

## ABOUT 275,000 POUNDS TOBACCO HERE TODAY

### 501 ENROLLED AT ROBERSONVILLE SCHOOL OPENING

Is Largest Enrollment in History of School; Have Eighteen Teachers

### SEVERAL MAKE TALKS

171 Enrolled in High School and 330 in Elementary Section; Building Badly Overcrowded

The Robersonville School faculty and students met in formal session yesterday morning for the organization of classes and courses. A teaching corps of 18 welcomed the largest student body ever assembled in the town. The high school and the elementary school both were crowded, there being 171 students enrolled in the high school and 330 in the elementary school. Despite the overcrowded building situation, prospects are still bright. The teachers have expressed a willingness to work under these conditions since the future seems so promising. Every possible nook and corner has been, through the ingenuity of the superintendent, converted into classroom quarters. The balcony, the clothing room, the auditorium, and even the storage room are losing their identity as such and are becoming temporary classrooms. The school is entering upon its banner year in attendance.

Many parents and friends of the school witnessed the opening exercises of the 1928-29 term as it was conducted in the auditorium at 11:30. Needless to say, there was not room enough to accommodate the large crowd present.

Among those who took an active part in the exercises were Mr. G. H. Cox, Rev. N. D. Blackman, Rev. C. B. Mashburn, Rev. J. T. Wildman, Mr. T. Jones Taylor, and Mr. John D. Everette.

Rev. N. D. Blackman, after reading the Scripture lesson spoke briefly of the topic suggested by the reading—unsatisfaction with attainment as compared with the purpose intended for all. Unsatisfaction is, according to him, the first mark of larger attainment. He urged all to be thus unsatisfied.

Rev. C. B. Mashburn offered prayer. Mr. Cox, the chairman of the school board, welcomed the teachers, old and new, and urged that the parents rally to their support as a man. Rev. J. T. Wildman insisted that teachers and students break the continuous grind of school work by taking, as did Enosh, God as their partner. Mr. T. Jones Taylor was enthusiastic about the success and progress of the school. Cooperation was, too, a keynote word with him.

The address of the morning was delivered by Mr. John D. Everette, a former principal of the school. His address centered about the essentials one needs if he desired to become what he ought to be.

All present were delighted to have at the opening Mrs. J. H. Roberson, and old education stand-by and sincere friend of the school.

Previous to the opening of school, Superintendent R. I. Leake, in his first, faculty meeting submitted what promises to be a very workable and effective school organization scheme. The basis for this organization indicated a nice discrimination of skill in handling various extra-curricular activities.

### Town Commissioners' Meeting Is Postponed

Due to the absence of several members of the board, the town commissioners did not hold their regular meeting here last night. No special night has been announced when the body will meet.

**STRAND THEATRE**

**WEDNESDAY**

**BUFFALO BILL JUNIOR**

in

**'BAD MAN'S BLUFF'**

Also

**2-REEL COMEDY**

And Serial

**"The Jungle Goddess"**

and

**FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY**

### LOCAL SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY

Now Making Repairs and Adding Temporary Classrooms

With repairs almost completed on the building and with all teachers hired the local school will open the 1928-29 term next Monday morning at 9 o'clock, it was stated this morning by the principal, L. H. Davis.

At the present time, carpenters and other workmen are converting the auditorium into class rooms to handle the expected increase in the enrollment. Mr. Davis stated that it would require another day to complete the plastering work, and the painters will be through with their work by Thursday.

The faculty includes: Primary Department: Miss Serena Peacock, Fremont; Miss Estelle Crawford, Williamston; Miss Lucy Claire Ivey, Scotland Neck; Miss Mildred Darden, Kenly; Miss Elizabeth Ramsey, Ivor, Va.; Mrs. Milton J. Moye, Williamston; and Miss Lillian Sample, Davidson.

Grammar grade department: Miss Lucille Allen, Fuquay Springs; Miss Velma Harrison, Williamston; Miss Katherine Cole, Fairmont; Mrs. Raleigh Bradley, Williamston; and Miss Henrietta Price, Bishopville, S. C.

High School Department: Mrs. W. H. Harrell, Williamston; Mr. B. E. Hood, Goldsboro; Miss Mary Fletcher, McColl, S. C., and Mr. Laurence Thornton, Fayetteville.

Mrs. W. C. Manning, Jr., will teach private piano students and conduct public school music in the grades again this year.

### OPEN HAMILTON SCHOOL ON 17TH

Full Corps of Teachers Has Been Selected; W. W. Clarke Is Principal

The Hamilton School will open the 1928-29 term Monday, September 17, it was announced by Mr. W. W. Clarke, principal, yesterday. A full corps of teachers has been selected and everything will be in readiness for the opening day, Mr. Clarke further stated.

In making his announcement, the principal asked leave to repeat the annual request that parents come out and meet with the teachers the first, especially are the parents of the beginners urged to attend with their children. Besides mentioning the importance of the first-day attendance, the school head stressed the necessity of the child attending regularly.

The certificates of report attendance, which were not given out at the last commencement, will be presented the opening day. The children's names, it will be remembered, were read at the finals last May, and now the teachers are anxious for the students and their parents to attend and be honored for the attendance records made last year.

The faculty for the term includes: Miss Pasco Davidson, of Tyner, N. C., first grade; Miss Miriam Ward, of Rich Square, second grade; Miss Pauline Lippard, Statesville, third grade; Miss Myrtle Dixon, Rose Hill, fourth and fifth grades; Miss Maude Willford, Dunn, sixth and seventh grades; Miss Mary Emma Hough, Sumter, S. C., and Principal W. W. Clarke will teach the subjects in the high school.

### Home Demonstrator Back From Vacation

After vacationing in her home state, New Hampshire, for 20 days, Miss Lora E. Sleeper returned to her regular duties as county home demonstrator here last Friday. During the early part of the month, the agent spent six days in field work and remained in her office one day. While assisting with the girls' State short course, Miss Sleeper traveled 344 miles, it was stated in her report to the county commissioners in session here yesterday.

### Scotland Neck Man With Harrison Bros.

Mr. C. B. Godwin, formerly with Burroughs-Pittman-Wheeler Co., of Scotland Neck, has accepted a position with Harrison Brothers and Co. here. Mr. Godwin will work in the Ladies' shoes and piece goods department.

### Eastern Firemen Hold Meeting At Bayview

The Eastern Carolina Firemen's association held its regular quarterly meeting last Tuesday night at Bayview, many of the local firemen attending. The next meeting of the association will be held in Robersonville during the latter part of October.

### 225 ENROLL AS SCHOOL OPENS AT JAMESVILLE

A. L. Pollock, New Principal, Makes Short Address

### R. J. PEEL IS SPEAKER

Exercises Incident to Opening Were Short and Impressive; Miss Annie Glasgow To Teach Music

Answering the call of the school bell, 225 children went to the Jamesville school yesterday for their first assignment of the 1928-29 term. The exercises featuring the school's openings were short but impressive, Mr. R. J. Peel, of this place, making the main address.

Principal A. L. Pollock, in his opening remarks, thanked the patrons for the confidence placed in the teachers by them when they entrusted the children to the teachers for the formation of ideas and ideals that will follow them through life. Mr. Pollock asked the cooperation of parents and patrons that the present term might be a success. Mr. Pollock goes to the Jamesville schools this year for the first time, and assures the people of that town and community his best efforts in running the school.

Following the devotional by R. G. L. Edwards, pastor of the Jamesville and Plymouth Methodist Churches, Mr. R. J. Peel addressed the large number of parents and the 225 pupils assembled in the school's auditorium. Mr. Peel, in his address, pointed out the ever-increasing changes in society, and he urged the pupil to so develop his mind and personality that he might accept the good things in life and reject those that are detrimental to the person and society as a whole.

After the necessary announcements were made, the children repaired to their respective rooms, where their texts were given and assignments made.

In announcing the school's faculty in our last issue, the name of Miss Annie Glasgow was not included. Miss Glasgow has taught music in the schools there during the past several years, and she will again serve as music instructor this term.

### G. O. P. WORKING ON PREJUDICES

Mississippi Governor Warns People of South Against Propaganda

Pascagoula, Miss., Sept. 2.—Governor Theodore G. Bilbo, of Mississippi, charged in an address here yesterday that agents of the Republican party were disseminating thousands of pieces of literature among church and lodge members in the South in an effort to influence Democrats against Governor Smith as the Democratic nominee.

"And just as surely as you permit your minds to be influenced by Republican propaganda, you can just as surely prepare for negro voting and ultimate control by the black race," Governor Bilbo declared.

Discussing the religious question, Governor Bilbo said, "If this country stands for anything it stands for tolerance and religious freedom, and to say that the Catholics are attempting to elect a President is just as foolish as to say that we Baptists—and I am a licensed Baptist minister—are trying to elect a President. We did some years back, and we got the rottenest we ever had, Warren Harding, with all the Republican corruption."

### New Restaurant To Open Here Soon

Jim Pappas, of Laurinburg, will open a cafe here on Main street in the Godard building formerly occupied by E. Ramie, merchant. The exact opening date has not been announced, but it is understood that the cafe will be open for business within the next few days.

### Board Of Education Has Routine Matters

Handling regular routine matters coming before it, the Martin County Board of Education met in regular session here yesterday with all members of the board taking part in the day's business.

### Announce Birth

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Joseph Starr, August 29, at Loudon, Tenn., a son, William Joseph, Jr. Mrs. Starr, before her marriage, was Miss Patty Sherrod, of Hamilton, N. C.

### COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEET

Discuss Wide Variety of Problems, But Act on Only Few

While the discussions entered into by the county commissioners in session here yesterday dealt with many various problems affecting the operation of the county, the minutes of the meeting showed where final action was taken in but very few matters.

The treasurer was ordered to sell a note in the sum of \$25,000 for the county's operation in anticipation of the collection of the levy for the year 1928. The term of the note, according to a legal record, will be six months and will not bear over 6 per cent interest.

C. E. Ange was permanently relieved of the payment of poll tax, it being shown that the order was justifiable on the grounds of physical disability.

With Mr. M. N. MacRae meeting with the board, the commissioners spent some time in examining the audit of the county's books made recently by Mr. MacRae's company. The audit was accepted. While reviewing the audit, Mr. MacRae pointed out that Sheriff Roebuck, as far as it could be determined, held the record in the State as a tax collector. Mr. MacRae, talking on the county's financial condition, stated that Martin County was in an exceptionally good condition, as compared with many counties in the State.

One of the most important topics coming up in the discussions had to do with the method of running the county home. And while the home will be managed during the remainder of this year, as it has been managed during the past several, it is understood that the commissioners will personally visit the home and farm and offer their findings at a future meeting of the county's heads.

### 14 PERMITS TO MARRY ISSUED

Total For August Is Four More Than Were Issued During July

Like the business trend, Dan Cupid's work fluctuates with the seasons. In July there were 10 marriage licenses issued in this county by Mr. J. Sam Gotsinger, register of deeds, while there were 14 issued in August. The number last month was equally divided among the white and colored people.

The contracting parties were, as a rule, in their early twenties. The list follows:

**White**  
Colon Perry, 21; Dora Hardison, 21. M. Charlie Whitfield, 37; Ida Cowey, 19. W. J. Roebuck, 21; Fessie M. Beach, 18. Paul T. Norwood, 19; Katie Hardison, 18. W. C. Brobbie, 23; Edith Ambers, 18. Thad Martin, 25; Mamie Mizelle, 18. Melvin T. Bailey, 23; Selma Dail, of Beaufort County, 18.

**Colored**  
Alonzo Ruffin, 46; Percie Williams, 40. Charlie Rhodes, 23; Lenora Ellison, 19. Grover James, 20; Victoria James, 18. Clarence W. Whitaker, 31; Mary Smith, 23; Denton Bell, 20; Lucille Slade, 18. Fred Wilder, 25; Anna Williams, 19. Willie Edwards, 21; Alice G. Williams, 18.

### Roanoke Fair Manager Distributing Advertising

With the Roanoke fair less than a month away, its manager is carrying on an extensive advertising campaign at the present time in twelve counties. Each day this week the special car entered a county where special men have posted signs and distributed novelties and other advertising matter.

### Superintendent Meets With Faculty At Robersonville

Superintendent R. A. Pope made his first official call upon the Robersonville faculty for this term on Saturday afternoon, September 1. At this time he very cordially welcomed the teachers and gave a prospectus of the county work, encouraging the teachers to use their initiative in making this a record year.

### Faculty At Robersonville Favors State Association

The entire Robersonville school faculty went on record Saturday as being 100 per cent for the North Carolina Educational Association. At the first faculty meeting the local secretary was able to send to the State secretary the membership cards and fees for every teacher in the system.

## Average Is Estimated at 12c; Heavy Rain and Poor Quality Big Factors in Low Average

### EVERETTTS WANTS ANOTHER GRADE

School Now a Junior High; Want Eleventh Grade Added

Backed by the entire citizenry of the Everetts community, students in the high school there are making a strong effort toward establishing an eleventh grade in the school there. Several young men who completed the work in the Everetts school the past year went before Supt. R. A. Pope here last night with a petition calling for an additional teacher in the high school.

The students coming here last night presented what seemed a reasonable and sound argument in behalf of the additional grade. They stated that each year where several students stop school after completing the tenth grade they would continue if they had access to eleventh grade work right at home. In making their request for the grade, the representatives stated there are two unused rooms in their building, and that either of them would be suitable for the work.

At the present time the school is not in a position to meet eleventh grade requirements, but the students here last night stated that these would be supplied by the people of the community. The standard calls for additional volumes in the school library and science equipment in the science department, but the students were not worrying over these two items, for they were positive that the people of the community would gladly supply these needs.

The Everetts community has twelve students ready this year for eleventh grade work. Whether all of them will go elsewhere for the work was expressed as very doubtful by one of the party coming here last night.

The students who completed the tenth grade last year, with those who are in the tenth this year, are making an urgent call on the taxpayers of their section, and while the year's work is already planned, it is possible that the extra grade will be established next year.

### Mrs. Jesse S. Hodges Dies in Washington

Mrs. Jesse S. Hodges, sister-in-law of Messrs. J. W. and F. K. Hodges, of this place, died at her home in Washington last Friday at the age of 65 years. Before her marriage she was Miss Anna Thigpen, of Talboro. Mr. Hodges, with three daughters, survives.

Interment was made in the Oakdale Cemetery in Washington Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. H. B. Seagriff, of the Presbyterian church, conducting the last rites. Messrs. F. K. and W. J. Hodges attended the service.

### SON AIDS FATHER TO KILL HIMSELF

Pulls Trigger of Gun for His Paralyzed Parent, Not Knowing It Loaded

Franklin, Sept. 2.—Paralyzed and unable to use his hands, Jesse Oliver, 45, former foreman of the Western Electric shops here, persuaded his 7-year-old son to pull the trigger of a shot gun that he had propped against his temple. The heavy charge crashed through his head, blowing out his brains. The shooting occurred at the Oliver home about half a mile from town this morning at 7 o'clock.

The boy did not know the gun was loaded. Oliver apparently had induced him to pull the trigger under the pretext that he wanted to see if the shot gun was working. The boy was prostrated with grief tonight as a result of the tragic affair in which he played such a part.

Oliver was foreman of the Western Electric Co. shops which were moved from Franklin to Chicago about two years ago. He suffered a stroke of paralysis several months ago and since that time has been brooding a good deal about his inability to support his wife and seven children, friends said.

This is believed to have caused him to plan the method of taking his life which involved the participation of the child.

### RAIN FALLS ON JUST AND UNJUST

Dr. Stratton Can Now Testify That Sauce for Goose Is Also for Gander

When Governor Smith made his acceptance speech in Albany a few days ago a heavy rain fell and sent the crowds to shelter. Dr. John Roach Stratton, a New York minister and an anti-Smith man, rejoicing over the heavy rain at that time, stated that it was the work of the hand of the Lord. Last night Mr. Stratton spoke in Raleigh, reiterating his former charges against Smith, and making a big do over nothing. It rained, and it is to be reckoned that the Devil opened the heavens and caused the rain to fall last night.

The minister spoke for nearly two hours before 3,000 people in Raleigh, in the majority of cases receiving very little or no applause. Once in a while when he would hit upon a real democratic statement the crowds offered a tumultuous applause.

### CALENDAR FOR SUPERIOR COURT

Judge Moore to Preside for First Week; Judge N. A. Townsend Second

Judge Clayton Moore of this place, and Judge Nat A. Townsend, of Dunn, have been assigned to hold the September term of court in place of Judge M. V. Barnhill, of Rocky Mount, who was to have presided. Judge Barnhill will hold a court at Wilkesboro. The Martin County court will be held here the third and fourth weeks in this month.

Judge Moore will preside over the court the first week, trying the criminal cases which will be completed the first day, according to estimates of court officers. After finishing the criminal docket there will come up 29 civil cases for trial during the first week. Judge Townsend is scheduled to try 25 civil cases the second week.

The civil calendar includes the following cases:

**Tuesday, September 18—**  
Griffin vs Highway; Hardison vs Highway; Fleming vs Highway.

**Wednesday, September 19—**  
Biggs and Stalls vs. Fearing; Lee vs. Revels, Dawes vs. Shivers; Watts vs. Martin and Fowden; Matthews vs. Fowden, et al.; Blount vs. Harrison, et al.; Mizelle vs. Owens; Clark vs. Railroad.

**Thursday, September 20—**  
Consolvo vs. Peel et al.; Land Bank vs. Godard et al.; Wallace vs. Holliday; Taylor vs. Jesse Leggett; Hassell vs. Peanut Corp.; Peel vs. Peel.

**Friday, September 21—**  
Davis vs. Stalls and Lilley; Harrison Bros. and Company vs. James; Williams et al. vs. Perry et al.; Cooke vs. Diehl; State et al. vs. Gurkin; Cannon vs. Brantley; Purvis, et al. vs. Purvis; Roberson vs. Bailey, Roberson vs. Critcher et al.; Matthews vs. James, Roebuck vs. Everett et al.; Leggett vs. Stalls.

All cases for trial for the first week not reached will be continued for the term, it was stated in an official calendar.

**Monday, September 24—**  
Hughes vs. Salsbury; Dickey vs. Railroad; Biggs and Stalls vs. Alexander, et al.; Watts vs. Smithwick; **Tuesday, September 25—**  
Stalls vs. Mobley; Hargrove vs. Mizelle; Modlin vs. Town; Matthews vs. Myers Jackson vs. James; Cowen vs. Williams.

**Wednesday, September 26—**  
Rhodes and Company vs. Gurganus; Warren vs. Leggett; Wiggins vs. McCabe Company; Matthews vs. Sykes et al.; Matthews vs. Sykes et al.; Matthews vs. Sykes et al.; Matthews vs. Modlin et al.; Matthews vs. Whitaker, et al.

**Thursday, September 27—**  
In re: Will Ed Lloyd; In re: Will Purvis; Coburn, Receiver vs. Godard et al.; Hight vs. Tobacco Company; Friedman Bros. vs. Kobel; State et al. vs. Roebuck et al.

Mr. Samuel Bowden, of Calypso, spent the week end visiting friends here. Mr. Bowden taught in the local school several years ago.

### AVERAGES OVER WHOLE NEW BELT ARE 8 TO 12 CENTS

Quality Said To Be Poorest As a Whole Ever Offered At An Opening Here

### NO BLOCK EXPECTED

Heavy Rains in This Section Last Night and Early Today Kept Much Tobacco Away

Farmers selling tobacco on 22 Eastern Carolina markets today met with unusually low prices, causing a spirit of gloom and discontentment to pervade thousands of homes throughout the entire section. According to telephone reports from a dozen or more of the markets at noon today, the average price ranges from nine to twelve cents per pound, but in no instance could an official report be obtained.

Heavy rains in the section prevented what started out to be Williamston's largest tobacco opening, but aside from a few loads brought during the early hours this morning, the offerings were checked and the break here is estimated to be around 275,000 pounds. Had the weather been fair, the 400,000 pounds expected would have been on the floors here today.

An Enterprise representative, attending the first few hours' sale, reported an average slightly under twelve cents. While this average might vary a fraction of a cent, it is held to be as near correct as possible. The individual prices ranged from one to twenty-five cents per pound with eight and nine cents prevailing on one side and seventeen and eighteen cents prevailing on the other side of the modal average.

It was conceded by all that the quality of the tobacco on the floors here today was the poorest seen on the market in years. Poor quality and wet weather are, no doubt, leading factors in bringing about the low average, but even then the tobacco is selling at a low price, a price that is said to be below the cost of production.

It is the prevailing opinion that the price will be higher when the better types of tobacco are offered.

Wilson reported two million pounds on its floors, but the estimated average price being paid there could not be obtained. The price was said to be low, however.

Greenville reported a million and a half pounds on its floors, and an average price of 15 cents was given. The price was not authentic by a long shot, the person giving the information stating that it appeared too high to him.

Reports from the Robersonville market varied, one warehouseman reporting 600,000 pounds and another warehouseman stating that the amount was around 350,000 pounds. The average price, figured in a similar way to the one on this market, showed that the two markets were within one-eighth of one cent of each other in prices.

Conflicting reports came from many of the other markets, but in the main, a low price was reported to be prevailing.

As a whole, the sales today were not as large as were expected by many tobacco warehousemen, but they are of the opinion that it was a good thing that the sales were not as heavy as they could have been since the weather was not at all favorable.

### Parme School Will Open September 10th

With every indication pointing to a very successful year, the Parme school opens the 1928-29 session Monday, September 10th, it was announced this week by the school's principal, L. B. Wynne. Preparations for the opening are being made and all will be in readiness that morning when the children assemble in their respective rooms.

Besides Mr. Wynne, Mrs. J. W. Pailey and Misses Katie Mae Roberson and Bernice House will teach in the school.

Miss Inez Bizzell, of Kinston, was the guest of Miss Pattie Tidmondson the past week end.