, "Christ's Challenge to the Youth of Today."

First to Advance Idea For Chowan Bridge

A. K. Haxstun, former resident of this town who engineered the causeway across the river here, is said to have advanced the first idea for the erection and location of the great Chowan bridge.

Several years ago, Mr. Haxstun drew a small pencil sketch, showing the proper location of the bridge and pointing out the necessity of such a structure in making the highway system complete in the eastern section.

Women Fight Over Unfaithful Husband

Phyllis Smith, colored woman living below the river hill, received a sprained wrist and several other bruises when a suspicion led her to look in Felix Spellar's woodhouse, near by.

Thirteen Thousand People at Bridge Opening Wednesday

Everetts Business Property Shows Gain of 10 Per Cent Over That of the Past Year

Audit of Town's Books Completed

The audit of the town books was completed here this week by Mr. Perkinson of the McRae Auditing company, of Rocky Mount.

RECORDER'S COURT HAS SEVEN CASES

Solicitor Accepts Non-Pro in the Non-Support Case

Recorder's court Tuesday had only seven cases to deal with, three liquor cases, three assault cases and one non-support.

In the non-support case the testimony did not seem to justify the charge and Solicitor Horton took a non-pro. In that event, Hezekiah Purvis continued married.

Fleetwood Brooks, charged with manufacturing liquor, was found guilty. He was charged with the cost and sentenced to the Edgcombe roads for nine months. His term will not begin during his good behavior.

Nymphus James, charged with manufacturing liquor, was found guilty by the court and fined \$50. He was also required to pay the cost and serve twelve months on the Edgcombe roads. The road term was suspended upon his good behavior.

Henry Sherrod, assault with deadly weapon, called and failed. Judgment against bond.

Gabriel Wiggins, assault with deadly weapon, had his case continued for one week.

Will Spencer, charged with violating the liquor laws, was found guilty. A twelve months road sentence was imposed, the last nine of which are to be suspended if the first three are served with a good record.

4-H Club Girls Return From Trip to Raleigh

Nine members of the 4-H clubs in this county have returned from an eventful week in Raleigh where they took short courses in cooking, sewing and room improvement. During the week the 420 girls from all over the State attending the short courses were taught many things relating to general economic conditions in the home. Several of the girls from this county stated upon their return that the program for the week was well arranged and that they had a wonderful time.

The week's entertainment included visits to the capitol, governor's home, asylum and penitentiary. This was the first visit of many of the girls to Raleigh, and the trip was most beneficial in both its instructive and entertaining features. The trip was made on one of the county's school trucks.

There are ten of the 4-H clubs in the county, but only five of the ten were represented at Raleigh.

Visitors Highly Pleased With Edenton's Way of Entertaining

Edenton proved itself a most hospitable host last Wednesday when a crowd of people estimated to number 12,000 assembled within its borders to take part in the Chowan bridge opening exercises. Many of the 12,000, visiting the historic town for the first time in their lives, returned home highly pleased with the town's method of entertaining such a large number of visitors. And so the time, so long neglected, has been made and North Carolina will move forward not as so many units but as a body.

The celebration Wednesday will go down, probably, as one of the most remarkable events in the history of the State, for it has brought together thousands of people who heretofore knew little of their neighbors. The day's exercises were very fittingly carried out when many notables from the State and from Virginia made short talks commemorating the building of the mile and one-half structure across the Chowan. In the absence of Governor McLean, Lieutenant Governor Elmer Long extended the greetings of the State's Chief Executive. Just tribute was paid to the sons of the section "across the way" in the message, and a welcome to their own State was extended them.

Amplifiers assisted the speakers in spreading their messages to the thousands of people who thronged the streets near the courthouse.

In spite of heavy storms Tuesday, large crowds were making their way to the bridge center that evening, and early that night, all the hotels were filled and many of the private homes were thrown open to the visitors. Edenton was making splendid efforts to handle the throngs. Early Wednesday morning automobiles from as far away as Raleigh, Morehead City, and Greensboro began passing through the main street here en route to the formal opening of the bridge. For several hours during the morning, the cars passing through the street here en route to the celebration averaged more than one a minute, and at times as many as six to fifteen would go through in one group.

The only complaint made by returning visitors was about the road leading to the bridge. The heavy rains had made the roads almost impassible in places, but team and tractor were placed along the way and used to keep the throngs moving. At six o'clock that evening 4,500 cars had passed over the structure, and many more were then to return home. While thousands were entering Edenton by way of the bridge, extra boats were added to the regular ferry across the Albemarle and hundreds of cars were carried over that way.

The opening ceremonies started shortly after 11 o'clock at Eden House when the U. S. Army band rendered several selections. Lieutenant Governor Elmer Long, escorted by a representative from Bertie county impersonating Sir Nathaniel Duckinfield, greeted the representatives from the seven counties east of the Chowan river and welcomed them into the State.

The ribbon across the bridge was cut by Highway Commissioner Frank C. Kugler. The motorcade from the two sections proceeded towards Edenton. At Edenton on the courthouse green addresses were made by Hon. J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of Elizabeth City; Hon. Josephus Daniels, of Raleigh; Hon. J. Elmer Long, of Raleigh; Gen. A. J. Bowley, of Fort Bragg; Mr. Fred G. Ward, general secretary of Brunswick, Ga.; Hon. Frank Page, of Raleigh and Hon. Thet L. Roper, of Norfolk. All the addresses were short and appropriate for the occasion.

Regular Traffic Heavy

Since the bridge was opened to traffic the first of this month, around three thousand cars have passed over it. The highway commission expected around 60 cars a day to pass over the bridge for the first few weeks. Official counts show that more than 100 cars have passed over the structure each day since the first not including last Wednesday, however. The bridge was free to all yesterday, and thousands took advantage of the State's generosity.

Baptist Church Services Sunday

Sunday school, 9:45.
Morning service at regular hour, 11:00 o'clock.
Sunday evening, Rev. T. W. Lee will preach at 8 o'clock in the Christian church. As we do not have services at that time, the congregation is cordially invited to hear Mr. Lee at that church.

Oak City Gains 2 Per Cent; Poplar Point Loses 10 Per Cent

Everetts business property, according to the last tax assessment shows a net gain in valuation amounting to 10 per cent. An examination of the tax books shows that Everetts is leading so far, Robersonville being the next largest gainer. It will be remembered that business property in Robersonville gained six and one-half per cent. over last year's listing.

Oak City showed a gain of two per cent, while 21 leading farms in Poplar Point show a net loss amounting to 10 per cent.

Some think the old saying, "more in the man than in the land" may well apply, while others think it is more in the list-taker than in the property.

Following are a few comparative values for Everetts:

J. S. Ayers, four lots, \$4,850; a gain of \$450.
Bailey and Barnhill store, \$7,000; a gain of \$500.
Champion Auto Co., garage, \$5,000; same as last year.
Clark and Taylor, store, \$2,500; a gain of \$300.
J. S. Peel, residence, \$5,000; same as last year.
J. S. Peel, store, \$3,500; a gain of \$500.

Comparative values for Oak City:

J. T. Daniel, store, \$4,000; same as last year.
T. W. Davenport, residence, \$4,200; a loss of \$250.
Harrell and Hopkins, store, \$4,000; same as last year.
Baker Harrell, store, \$1,700; a gain of \$200.
W. J. Johnson and Co., hotel, \$4,500; a loss of \$500.
B. E. Moye, garage, \$1,000; a gain of \$100.
Bank of Oak City, \$7,500; same as last year.

Oak City Supply Co., 2 stores, \$3,000; same as last year.
Oak City Supply Co., \$6,000; same as last year.
C. C. James, store and residence, \$2,500; a gain of \$1,000.
Poplar Point Township Farm Land L. A. Clark, 110 acres Teel land, \$5,800; a gain of \$2,200.
Fattie B. Crawford, 77 acres Allsbrooks land, \$3,400; a loss of \$850.
J. R. Everett, 300 acres, \$16,000; a loss of \$4,000.

James A. Everett, 200 acres Slade land, \$1,000; a gain of \$400.
James A. Everett, 610 acres, residence, \$24,000; a loss of \$4,000.
Annie E. Griffin, 255 acres Barnhill land, \$12,500; a loss of \$2,500.
J. R. Harrison, 105 acres residence, \$5,850; a loss of \$140.
H. L. Hopkins, 150 acres Taylor land, \$6,000; a loss of \$500.
J. A. Leggett, 59 acres residence, \$3,100; a loss of \$400.

L. J. Mills, 176 acres residence, \$8,500; same as last year.
F. J. Roebuck, 300 acres residence, \$12,600; a loss of \$2,700.
Mrs. H. J. Smith, 296 acres residence land, \$12,500; same as last year.
J. G. Staton, 412 acres Speight land, \$13,000; a loss of \$4,000.
J. G. Staton, 100 acres Geo. Taylor land, \$4,100; a loss of \$400.
J. G. Staton, 208 acres Hardy land, \$7,000; a loss of \$1,000.
J. G. Staton, 191 acres Gib Taylor land, \$7,700; a loss of \$800.
L. L. Taylor, 300 acres residence, \$14,500; a loss of \$3,000.
V. G. Taylor, 470 acres V. R. Taylor land, \$33,000; same as last year.
L. A. Taylor, 197 acres, Taylor land, \$8,855; a loss of \$145.
L. G. Taylor, 214 acres residence, \$10,000; same as last year.
W. S. White, 124 acres adjoining Roebuck, \$5,825; a gain of \$1,325.

First Home-Grown Melons Brought Here

Mr. Gus Wynn, a farmer living near here on the Hamilton road, brought the first load of home-grown watermelons to town yesterday. While the melons were not very large, they were guaranteed to be extra good by the owner. Mr. Wynn had a double wagon load, and sold the melons out in a short while.