

## School Board To Meet Next Tuesday To Consider Sites

Board Wants Those Who Have Sites To Offer To Be At Meeting

### GIVE REQUIREMENTS

At Least Five Acres of Land, Preferably Square or Rectangular, Will Be Required

The Martin County Board of Education, in session here yesterday, decided to consider the selection of school sites for Robersonville and Williamston buildings at a special meeting Tuesday evening, December 20, at 7 o'clock. The public is invited to attend the meeting. Any sellers of sites for respective buildings should see the committee at each place or Mr. K. R. Crawford and Mr. H. C. Norman. Before any money for school buildings may be secured from the State, Superintendent Pope stated yesterday that a site of at least five acres must be selected and the plan of building which will fit this site best must be submitted for approval. The site should have good drainage and preferably be of square or rectangular shape. The soil should be of sandy loam, fertile for grass growing and at some time satisfactory for track, baseball, football and tennis grounds. Cellars of school buildings can be kept drier where there are no springs on site.

The Board of Education will meet with the Robersonville committee at 2 o'clock p. m. on the 20th of December and review first hand any sites offered and will meet with the Williamston committee at 3:30 p. m. on the same day for reviewing offerings. Any person interested in the matter may see the proper officials at these places at the time set or prior to time and dates mentioned.

According to information coming from the office of the Board of Education's office, certain personages have offered to give land, and other land-owners are asked to make their offers as reasonable and low as possible.

## LOCAL BAPTISTS SURPASS QUOTA

Williamston Church Raises \$1,700; Quota Was Only \$1,350

The campaign being put on in this State by the Baptist denomination has gained great momentum in recent days. The Roanoke Baptist Association, comprising sixty-seven churches, is being worked at the present time.

The final report meeting, and supper will be held in Tarboro tonight. At this supper, the churches will make their final report.

The quota assigned the association was \$60,000, and the amount the Williamston Baptist church was to subscribe was \$1350.

The pastor of the local church stated this afternoon, before leaving for Tarboro, that his church had over-subscribed its amount, for pledges, totaling \$1,700 had been handed in.

This makes all the better showing, it was pointed out, when it is remembered that the local church during the same days, was putting on its Every Member Canvass to cover its budget of \$5,000 for the year 1928.

## R. G. Sexton Champion Call Raiser of Section

R. G. Sexton, a farmer near Jamesville lead his section in raising champion calves. The animal butchered by Mr. Sexton a few days ago lacked only a few days of being seven months old and dressed 70 pounds to the quarter.



## TEACHERS AND PARENTS MEET

### Problem of Enlarging Local School Library Is Main Topic

How to enlarge the local school library was one of the main topics before the regular meeting of the parents-teachers association last Thursday. Miss Lucille Allen, the school's competent librarian, reviewed the list of books now in the library and showed how badly more money was needed in adding to the list of books. In her report before the meeting, Miss Allen stated that around fifty dollars had been spent this year for magazines and a few current books, and that an appropriation of around \$200 would be necessary to care for the library's needs in part during the remainder of the school term. Mr. Davis, the school's principal offered suggestions as to how that amount could be raised, and a committee was appointed by the association to attend to the matter of raising the funds.

In connection with the library and its needs, Mrs. M. J. Moye stressed the value of good books, stating that time was wasted unless standard and profitable books were selected by the reader. The question, "What are your children reading?" was asked, and Mrs. Moye showed the necessity of directing the child's reading so that a taste for profitable literature might be cultivated.

Reports from the chairman of the playground committee showed where the equipment recently purchased by the parents-teachers association and erected cost less than a hundred dollars, and that it was meeting with popular approval among the younger pupils. The chairman of the grounds committee stated that a drive had been laid off, and that road machinery would be put to work this week in preparing the drive.

Mrs. Wheeler Martin, president of the Woman's club, explained the purpose of a joint meeting of the parents-teachers association and Woman's club held in the school auditorium last night.

The tenth grade won the prize, a box of candy, for the largest representation of parents present at the meeting.

## Citizens Asked to Provide Parking Space for Visitors

An appropriate and reasonable request comes from the Office of the Mayor, asking all local automobile owners to help provide parking space for visitors coming here on cars during the busy holiday season.

The request follows: "To the Citizens of Williamston: On account of the congested parking conditions that exist on Main and Washington streets during the busy holiday season, I want to ask you to assist the traffic officers in providing parking spaces for visitors during next Saturday and the business days of next week. Automobile owners will greatly aid in this by not parking their cars in the business sections of the above mentioned streets during those days.

ROBT. L. COBURN, Mayor.

## Masonic Lodge to Hold Regular Meeting Tonight

Members of Skewawakee Lodge No. 90, are urged to attend the regular communication tonight at 7:45 o'clock. This will be the last meeting before Christmas and it is hoped that a large representation of the members will be present.

## Juniors To Meet This Week Instead of Next

The regular meeting of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics will be held on Thursday night, December 15th at 7:30 instead of Thursday night, December 23. The date was changed on account of the busy season just before Christmas.

## MURDERER HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM LYNCHING

Wayne County Court Is Scene of Sensational Incident Sunday

### JUDGE HANDLES GUN

Trains Automatic Pistol on Crowd, Warning Any One Laying Hands on Prisoner Will Be Shot Dead

Larry Newsome, the colored murderer of Beulah Tedder, near Goldsboro, last Thursday night, narrowly escaped the hands of a lynching party during his trial last Sunday in the court room at Goldsboro. The trial, the first to be held on Sunday so far as records show, was attended by thousands of people, and trouble was anticipated by the judge and county officials.

The hearing was underway when William Tedder, an uncle of the Negro's victim, grabbed the negro at the throat and started to drag him from the courtroom. Friends of Tedder started to lend their assistance when Sheriff W. D. Grant of Wayne county, threw himself between the Negro and the leaders of the attempt at lynching. With the crowd thick around him, the sheriff pulled his pistol from his belt and fired two shots into the ceiling. An order to stand back was given the crowd, and Judge Grady ordered the prisoner removed to the jury room for a few minutes. With a pistol in his hand, Judge Grady stated that there would be no lynching, that he would not willingly harm any man among the crowd, and that the next one who attempted to put his hands on the prisoner he would shoot dead.

The bell of the courthouse was sounded and at the signal armed troops entered the courthouse. The prisoner was brought back from the jury room, and after the Judge had warned against further disorder, the trial was continued. An hour later the evidence was all in, and a few minutes after noon, Judge Grady made his charge to the jury. He summed the case up as follows:

"Last Thursday night the little Tedder girl, not quite 15 years old, the daughter of a tenant farmer in Great Swamp township, left her father's house shortly after dark to accompany a Negro woman to the latter's home, where she was to buy a half gallon of home-made syrup. An hour later, when she failed to return, her father set out to look for her. He went first to the Negro woman's house and found that she had remained there only a few minutes.

"Returning for help, he renewed the search. A little while later the body of the girl, with the throat slashed from ear to ear, was found a little ways off the path 45 yards from her father's house. She was dead. Lights were brought. Examination of the ground disclosed the fact that there had been a struggle between the girl and some man wearing heavy rubber boots, and that she had broken away and ran for a little distance, pursued by the booted assailant.

"Overtaking her, the booted assailant again attacked her, and in the ensuing struggle, her throat was cut. The search was extended. It was found that the boot tracks came across the filed to the path, waited there and then became confused in the struggle. From the spot where the girl lay dead the same booted tracks led back across the field. In the house the officers found the prisoner. Larry Newsome, apparently asleep. Under his pillow was a long feebly sharp knife. Its blade was bloody. In the house a pair of overalls, freshly stained with blood, were found, and nearby a pair of blood-stained boots. The boots fitted the tracks in the field.

Near the end of his charge, Judge Grady stated that three verdicts might be found by the jury, murder in the first degree, not guilty, or one based upon the plea of insanity of the defendant. While the jury was out Judge Grady stated, "If you will give your word that there will be no further attempt at violence, I will let Mr. Tedder go. I do not want to punish him for his monetary loss or self control." The audience made answer with much applause and the leader of the attempt at lynching was released. Eighteen minutes later the jury returned its verdict of "guilty of murder in the first degree." The death sentence was pronounced, and Sheriff Grant departed with the prisoner for Raleigh where Newsome is scheduled to die in the electric chair, Friday, January 13.

Several records were established during the tragedy and the Negro's trial. One took place when the court sat on the Sabbath; another when the prisoner was caught, tried and sentenced within 68 hours after the murder, and a third was when the Judge handled a pistol from the bench.

John M. Waters, secretary of the Endowment Campaign of Atlantic Christian College, was in town yesterday in the interest of the work.

## JUDGE MOORE IS HOLDING COURT HERE THIS WEEK

Native of Williamston Is Holding Court in Home Town for First Time

### JUDGE DANIELS ILL

Judge Moore Holds Grand Jury System Greatest Fortification Of Society in Charge

Martin county is having one of its own sons to preside over the superior court here this week. Judge Clayton Moore having been assigned to the court here by Governor McLean on account of the illness of Judge Frank A. Daniels.

While Martin county people always look with pleasure to the coming of Judge Daniels and exceeding regret his absence on account of illness, they are, of course, delighted to have Judge Moore with them.

Judge Moore was born and reared in Williamston, the son of James E. Moore, regarded as one of the great lawyers of his day. Mr. Moore is only 38 years old, and has served Martin county in the lower house of the General Assembly for three terms and one term in the Senate. He was appointed superior court judge by the Governor and held his first court in Windsor on the 3rd day of May, this year. Since that time he has held court in fifteen counties.

In his appearance on the bench in his home county yesterday morning, it was apparent that the Judge appreciated the fact that he was facing his home folks, not with any degree of embarrassment, however, but with that look of care and appreciation of the fact that for the first time he appeared among his friends as the representative of the law and for the purpose of judging them by the law.

Court had been in session only a short while when it was found that he was just like other judges, simply a human being that would not hurt any man and meted out punishment only because it was his duty. The charge to the grand jury was short, even more so than the average charge. It dealt mostly with those principles dealing with criminals in the process of indictment or formal charges as they appear to a jury called the "grand jury".

Mr. Moore held the grand-jury system to be the greatest fortification that defends society, the lives, person and property of the people. Only a few of the laws were called to the attention of the jury, most particularly to the traffic laws passed by the last Legislature.

## Man Hurt in Wreck Near Here Sunday Afternoon

Mr. Paul Leggett suffered a broken arm and his mother was painfully hurt when their car was hit by another near the county home late Sunday afternoon. Mr. Leggett was driving on the hard surface, traveling this way, when a colored man named Killibrew drove his car from the old Everetts road and hit the Leggett car, causing it to turn over.

Mr. Leggett, who lives in Beaufort county and his mother were brought here where Dr. York treated them.

## Jamesville and Bethel Quints To Meet Here

According to a schedule recently announced, Jamesville's high school basketball team will play Bethel here tomorrow night in the Brick warehouse.

This is the second game of the season for the Jamesville boys, they having won over Farm Life a few days ago. Coach Snapp will play practically the same team as was seen in action on the court last season. Pete Warrington takes Howard Gaylord's place at center while Carol Brown fills the vacancy made by Warrington at guard.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT ROBBERSONVILLE SCHOOL

The individual Christmas trees will give way to one big general tree in the Robersonville school when the faculty and students assemble in the auditorium Friday afternoon at three o'clock for a short Christmas program.

The pupils there are eagerly looking forward to the event and the spirit of the Yuletide season is expected to be most evident when the large number of gifts are distributed by Santa Claus.

## Large Crowds Attend Everetts Entertainments

Large crowds attended the fiddlers' convention Thursday night in Everetts and the play, "Saved by the Woodmen", in the school auditorium there Friday night. Both the events were thoroughly enjoyed. The proceeds were used in financing the lyceum course booked by the school.

## HOLDING FIRST TERM OF COURT HERE



JUDGE CLAYTON MOORE, who is holding his first term of court in his home county here this week. As a judge, Mr. Moore is meeting with popular approval among the lawyers and courts of the State.

## ACCEPTS CALL TO LOCAL CHURCH

Rev. J. H. Hale, of Wilmington, To Be Pastor of Christian Church

Rev. J. H. Hale, of Wilmington, has accepted the pastorate of the local Christian church and will begin active work here in January. He will, however, be here during the Christmas season to hold the regular services.

Mr. Hale is a young man of the north-west section of the country. He lived in Wisconsin the greater part of his life where he was educated, later taking work at a seminary in New York. For several years, he has lived in North Carolina.

## Health Lecture Last Night Poorly Attended

A lecture on "Health" by a Mr. Dorrity, of the Wear-ever Aluminum Company, in the school auditorium last night was poorly attended, hardly thirty people attending.

Mr. Dorrity, in his talk offered statistics showing where 90 per cent of all diseases are caused by incorrect eating. These diseases, Mr. Dorrity pointed out can be prevented by eating proper and properly prepared foods. He dwelt upon the great minerals and vitamins out of most foods and then eating the shell.

Though there were not 100 people present, the company's representative decided to give twenty-five cents worth of aluminum ware for each person present.

## Robersonville Loses To Oak City Friday Night

With Joe Hardison and Abner Brown showing excellent form, Oak City won over the strong Robersonville quintet in a close game last Friday evening at Robersonville. A long shot in the last few minutes of play gave the visitors a one-point lead and registered a win of 20 to 19 for them.

This afternoon, the Robersonville lads are in Oak City, playing a return game. Hamilton is sending its sextet over to Oak City this afternoon to meet the girl there in a game.

## County Teachers To Meet Here Saturday

The fourth and last meeting of the teachers of the county will be held here next Saturday afternoon at 2:30 in the school auditorium. Superintendent Pope plans to review the work carried on in the schools, and offer a tentative outline of procedure to be followed after the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Pope stated yesterday that the Saturday meeting would likely be one of the largest yet held.

## Student Selections Made In School Last Week

Student selections, made in the local high school last week, include Durand Keel, best athlete; Darrel Price, most popular boy; Tillie Perry, most popular girl; Hazel Edmondson, most dependable. In the contest held both in and out of school, Miriam Courtney was voted the prettiest girl.

The pictures of these students will appear in an annual to be published by the several clubs and organizations of the local high school in the early spring.

## LOCAL STORES TO BE OPEN NIGHTS ALL NEXT WEEK

Action Taken by Merchants to Accommodate Last-Minute Shoppers

### BUSINESS INCREASES

Everything To Be Closed Here on Monday After Christmas: Open Until 9:30 or 10 Next Week

Following after usual custom, the Williamston stores will remain open at night, beginning next Monday. No definite time for the stores to close was mentioned in the announcement, but it is understood they will remain open until 9:30 or 10:00 o'clock during the next week.

This action on the part of the merchants is followed to accommodate those shoppers who find it next to impossible to get away from their regular duties to do their shopping in the day time. To counterbalance the extra work on the part of the clerks, the merchants are planning a general holiday here the Monday following Christmas day.

Reports coming from practically all the business houses here, indicate an increased holiday business over the past seasons. Many of the stores are continuing to replenish their stocks and regular orders are coming in daily via express, freight and parcel post.

## PLAY AT LOCAL SCHOOL FRIDAY

"Cupid Up To Date," Musical Comedy, Promises To Be Big Hit

comedy sponsored by the Dramatic club of the local high school and to be staged in the auditorium here next Friday night, is slated to be the play hit of the season. A reliable and pleasing cast has been selected and practice is being carried on daily. Miss Mabel Fountain, of the Wayne P. Sewell Company, Atlanta, has charge of the play.

The cast of characters includes some of the town's best amateur players. Harry Myrt Stubbs plays as Father Time, the leading role in the play. Other characters include, Elizabeth Gurganus, Common Sense; Mrs. M. J. Moye, Domestic; Maurice Watts, Bully; Mrs. Raleigh Bradley, Dolly Extreme; Lon Hassell, Will Steady; Margaret Rodgers and Virginia Harrison, Cora and Dora Dumb; Jessup and Gaylord Harrison, Eddy and Freddy; Lydia ooke, Senator Bing; Oscar Anderson, John Scientist. The four choruses include Bed-time Children, Charleston Babies, Cat Chorus and Chorus Girls.

The proceeds will be used in publishing the high school's first annual. Tickets will be placed on sale at Clark's drug store and Mrs. A. R. Dunning and Miss Elizabeth Wilkins will have charge of the ticket sale.

## Negro Killed by Falling Tree Friday Afternoon

Jesse Roscoe, a 35-year old colored man, was instantly killed by a limb from a falling tree last Friday afternoon. Roscoe was cutting timber for R. S. Critcher and Sons in Poplar Point when a falling tree knocked out a limb on another which hit him on the head, death resulting instantly. Two other colored men were near and saw Roscoe fall, but did not see the limb as it struck him.

Roscoe was from Indian Woods, Bertie county, but during the past few years he had lived in Williamston. He married here, but was not living with his wife.

He was buried at his Bertie home Sunday.

## Girls Win While Boys Lose To Pantego Teams

Williamston's high school basketball teams divided honors in a double-header here with Pantego last Friday night, the boys losing by the close score of 7 to 5, and the girls winning 17 to 6.

Close guarding featured the boys' game, while the local girls appeared in mid-season form in their game.

The two teams go to Windsor tonight where they play the girls and boys of the school there.

## Correspondence Must Be Signed Or Not Published

During the past several days, a large amount of unsigned correspondence has been received by this office. Practically all this correspondence is timely and valuable, but under the paper's policy no unsigned matter is handled. Names will be held from publication at the writer's request, but no correspondence will be used without the writer's revealing his or her identity.—Mgr. Ed.

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