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COUNTY BOARD STANDS BY ITS SITE SELECTION

New School To Be Placed On Rhodes Property; Begin Work Soon

ARCHITECT AT WORK

Reported That Dr. Rhodes May Move House, Straightening Street To Location Selected

In its meeting held here yesterday the County Board of Education defended the selection made last month of a site for a new school building here, and it is understood that the school will be placed on the Rhodes property provided the conditions specified in the contract are met by Dr. Jas. S. Rhodes, the property's owner. The main condition to be met is the opening and construction of proper streets, leading to the building. The town will construct a water line to the site, but no promise has been made by the town commissioners to make sewer connections. The Virginia, Electric and Power Company is expected to make the light connections.

A motion was made by Mr. K. B. Crawford, chairman of the board, to put the matter to a popular vote, but Mr. Crawford's action came just about the time for adjournment at the noon hour, and it was never seconded. The members of the board did not reassemble after the lunch hour, and the motion went to the air.

It was unofficially stated this morning that Dr. Rhodes was considering moving his home and extending Smithwick street in a direct line to the site. This could not be confirmed this morning, however.

Plans for the building are being made by Architect Eric Flannagan, and according to those in authority, building operations should be started in the very near future, provided, of course, no obstacles present themselves between now and the time the contract is let.

North Carolina Cotton Association Election

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative association held in Raleigh last Tuesday, it was ordered that the annual election of directors shall be held beginning with the county primaries during the third week in May and ending with the annual meeting of members at the association's office, June 18th, at which time the new Board of Directors will assume charge of the affairs of the association for the new association year.

The county convention for primary elections in this county will be held in the courthouse here at 10:30, Saturday, May 19.

Delegates elected at the county primaries will attend district conventions at district headquarters in each of the ten districts on May 22, and will nominate candidates to be voted upon by the association members for director to represent the district for the coming year.

District elections where the poll holders will count the ballots will be held June 12 and the candidates who receive the majority vote at these elections in each of the ten districts will be declared the director to represent the district.

First Sleet in May in Many Years Today

According to many citizens, this section saw its first sleet in May this morning. While it was very light several people stated that the sleet fell about seven o'clock, followed by a heavy rain.

Mr. Aubrey Shackell, editor of the *Herford News*, was here a short while this morning.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY

Buddy Roosevelt in "TANGLED HERDS" Added

COMEDY

Mutt and Jeff Cartoon

And Serial

WILLIAM DESMOND in "THE VANISHING RIDER"

Also

FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEET

Straighten Out Number of Tax Tangles; Otherwise Of Little Interest

The County Board of Commissioners faced a number of tax errors in their meeting here yesterday, and outside of correcting the mistakes, the meeting was of no great importance.

Mr. J. G. Barnhill, chairman of the Board, having tendered his resignation to the Clerk of the Superior court was not present and Mr. H. S. Everett, having been appointed by R. J. Peel, Clerk of the Superior court, was qualified for the office by taking the oath. Upon motion T. B. Slade Jr. was elected chairman to fill the unexpired term in Mr. Barnhill's former position.

John N. Rogerson, of Bear Grass, was released from payment of tax on \$3,300 solvent credits and was permitted to list land valued at \$3,500, the credits being listed by error and the land unlisted through error.

Daily Hodges was released from payment of tax on \$250 personal same being listed and paid by J. W. Anderson.

W. C. Manning was released from payment of tax on seventy acres of land listed in Griffins township, the land having been listed twice thru error.

Arthur Johnson was released from payment of tax on merchandise listed at \$2,250 through error, and was also released from payment of school tax in Robersonville on farm out of school bounds, valued at \$3,500.

A special school election was ordered in the Keel school district.

J. D. Williams, of Williams township, having no dog, was released of payment of tax on a dog.

Henry Nelson, colored, of Robersonville, was released of payment on \$2,850 on land listed twice through error.

The board ordered that a public road be laid out in Cross Roads township, leading from J. L. Clark's to Walter Beach's.

W. L. Staton, of Robersonville, was released from payment of tax on \$400 worth of property, listed by error.

The estate of W. L. Staton was released from payment of tax on \$1,400 listed twice.

Mrs. M. W. Pugh was allowed the sum of \$12.50 per month from the Mothers' Aid Fund.

O. P. Roberson was refunded \$20, plumber's tax, collected through error.

J. G. Modlin was released from payment of tax on fifty-six acres of land listed through error in Jamesville township and valued at \$360.

The Sheriff was ordered to sell all property upon which tax has not been paid on the first Monday in June, making it necessary for him to advertise delinquents this week.

W. D. Mizelle was released from payment of poll tax for 1927.

Bankers in Auto Wreck Near Wilson Saturday

Messrs. F. U. Barnes and John D. Biggs, and R. W. Salisbury, of Hamilton and Mr. Dudley, of Norfolk, were slightly injured last Saturday afternoon when their car was wrecked about two miles out of Wilson. The car, a Lincoln coach belonging to Mr. F. U. Barnes and driven by Mr. Salisbury was ditched when the brakes elinched and failed to release. Repairs were made to the machine and the bankers continued home from Pinehurst where they had attended a bankers' convention the day before.

Jury List for June Term Of Court Drawn Monday

At their meeting yesterday the list of jurors for the June term of Martin County Superior court was drawn by the commissioners as follows:

W. M. Davis, J. F. Martin, Joshua L. Coltrain, Noah P. Roberson, Jno. E. Moore, Alonzo D. Griffin, B. Frank Lilley, W. G. Hardison, James R. Corey, Simon D. Roberson, Jas. L. Peel, M. D. Leggett, S. John H. Roberson, W. J. Melson, B. W. Hardy, J. L. Hassell, T. S. Critcher, J. E. Harrison, Jr., Z. H. Rose, A. I. Hardy, C. B. Riddick, V. G. Taylor, M. D. Ayers, W. R. Roebuck, J. G. Barnhill, Jr., Hugh Roberson, J. Henry Roberson, C. Arthur Roberson, G. D. Ward, G. P. Bullock, W. Harold Everett, H. B. Smith, B. E. Taylor, W. E. Tyson, H. R. Smith and Lester L. House.

During the past few days the Roanoke river has flooded the banks, causing a delay in freight shipments and bringing thousands of fish for the fishermen. Sunday the water was several feet deep in certain spots around the wharf, and the young boys here were scooping the herrings up in rapid order. A drop in the water was reported yesterday, but with the rain this morning another rise is expected.

TOWN FATHERS BAN DANCES AT MEET MONDAY

Uncle Buck Meadows Objects To Sobriquet of "Grandpa"

APPOINT LIST TAKER

Type of Dances That Have Been Held Here Recently Brings Down Ire Of Commissioners

"Grandpa, can you tell me the way out of here?" was the question asked "Uncle" Buck Meadows, a member of the board of town commissioners, by one of the young men attending the last warehouse dance here when he was unable to find his way out of the city the morning following the dance the night before. Mr. Meadows, in relating the incident before the Town Board of Commissioners in session here last night, stated that he willingly instructed the hollow-eyed youth as to directions. And that young fellow as well as many others will not need to ask the way out or in either, for that matter; for, last night the commissioners took a new stand and all dances, staged from a possible view of profit, were banned indefinitely.

The new stand against the speculative warehouse dance was taken when the commissioners reviewed the dance situation as has existed here during the past few months. In discussing the problem, the commissioners mentioned a few things coming as a result of their own observations. Coming from the lips of a certain married woman, one of the commissioners stated he heard her say, "Yes, I am going and I expect to have a helluva big time." In the early hours of the morning, citizens were awakened from their sleep when carloads of the young boys and girls drove in certain parts of the town to drink and curse, was another thing mentioned at the meeting in deriving at some way the warehouse dance might be stopped. The order went in a hurry when it was mentioned that members from red-light districts of certain Eastern Carolina towns attended the dance and were, more or less, instrumental in causing one or two fist fights on the sidelines.

It was apparent that Mr. Meadows was not out for that "Grandpa" salutation from an up-start; for he made a straight-to-the-shoulder attack on the speculation dance.

In making the order, it was stated by each member of the board that he was not against dancing, but it was the opinion of the majority that there should be a stop brought about to the type of dances that have been held here in recent months.

And according to the proceedings last night, there will be but one or two more warehouse dances here for quite a while. Fair week, Thanksgiving and Christmas will count for little when it comes to granting permission for dances here, it was stated last night.

Tiring from the dance, the board discussed the matter of appointing a special tax list-taker for the town to make an abstract of the taxable properties in the town. It was stated that the method followed in the past years had proved very unsatisfactory and that it would be better should the town take its own list. Mr. W. T. Meadows was appointed list-taker and he will sit with the township list-taker at the Farmers Supply Company fifteen days between now and the last of this month. Citizens of the town will be able to list their property for county and town levies but will do so separately. In making this change, it is believed that the number of errors will be greatly lessened and that the \$150 to be paid Mr. Meadows for the task will prove to be cheap in the end. Mr. Meadows is to prepare the books for the tax collector and have them ready by June 30, while if handled as in the past, the books would not reach the collector within 90 days.

An order was passed, instructing Tax Collector W. B. Daniel to advertise tax delinquencies according to law. And that being the case, the names of the delinquents will appear Friday of this week. Mr. Daniel reported that he did not have very many unpaid accounts, and that he expect a few of those would be settled today and tomorrow.

Willie Winkle Shoppe Not To Be Moved

In the last issue of this paper, it was stated that Messrs. Stubbs and Stubbs would move their law office to the building now occupied by the Willie Winkle Hat Shoppe. According to the managers of the Hat Shoppe arrangements for handling their large stock of hats are not complete, and that the two attorneys will move there within the next few weeks or even at all is not certain at this time, it was stated by the Hat Shop operators last Saturday.

PRESBYTERIANS TO BUILD HERE

Seventeen Members Meet And Form First Presbyterian Church

The organization of a First Presbyterian Church of Williamston was effected last Sunday when seventeen members of that denomination met at the close of the afternoon service in the special tent here and pledged their support in establishing the new church. While the exact date for the erection of the building is not known at this time, it was learned through Mr. A. J. Crane, a member of the evangelistic party, that the brick for the building had already been promised, and that construction would be started in the near future, or as soon as the congregation selects a suitable location.

While there have been no definite plans or arrangements announced, it is understood that the organizers of the new church will erect a handsome brick structure, and will join hands with all others in promoting church work in the town and community. One of the strongest pastors of the denomination will be sent here to serve the local church and to do mission work in the county, it was stated by Mr. Crane.

The charter members include Mr. P. R. Reeves, Mrs. Anna Harrison, Mrs. C. G. Rockett, Carrol G. Crockett, Jr., Mary Ann Crockett, Mrs. Erah S. Cobb, Mr. C. Alexander, Miss Delphia Peebles, Mrs. Raleigh Bradley, Mr. T. B. Brandon, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Harrison, Ernest Harrison, Alice Harrison, Mrs. Lawrence P. Lindsley, Lawrence G. Lindsley, and Mrs. M. D. Watts.

It is expected that a number of others will affiliate with the church at a later date.

PRESBYTERIAN MEETING ENDS

Last Service Held Sunday Evening; Move Tent to Hobgood

The special Presbyterian services held here during the past two weeks in a tent on the Crawford lot on Church and Smithwick streets was brought to a most successful close Sunday evening when Dr. E. E. Gillespie preached a strong sermon to a large congregation. The preacher took his text from the 15th chapter of the Gospel of Luke, dealing with the three parables, the lost sheep, the lost cow and the lost boy. At the close of the service, two of the congregation were received as members of the church.

Yesterday the tent was moved to Hobgood where the evangelistic party will hold services during several days, beginning next Sunday.

Dr. Gillespie, Revs. Mr. Crane and Yandel and Mr. Smith, the song leader, are very much gratified with the results of the meeting and they wish to thank all who have helped to make it a success and to make known their appreciation for the kindnesses shown them by the people of the town and community during their stay here.

Recorder's Court Had But Two Cases Today

With only two cases on the docket, Judge Bailey's court held a very short session here this morning.

The first case charging John Howard Taylor with seduction, was continued for two weeks.

Will Little, charged with the unlawful possession of liquor, plead guilty and was fined \$15.00 and required to pay the costs of the action.

Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Anderson Dies Today

Clyde Donald, Jr., the nine months old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Anderson died at the home of its parents here this morning at 2 o'clock. It was taken Saturday night with meningitis and from the first his recovery was considered doubtful.

The little fellow had just recovered from an attack of measles which is thought to have weakened the child's power to resist the meningitis attack.

The funeral will be held at the home tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment will be made in the Tarboro cemetery at 4. Rev. C. H. Dickey will conduct the rites.

Cross Circuit Interrupts Town's Light Service

A short circuit in the town's electric system has caused a spasmodic service for the light and power users. Wet weather with strong winds were stated to be causing the trouble, and employees have worked practically all day in an effort to locate the trouble.

ALL PROPERTY MUST BE LISTED DURING MONTH

List Takers Now Ready for Business; One in Each Township

HOPE TO AVOID RUSH

Farmers Required to List Number of Acres of Each Kind of Crop For Statistical Purposes

While the sheet is not clear of all the 1927 taxes, the listing of taxable property for this year has been arranged, and according to the advertisements all property will be doubly taxed unless it is listed before the 31st day of this month.

The list-takers this year for the ten townships are, A. Corey, Jamesville, L. J. Hardison, Williams W. T. Roberson, Griffins; A. B. Ayers, Bear Grass; Roy T. Griffin, Williamston; J. K. Ross, Robersonville; C. B. Roebuck, Cross Roads; LeRoy Taylor, Poplar Point; L. R. Everett, Hamilton; J. F. Crisp, Goose Nest.

The law requires all persons to meet the list-takers of the townships and list real and personal property. For statistical purposes and not for taxation, farmers are asked to come prepared to list the number of acres of each kind of crop, including fruit trees and truck.

Usually there is a last minute rush with the list-takers, and owners of personal and real property are urged to see the list-takers as soon as possible to avoid the confusion in the last few days of listing.

REGISTRATION IN GOOSE NEST

Old Books Lost and New Registration Ordered by Board of Elections

A new registration in Goose Nest precinct which includes the whole of Goose Nest township, was ordered to be held by the County Board of Elections in a meeting held here yesterday. The order was made when it was learned that the registration of 1926 had been lost and could not be found.

All members of the board, Sylvester Peel, chairman; B. R. Jenkins, and C. B. Fagan, secretary, were present. Outside of the business dealing with a new registration for Goose Nest precinct, the board transacted no business.

TO HOLD STATE EXAMS HERE

Is For Graduates of Non-Accredited Schools Going To State Colleges

State Superintendent of Schools A. T. Allen has announced that a State examination will be given in the office of the county superintendent of schools of each county in the State this year. The examination will be given the graduates of any non-accredited high schools in the State for the purpose of admitting such students to the colleges of the State on an equal basis with the graduates of accredited high schools, provided they can stand and pass a standard examination.

Mr. R. A. Pope, superintendent of schools of this county, has announced that the examination in Martin will be held in his office Saturday, June 9, at 10 a. m. He also states that he wants all who wish to take the examination to notify him within the next ten days so that he might procure all necessary papers for the examination.

Several Feature Pictures Coming To Strand Here

Rex Ingram's production, "The Garden of Allah" features the program at the Strand theatre this week, the management announcing it for showing Thursday night. Starring Alice Terry and Ivan Petrovich, "The Garden of Allah" is the author's favorite romance - of more than twenty-five works of fiction Robert Hichens has written in as many years.

The famous English writer first published "The Garden of Allah" in 1904, and since that time it has run through nearly one hundred editions, aggregating more than one million copies.

Next Monday and Tuesday, John Gilbert and Greta Garbo appear in "Love," a Metro-Goldyn picture. Other coming attractions include Richard Barthelmess in "The Noose" May 24; Ramon Novarro and Norma Shearer in "The Student Prince," May 28 and 29; and "The Love Mart," featuring Gilbert Roland and Noah Beery, June 1.

Mr. Fred Hill, of Tarboro, was a business visitor here this morning.

COMMENCEMENT SERMON SUNDAY

Large Congregation Hears Dr. Frank Deans, of Wilmington

Sunday morning in the Episcopal church, Dr. Frank Deans, rector of a parish in the City of Wilmington, delivered the commencement sermon to the thirteen members of the graduating class of the local high school and to a large number of the townspeople. The service was marked by simplicity throughout, but was very impressive.

Dr. Deans preached no regular sermon, but spoke of those things he had found in life which he recommended to the class. After commenting briefly on the trend of the times, stressing the courses for the apparent revolt of youth, he went immediately into the heart of his message. The outstanding objective in life according to his interpretation was the making of friends. The essence of conduct that makes this possible he ventured to assert, was living friendly.

Dr. Deans' attitude towards youth with its bubbling over with eagerness and enthusiasm was very tolerant. He spoke with almost sorrow that age lacked that priceless characteristic, life in its abundance in youth offered opportunities which the youth of today was accepting no matter how the world thought. And as for him, he was willing to leave their course to them should their lives be tempered with the likeness of Christ. Though age differed with them, his prayer was it should stand in the way of such lives seeking truth, beauty and friendship.

Tonight, the seniors hold their class exercises in the school auditorium at 8:00 o'clock. Tomorrow evening at the same hour, Dr. D. B. Bryan, Dean of Wake Forest College, will deliver the main address to the thirteen graduates and patrons of the school.

The public is invited to attend both exercises and a large number of people are expected to hear Mr. Bryan tomorrow evening. He is an able speaker and his address will be well received by those who hear him, no doubt.

MISS SLEEPER'S APRIL REPORT

Twenty-Four Meetings of Girls' Clubs; Seven for Women

This past month, the County Home Agent spent seventeen and one-half days in the field and seven days in the office; travelled 535 miles in conducting the thirty-one meetings held in the county. Seven meetings for the women were held by the Agent during the month. Two meetings were conducted by leaders and one meeting was held in the agent's office to train the women leaders in food work. This meeting was conducted by Miss Mary Thomas, nutrition specialist, of Raleigh. All women clubs in the county were represented except one. There has been a total attendance of 103 women at the meetings held during the month.

The girls clubs in the county have held twenty-four meetings with an attendance of 271. The clubs of the county exhibited work at the county commencement held in April. The work of the women was also included. Ribbons were given the best club exhibit and the girls' individual exhibits of the best garments.

During the month fifteen news articles were written, fifty-eight bulletins distributed, thirty-five letters were sent out and two circular letters were prepared. Fourteen different homes were visited, ten office calls were held and there were twelve telephone calls received relative to the work in the county.

Snow, Sleet, and Rain in State Last Few Days

Changing from an almost mid-summer day last Saturday to a day akin to January or February, the weather in many states is said to have been the most unusual yet recorded for this time of the year.

Snow flurries and sleet were reported from Rock Hill, S. C., and several nearby points, an almost unprecedented occurrence.

The weather bureau at Charlotte reported that 2.16 inches of rain had fallen at Greenville, S. C., in the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. yesterday morning. Wilmington and Raleigh reported no rainfall.

Temperatures in this state ranged a maximum of 60 to a minimum of 48.

Mr. J. E. Griffin, of Griffin's township, was a business visitor in town this afternoon.

Sheriff and Mrs. A. L. Roebuck and Misses Mary Alice Dunning and Lela Roebuck visited Robersonville Sunday.

FIRE AT GARDEN TERRACE WIPES OUT 2 BUILDINGS

Filling Station and Laundry Destroyed Yesterday Afternoon

FIREMEN HELPLESS

Lack Over 100 Feet of Hose of Having Enough to Reach Blaze; Fire At Same Place Sunday

Fire, starting from an oil stove, destroyed the old wooden building and a filling station, a few feet away, at Garden Terrace on the west end of Main street yesterday afternoon. The alarm was turned in shortly after four o'clock, and before the fire company could reach the scene, the walls of the building had fallen in. The members of the fire company, laid more than 900 feet of hose in an attempt to save the few remaining timbers, but they could do nothing when the last link of hose was connected and a distance of more than a hundred feet remained uncovered. The wooden structure and the filling station caused a volume of smoke, and hundreds of spectators were attracted to the spot.

During the past several months Mr. J. W. Tucker had operated a laundry in the building, and the Monday's wash of many citizens went up in smoke when the flames spread so rapidly that nothing could be removed from the building.

Telephone connections to the west were severed when a pole and wires of the Carolina Telephone company were burned.

A fire said to have started from the same stove Sunday, was extinguished with very little damage resulting. The fire company was called out then, but the laundry operators, who were there at the time, checked the fire.

The building was erected several years ago by Mr. J. S. Peel and others and for a while it was used by a country store. Dances were held there, first by the whites and then by the colored. Who later converted it into a hotel. Several months ago the building was leased by its owner, a Mr. McGowan, of Greenville, to Mr. Tucker.

The extent of the damage could not be learned, and it was not definitely stated as to whether the building was insured.

COUNTY AGENT'S APRIL REPORT

Eighth Car Drain Tile of Season Delivered During Month

County Agent T. B. Brandon had another busy month during April when he held one hundred and three conferences, answered eighty telephone calls, wrote one hundred and twenty-one letters and eight articles, spent sixteen days in field work and nine days in his office, visited thirty-eight farms and traveled 942 miles attending to official business.

During the month, Mr. Brandon treated 458 hogs for thirty-three farmers in all sections of the county. One car of hogs was shipped to Richmond and sold, bringing \$1,648.16 to the shippers.

The report, given to the county commissioners at their meeting here yesterday, further shows that the agent supervised the shipping of a third car of poultry during April. The shipment amounted to 10,063 pounds and sold for \$2,119.16, bringing the total number of pounds of poultry shipped since February from the county up to 34,954 pounds, and the total income up to \$6,898.28. A saving of approximately \$1,500 for the farmers of the county was made possible by these shipments, it was pointed out in the report.

A saving of \$880 for farmers was effected through collective orders of drain tile, the agent delivering his eighth car of the season during the month.

The greater part of the agent's time was taken up by treating hogs, delivering tile and getting the poultry scheduled and advertised.

Negro Minstrel At Jamesville Thursday

A Negro minstrel has been announced for showing in the Jamesville school auditorium next Thursday night at 8 o'clock. The Poplar Chapel quartette will take part in the entertainment that evening and other numbers in connection with the minstrel will be given. Music by a string band will also be a feature on the program. Mr. W. T. Overby, teacher in the schools there, stated yesterday that the program for the evening is one of the best yet offered and that a large attendance is expected.