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Advertisers Will Find Our Columns a Latchkey to Over 1,600 Homes of Martin County

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## FEW PLACES TO BE OPEN HERE NEXT MONDAY

Stores, Offices and Bank To Be Closed; Short Hours For Postal Workers

## ONE MAIL DELIVERY

Pasenger Train Schedule Not Affected; No Freights; Rural Carriers Leave Half Hour Early

Monday will be a general holiday here when all the stores, offices and bank close for the day. With the exception of filling stations, hotels, cafe and drug stores, everything will be closed for the day according to the plans of practically every business and professional man in town.

The post office will work under a different schedule, and instead of closing for the day, its employees will work until 12 o'clock. Rural carriers will leave an half hour earlier so that they might complete their trips before the noon hour. The city carriers will make the morning trip, but will be off during the afternoon.

Pasenger schedules of the Coast Line will not be affected, but it is understood that there will be no freights during Monday and Tuesday.

Offices in the court house will be closed for the day, and couples planning to embark upon the sea of matrimony should apply for licenses before that time. Of course, they might wait until Tuesday.

## NEW FORD HERE NEXT THURSDAY

Local Dealers Definitely Assured That Car Will Be Here Then

The new Ford car will make its first appearance in Williamston next Thursday, December 29, according to an official announcement made by the local dealers yesterday morning. The car, a Tudor sedan, will be on display in the show room of the Williamston Motor Company, and the public is cordially invited to see it there.

While pictures and second-hand information about the new Ford has stilled to some extent the curiosity of many, the actual car is expected to draw the greatest attention when it arrives here early Thursday morning.

A large showing is expected by the local dealers, and special preparations are being made to care for the crowds.

## B. S. Courtney Adds To Undertaking Equipment

B. S. Courtney Furniture Company, undertakers and embalmers, greatly added to their equipment yesterday when they purchased a modern funeral coach and ambulance combined. The coach is of the latest make and model and cost several thousand dollars. It was shipped from New Bedford, Conn., last week and was driven in from Burlington yesterday. The new machine has a Nash motor and a special Miller body, built in Bellofonte, O.

The Ambulance equipment will be in the first part of next week, according to Mr. Harper Holliday who has the undertaking department in charge. The new equipment compares favorably with that used in the large cities throughout the country, and is the best that can be had.

## Forbid Shooting Of Pop-Crackers on Two Streets

Chief Daniel is calling the attention of the small boys of the town to the ordinance prohibiting the shooting of fire crackers on Main and Washington streets. The Chief stated that he did not want to appear unreasonable, but that any one caught firing the crackers on these two streets would, if caught, be subject to punishment.

## STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY

Buddy Roosevelt  
in  
"The Galloping Jinx"

Also

2 - REEL COMEDY  
And Serial  
"SCARLET BRAND"  
Episode No. 7

Always a Good Show



Greetings

To Our Friends—And Enemies—if Any

May Santa Claus Come To See You All!

The Enterprise Force

## Action on Selection of School Site Deferred To January 3

## CONSIDER FIVE POSSIBLE SITES

Selection Deferred To Give Time for Further Investigation

## FEW ATTEND MEET

Godard-Leggett Property and Site on Highway No. 90 Discussed at Meeting Tuesday

A selection of a site for the proposed new school building here failed to be made at a meeting of the County Board of Education and a few interested citizens at the courthouse last Tuesday evening. The selection of the site was deferred until Tuesday night, January 3, giving the members of the educational board time to inspect two other possible sites.

At the meeting last Tuesday, the Board stated that its members had investigated three sites, one on the south side of Highway 90 on the Martin farm, a second on the north side of Highway 90, near the Garden Terrace settlement, and a third on the Godard-Leggett property in New Town, but that it would gladly consider two other possible ones and present the findings at a second meeting with interested citizens.

The discussion at the meeting indicated that a central location was preferred rather than one so far from the heart of town.

It is the hope of the school authorities to place the building in the best place possible, and between now and Tuesday week further developments are expected to take place, making it possible to select a definite site at the next meeting.

## NUMBER THEFTS ARE REPORTED

Chief Police Warns Against Leaving Packages in Unlocked Cars

During the past few days many articles have been stolen from cars parked on the streets here, according to complaints made to the police department. On Tuesday night, a lady placed a package in her car which was parked in front of the Dennis Simmons Lumber Company's office and a few minutes later she found it had been stolen. The package contained several dresses and other goods valued at \$75.00.

Chief Daniel is doing everything possible to protect the property of the people, but finds that proper caution on their part will prevent a great deal of thievery.

No Enterprise To Be Published on Tuesday

Adhering to the usual custom of the office, there will be no issue of The Enterprise next Tuesday, December 27. Several members of the force are planning to be out of town two or three days, and the others will enjoy the few days' vacation at home. The next issue of the publication will appear on Friday, as usual.

The entire force joins in to wish every patron, subscriber and friend a pleasant Christmas and a successful New Year.

THE PUBLISHERS

Jamesville Defeats Bethel 47-12; Play Here Tuesday

Jamesville basketball team with several of its regular players out of the game, defeated Bethel last Wednesday 47 to 12.

Next Tuesday, the Washington Senators will meet Jamesville here, and a good game is expected.

## NEW CHEVROLET TO BE DISPLAYED ON JANUARY 1ST

Promise Most Spectacular Low-Priced Automobile Of All Time

## DETAILS NOT GIVEN

Local Dealers To Go To Charlotte Next Where Car Will Be On Display

Promising the most spectacular low priced automobile of all time, the Chevrolet Motor Company is announcing a complete new line of motor cars to be introduced to the public January first.

Members of the Peel Motor Company, Chevrolet dealers here, are expected to leave for Charlotte the early part of next week where the car will be shown to the dealers.

"In confirming reports that Chevrolet would very shortly introduce a new car of surpassing interest, W. S. Krudson, president of the Chevrolet Motor Company, declared that the official announcement covering all details of Chevrolet's sensational new product would come Sunday, January first. No details will be available until that time," he said.

It is reported that Chevrolet assembly plants have been in production on the new car since December 12. Factories in Flint, Mich., Tarrytown, N. Y., St. Louis Mo., Oakland, Calif., Buffalo, N. Y., Janesville, Wisc., and Norwood, Ohio, have been humming with activity preparing for the highways the first of the new cars that promise to make motor car history in 1928.

Shipments of the new cars to dealers have been leaving the various assembly plants since December 15 so that the vast country-wide dealer organization may be prepared for the introducing showing the early part of next month. Unbridled enthusiasm is being displayed over the new cars by Chevrolet field sales officials, who have been milling into Detroit for private showings of the new line.

Practically every Chevrolet dealer in the United States will have cars ready for public inspection the first few days in January.

This gigantic distribution achievement of supplying thousands of dealers with cars in such a brief space of time was made possible only through the farseeing policy of the Chevrolet organization and the tremendous resources and production facilities of the Chevrolet Motor Company. Never in the history of the industry will so many new models of one make have been placed in dealers' hands in such a limited space of time.

Unofficial reports from the Chevrolet offices say that the new car will embody many improvements in design and construction. New standards of beauty are promised. Easier handling and smoother riding qualities are heralded as some of the outstanding features of the new Chevrolet line.

Many unlocked for changes have been made in the appearance of the car, according to reports, providing the new Chevrolet with a beauty and style appeal, unexampled in the low price field.

Without disclosing details, Chevrolet officials declared that the new cars would embody the results of 13 years experience and progress in the building of low priced transportation.

Lessons learned from millions of miles of testing on the General Motors proving ground have been brought to bear on the new product, officials declared. In fact all the resources of General Motors have been employed for months to design and build the car that is heralded to be a wide margin the greatest automobile ever offered by Chevrolet.

The details of the new car will be announced to the country around the first of the year when the company places advertisements in around 5,500 newspapers all over the United States.

"Parson" Pardo Able To Be Out Again

Friends of Rev. C. O. Pardo were glad to see him out again yesterday after his severe illness, during the past several weeks. He is now looking quite well, but he has not recovered his strength.

He stated that he had hoped to be able to preach on Christmas Day, but thinks it would be unwise to undertake a service until he gains more strength.

Committee Report Is Favorable to Ferguson

The nomination of Garland S. Ferguson, of Greensboro, as a member of the Federal Trade Commission by President Coolidge a few days ago was favorably reported upon by the Senate committee yesterday. It is almost certain that the Senate will confirm the nomination.

Mr. Ferguson is a lawyer, the son of Judge Garland S. Ferguson, of Waynesville, who died a few years ago.

## Citizens Vote To Accept Offer Of Power Company, 238 To 9

## PAY QUARTER OF DEPOSITS TODAY

Martin County Saving and Trust Co. Receiver Is Mailing Checks

R. L. Coburn, receiver of the Martin County Savings and Trust Company, is mailing out dividend checks to the depositors of the defunct institution. The first checks go out today (Friday), and each represents twenty-five per cent. of the deposits in the bank at the time it closed its doors.

At the time the Martin County Savings and Trust Company closed, it was acting as receiver for the Parmalee Banking and Trust Company. The affairs of that bank also went into Mr. Coburn's hands for settlement, and according to a statement made by him, dividend checks will be mailed to the depositors of that institution within the next ninety days.

Mr. Coburn did not state just what per cent. of the deposits this dividend would represent as there are a few remaining assets to be realized upon before a definite announcement could be made.

The amount of money to be mailed to the depositors of the former local banking institution was not mentioned by Mr. Coburn.

## LIST SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Two Services Scheduled for Christmas Day, At 10:30 And 5 O'clock

The local Baptist church wishes to announce the following as its program for the holidays:

Sunday morning (Christmas Day) there will be a unified service of the Sunday School and church congregation in the auditorium of the church at 10:30 o'clock. Last year's White Gift service will be re-enacted at this time.

Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, there will be held a Twilight Service in the auditorium of the church. This service will consist of special music, a ten minute's sermon and so forth. To it, the general public, in and out of town, are invited. The church is already beautifully decorated for the season.

There will be no further service in the church on Christmas Day.

And because it is the holiday season, no mid-week service will be held in the church next Wednesday evening.

The pastor of the church wishes for his congregation, and for all the people about, a joyous holiday season.

## CHRISTIANS TO HAVE SERVICES

Announce Two Services for Sunday; Rev. Hale To Preach

The Sunday program at the Christian church will be featured by short and appropriate services. Mr. Hale, the pastor, has returned from a short visit to Wilmington and he will be in charge of the program.

Sunday school will open at 9:45 and church services will be held at 10:30, making it possible for the pastor to fit another appointment soon after the service held here is over. There will be no evening service.

The public is invited and the members of both Sunday school and church are urged to attend.

Local Negroes Jailed for Stealing in Washington

Hamp Edwards, Penina Biggs and Willie Davis, three local negroes, were arrested and placed in jail Monday by Washington officers. According to reports from that town, the three negroes, while shopping in that town Monday, lifted a quantity of goods, including two dresses, toys and other articles from the counters of several stores. They were all apprehended and placed in jail. Later the three secured bond, and they are now out awaiting a hearing before the recorders court in Washington.

Mr. W. G. (Bill) Peel is at home after a several-days' stay in a Washington hospital where he had his tonsils removed. According to reports, his condition was considered critical at one time shortly after the operation, and his many friends are glad to know that he is able to be home again.

He brought an appetite back with him, for Wednesday he purchased a 650-pound hog, paying Mr. J. R. Tire, who raised the animal, \$81.25 for it.

Some of his neighbors say it may not be hunger that brought about the purchase, for Bill is a bachelor.

Bill is one of the leading agents of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia.

Governor and Mrs. McLean Wishes Every One a Merry Christmas

All citizens of the State are invited by Governor and Mrs. McLean to visit them at the Mansion on New Year's Day. They will receive from 3 to 6 p.m.

The custom of opening the Mansion to all visitors has prevailed for a number of years and has brought many visitors in closer touch with the governors of the State.

C. O. PARDO.

## TO START WORK ON LINES HERE EARLY IN YEAR

Sweeping Victory Recorded By Proponents of Power Company's Offer

## MEANS LOWER RATE

Company's Lines To Be Extended From Tarboro; Expect To Furnish Power Here By September 1

The future of Williamston was greatly added to last Tuesday when two hundred and forty-seven citizens visited the polls and voted in the power election, 238 of them voting for the proposal and nine against the offer of the Virginia Electric and Power Company.

For weeks, the light and power problem had been discussed, but when the town's future, the power company's offer and the power situation here were discussed, the contract to sell was ratified by a sweeping majority. The ratification of the contract by the 238 voters marks the first step in clearing the slate of the power plant's past record, and of the town's greatest burdens—trying to keep the plant up to modern times—and placed on the V. E. P. Company.

The problem of power expansion here will be remedied for all time when the high-powered lines of the Virginia Electric and Power Company are extended from Tarboro here. The lines will bring power sufficient to turn the wheels of industry in row after row of factories, and at the same time furnish light for homes and stores at a price one-half the present rate charged by the municipal plant.

## Start Work Early Next Year

While the power company has not announced its expansion plans, it is understood that work on the power line from Tarboro here will be started the early part of next year, and that the town will be furnished power and light from the plants of the company not later than September of next year. Should the construction of the line be completed before that time and the distribution system here be made ready, the company will connect with the Stone and Webster organization is likely to be assigned the task of constructing the line from the now-existing ones at Tarboro. Several months will be required to complete the line and rebuild the distribution system here. Mr. J. T. Chase, Manager of the Carolina Division, stated Tuesday that in the rebuilding of the present system here none of the material now in use here would be used. The wire will be torn down and sold as junk. All poles will be replaced and new street lights installed. It is to be a new and complete outfit, Mr. Chase stated.

Further expansion of the company's operations in this section will likely include a branch to Plymouth and a connection with the company's line at Aulander. The proposed branch to Plymouth will likely take care of electrical needs of the intermediate towns.

Until the power company reaches here with its lines, the municipal plant will continue in operation. A month or more before the line is finished the town will be notified and the cash consideration of \$75,000 will be paid by the company.

## Twilight Service Sunday At Local Baptist Church

Centering on their Christmas Afternoon Twilight Service, the pastor and people of the local Baptist congregation are planning to make this a service to be remembered both for its beauty and its simplicity.

To this feature service, the people are all invited. It is so timed that it will not interfere with any other service in Williamston. And it will be brief enough not to take much time of those who plan to attend other