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### SCHOOLS CLOSED ACCOUNT OF FLU

Several Teachers Are Out On Account of Disease, But Work Goes On

EPIDEMIC SUBSIDING Health Officers Say Situation Is Not

Serious, But Every Precaution Should Be Taken With several reopening yesterday after observing the Christmas holidays, all of the county schools are now working on the winter and spring terms Several are handicapped, however, on account of the influenza epidemic, but so far none of the schools in this coun-

ty have closed down. A statement made yesterday in the superintendent's indicated that classes would be continued unless the situation warrant ed the closing of the schools. But it was the opinion of the officials that the seriousness of the epidemic is not such as to demand closing.

Three teachers in the Hamilton school are said to be out on account of the disease, but it was stated that the school would be continued with substitutes conducting the classes until the return of the regular instructors. The Principal, L. B. Wynne, of the Parmele schools, is confined to his home here with a case of influenza, but it is understood that classes are still being held there. Mrs. Raleigh Bradley, first grade teacher in the local schools is suffering from an attack of the disease, but her work is being handled by Miss Serena Peacock, another first grade teacher in the school.

According to reports from school officials and physicians in several parts of the county, the epidemic has not reached any great proportions, and the situation is not to be considered serious. However, it was stated that every precaution should be used in combatting the malady, and in that way no great danger would be experienced.

The local school is entering upon its econd week of work after the holidays, and the principal stated that while there a great many absences, the number is not so large as to inter fere greatly with the school work.

It is the prevailing opinion that the children are better off in school than would be the case should the doors be closed and the pupils allowed to remain out of doors during bad weather.

According to reports from over the State, the disease apparently has passed the crest, and is now gradually

Square Dance at Brick Warehouse Here Friday

An old-fashioned square dance to be held at the Brick warehouse here next Friday night will attract a goodnber of the old-times here that night, according to those staging the dance. The dance is scheduled to start at 8.30 and end at 12:30. The public is invited to attend and all the and join in the ranks.

#### Large Attendance Urged At Kiwanis Tomorrow

Kiwanis meeting this year is being the left motor had falled complete-urged by the officers for tomorrow at 12:30 in the Woman's club hall. The left motor had falled complete-trouble about 2 p. m. as the plane

This being the first meeting of the new year, the officers are particularly anxious to have a large number of the members present.

#### Many People in This Section Killing Hogs

Thousands and thousands of pounds of pork are being packed in this coun ty at the present time. Farmers throughout the section are having large hog killings, and regardless of low prices for farm crops, it is cer-tain that the people will have a food supply in their smokehouses during the next twelve months.

# THEATRE

WEDNESDAY

TIM MCCOY

"THE BUSH-RANGER"

- REEL COMEDY

FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY

#### NONE OF COUNTY MAKE PROGRESS ON NEW SCHOOL

Local Authorities Do Not Expect to Use Building This Term, However

Although construction work on Williamston's new \$50,000 school building will be completed about the first or middle of April, it is not all likely that classwork will be carried on it before the opening of the 1929-30 session, according to statements made yesterday by local school officials. It was pointed out that the work would be complet ed late in the school year and that it would be a waste of time to make the change, that it would be better to continue with the same congested conditions now experienced than it would weeks before the close of the 1928-29

After the construction work is com pleted, it will require a few weeks to equip the building and put it in shape, ready for class work.

At the present time workmen are preparing to roof the structure. The phine Teel was increased .to \$4.00 brick work is almost completed, and it will be a matter of only a few weeks before the building will be closed in, t was stated by Contractor Brock yes- Lilley's to Perlie Lilley's in Griffins terday afternoon.

The electrical contractor has started advanced with the contract. No work on the plumbing and heating contracts from Kneezer Harrison's by the home INSURANCE RATE has been done at this time, but it is of Mrs. Mattie Harrison to the D. L. expected that plumbers will be placed Peel road. on the job here within the next few

ersonville is said to have been advanced to about the same stage as is known whether or not school officials hand. there will undertake to move into the

#### ARMY PLANE IN AIR FOR WEEK

Down After Flight of 150 Hours 40 Minutes

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 7.-Motor of special school tax in trouble put a period at the end of the world's greatest endurance flight today when the Army's monoplane Question Mark was forced to land at Van Nuys Field after nearly a full week of continuous cruising over San Fernando Valley and along a route between here and San Diego.

plane's crew of five brought her to earth at 1:07:01 o'clock on the afternoon of the sixth day since she took off on a test that broke all records for sustained flight and re-fueling in mid-air.

It was an endurance contest be ween men and machine. The unique name of the craft had come to stand for the uncertainty as to which would prevail. In the end five men won the contest, the mechanism of the three-motored plane failing on the eve of the seventh night of fly-

Taking to the air on New Year's of the day. morning at 7:26:40 o'clock, the Question Mark was in the air just 19 min-utes and 44 seconds short of 151 SOLONS GATHER A large attendance upon the first ord for all types of air craft.

trouble about 2 p. m. as the plane several hundred persons witnessed the faltering craft start glidding. At

It came down in a graceful sweep. The crowd unloosed its admiration, pressing forward eagerly. The plane was surrounded. Cameras clicked. The crew, deafened and their faces

covered with whiskers, climbed out, ouching ground for the first time in been perfect. Rules governing en-durance flights provided that it land

Albert C. Jones Dies After Long Illness; Left Here Fifteen Years Ago

Albert C. Jones, formerly of this place, died early yesterday morning at his home on East Holloway street, Durham, He had been a long sufferer of Brights disease and had been in

a hospital for months.

Interment will be made in the Maplewood cemetery in Durham this

mr. Jones was about 70 years old and a native of Henderson. He married Miss Carrie Johnson of Williamston and setted in this town where he lived a number of years. About fifteen years ago the family moved to Durham where he had lived until his death.

While he was about 70 years old Roll At Macedonia Seven pupils met the requirements and made the honor roll in the Macedonia school during the last school month, it was announced yesterday. The list follows:

While in Williamston Mr. Jones was engaged in the contracting and building business. He leaves a widow one son, Willie Jones, of Durham, and one daughter, Mrs. W. A. Couch, of Raleich.

#### COMMISSIONERS HOLD REGULAR MEET MONDAY

Routine Matters Principal Business of Board at January Meeting

TWO ROADS ORDERED Several Released From Payment of Taxes, Due to Errors in Listing Property

Meeting here yesterday for the first time in the new year, Martin County's Board of Commissioners T. B. Slade, jr., chairman; L. P. Holliday, T. C. Griffin, H. S. Everett and John E. Pope, handled only rou-tine matters coming before the office. be to move to the new structure a few In the majority of cases, the business transacted had to do with correcting tax-listing errors, very few other matters coming up for consideration.

Laura Whitaker, of Poplar Point township, was released from paymen of \$2.00 dog tax. The allowance of \$3.00 to Jose-

per month. Sheriff Roebuck was ordered to lay out a public road, leading from Miles

tewnship. The sheriff was also ordered to his work, but so far he is not very far lay out and establish a public road

The sum of \$100 was allowed the treasurer for stamps and office sup-Work on a similar building at Rob- plies used during the past two years B. L. Sessoms, of Robersonville, was released from payment of poll he work here, but it is not definitely tax on account of the loss of his

J. C. and Mrs. Lucy Keel were released from payment of special school tax in Robersonville township on property valued at \$4,975 for the year 1928. They were refunded the sum of \$14.15 tax collected in 1927 n property valued at \$5.660.

\$1,720, was released from taxes.

school district. The board relieved the American Railway Express Company of payment of tax on \$489 valuation in Goose Nest township, listed by error.

tion when it was shown that the land had been listed by L. H. Davis. The board ordered that Mrs. W. M

Perry be released from payment of tax on \$200 solvent credits listed in Williamston township through an

H. O. Daniel filed constable's bond or Cross Roads township.

J. H. Edmondson filed bond stable for Hamilton township.

While there were other matters discussed by the members of the board no official action was taken as of hose wagon, is housed in the rear to the problems investigated. The session lasted through the greater part other equipment are stored in the room of the city hall, while the reels and the 15th.

In his report for December, the a-

Legislature to Convene at Noon Tomorrow; Politics Sole Topic in Raleigh

Raleigh, Jan. 8.—With the assembling of legislators from every county of the State for the party caucuses tenight and the opening of the General Assembly at noon tomorrow Raleigh, the Capital City of North Carolina, goes into biennial bloom to-

day.

Politics and appointments, job more than six days. The landing had hunters and their friends, prospective legislation and the prosects for Gov.-elevt O. Max Gardner's administration, furnished enough conversa-FORMER CITIZEN of the Sir Walter hotel buzzing until DIES IN DURHAM Breathing air that was literally saturated with rumos—of harmony as well as war—the incoming legislators grinned and got into the game.

The prelude of the session will be the caucuses of the Democratic Senators and Representatives to be held in their respectiv legislativ cham-bers at 8 o'clock tonight. Here will be elected, in fact if not in theory, the Speaker of the House, the Presi-dent pro-tem of the Senate and the other officers of each organization.

### Seven Pupils On Honor

Fifth grade: Robert Peele, Reba

## STORM DOES

Did Not Amount To Much In This Section; 2 Die In New Bern

The wind and rain storm throughout this section did considerable damage to trees, telephone and electric light servce, according to reports coming from various sources. While the storm was not heavy here, a little damage was reported, but in practically every instance it was considered negligible. However, in other sections, lives were eported lost, and the property damge was said to be heavy.

Two people were said to have been cilled in New Bern as a result of the storm, one by a falling tree, and another by a live electric wire. Con tractor Brock, who arrived here yeserday from New Bern, stated the storm was one of the worst that he had ever seen during his residence here, and he said he had been there a long time. No estimate of the prop erty damage was given.

While there were no lives threatened he Bethel section is said to have felt the effects of the storm, trees and small houses having bene blown down

### TRY TO GET NEW BY NEXT MONTH

Second-Class Requirements time, he is asking all the farmers de-Of Underwriters Are Being Met

MEANS LARGE SAVING New Rate Would Be 15 to 20 Per Cent Lower Than At Present; Trucks

If it is humanly possible to do so, the new insurance rating for the town his office all day Saturday when he will be put into effect the first of next month, it was stated yesterday by Mr. Improperly listed, the real estate Henry D. Harrison, chief of the local Question Mark' Forced of Mrs. R. F. Griffin, valued at fire department. Requirements of the underwriters are being met, and it is S. E. Roberson of Cross Roads understood that by the first of next township was released from payment month all arrangements necessary to it was to treat the seed. In making Everetts the institution of a cheaper fire in- the bed tight, the farmer keeps out censes sold than was the case with surance rate for local property owners will have been made.

The new rate will be from 15 to 20 grow per cent lower than the one now in effect, and will save property owners Harmon Gurkin was relieved of here hundreds of dollars yearly. payment of tax on \$100 land valua- Through the purchase of new fire-fight ing equipment and meeting other requirements, the insurance rating was ing possible a handsome saving to policyholders on insurance premiums.

During the past few days, workmen have housed all the town's fire-fighting equipment in one building. The drive way for the new \$12,500 truck was a hard matter to get the machine in and out, the truck is handled with

with the big truck. in one end of the hall on the second floor, but this will not interfere with the use of the auditorium, it was pointed out. Two of the members of the local fire company will sleep there, but without remuneration other than free lodging.

### Plan To Keep Two

Following the death of Federal Prohibition Agent C. F. Alexander, plans of the enforcement department have been interrupted in this section. The plan to place two men here had materialized only a few days before the agents death, and it is not known just when other arrangements will be made to bring two men into the service here. With the few men in the service it will probably be a considerable length of time before a second

present time, and will remain here acent here as soon as possible.

Several raids have been made sinc the death of Mr. Alexander in this in the church here. ection, and while two or three large kettles have been captured, very few arrests have been made during the past two or three days.

#### Auto License Sale So Far Falling Behind Last Year

auto tag sale at the local bureau is falling behind that of last year for a corresponding period. The official check of the sale here was not complete for yesterday, but managers at the office stated that the number was hardly above the 4,000 mark. Last year the number for a corresponding

#### FARMERS BUSY SOME DAMAGE PREPARING FOR TOBACCO CROP

Too Early Yet To Predict Whether or Not Acreage Will Be Increased

AGENT TREATS SEED tment Frees Seed From Angular Leaf Spot and Prevents Wildfire

While prices for the 1928 tobacco crop were lower than those paid in 1927, farmers in this section are now reparing for another crop this year. No one knows what the acreage will be, and while some are of the opinion hat it will be about the same, it might Regardless of acreage, it is a fact, acording to County Agent T. B. Brandon, that a number of farmers are turning again to the crop and are preparing for its planting.

During the past several seasons, the ounty agent has treated tobacco seed, and already many farmers are bringing their seed to the agent's office for treat ment. Last year Mr. Brandon treated emough seed to sow 373,650 square yards, and it is his belief that more armers will want their seed treated this year. This treatment, the agent said, frees the seed from the angular leaf spot and prevents wildfire in the oung plant.

Since the agent is busy with duties outside the office a large part of the siring their seed treated to write their names on the containers and leave them in his office. Upon his arrival in the late afternoon he will prepare the formaldehyde solution and treat the seed that night. After allowing them to dry a short while he will put the seed back into the proper containers and the owners may call for them the next day. Mr. Brandon will be in will be glad to treat seed so that the farmer might get them back at once. In connection with preparing seed nd tobacco plant beds, the agent statthe farmers to make his beds tight as the flea beetle, and by so doing the plant is given a greater chance to

#### COUNTY AGENT MAKES REPORT

raised from third to second class, mak- Now Taking Orders for Dynamite to Blow Out Stumps

January 15 will be the last oppor unity for farmers to place their orders for special stump-blowing dynamife, has been widened, and where once it according to a report of the county agent filed with the county commissioners here yesterday. A large numease and safety now. The Ford truck ber of orders have already been placed

with the big truck.

Sleeping quarters will be provided month was used in treating hogs, and for two of the volunteer firemen as taking orders for dynamite. Due to oon as the new theatre is opened, the fact that farmers are preparing was stated. A room will be fitted their tobacco beds at this time, the agent is offering his services to the farmers desiring to have their tobacco seed treated. He suggests that farmers visit his office in the afternoon or on Saturdays.

The agent's report for the past

nonth in detail: 16 days spent in field work; 10 days spent in office work; 126 office confer-Federal Officers Here ences; 114 telephone calls; 147 letters written; 280 circulars sent out; 41 farm visited; 714 miles traveled on official duties during the month; 3 articles written for local papers; 197 hogs treated during the month; 49 pecan trees ordered.

#### Rev. Marshall Unable To Fill Appointment

In the absence of the rector, Rev. A. R. Marshall, the Rev. W. R. Noe, executive secretary of the Eastern man is added to the force.

Carolina Diocese, preached at the
Mr. M. A. King, agent from NorEpiscopal Church here last Sunday folk, is in charge of the work at the evening. Mr. Marshall, who is visiting his daughter in Ohio, suffered an cording to present plans. It is under- attack of influenza and was unable to stood that present plans call for two reach here in time for the service. Al men here and a second one will be though he has not arrived at this time it is expected that he will reach here in time for the next scheduled service

License Inspector Finds 3 Cars Without New Tags

Mr. A. McKenzie, auto license inspector, was here yesterday and found only three cars carrying old cense tags out of the long row park-Unofficially, it is stated that the 1929 ed on the town's principal street. A goodly number of cars traveling in and out of town still carried the old tags, it was reported. The inspector promptly issued his last note of solemn warning, the times of grace solemn warning, the times of grace expiring at midnight last night.

His visit had its value, for practically every car was wearing a blue

### City Commissioners Talk Street Paving

#### MANY APPLY FOR NO DEFINITE DRY AGENT'S IOB

One Applicant Has Case Pending Against Him for Being At Still

Hardly before the body of C. F. Alexander, former prohibition agent, was placed at final rest near Charlotte last Friday, applications for the job he left behind began to pour into the office of the U. S. commissioner be increased, or it might be decreased. here. Many of the applicants appeared in person, but the climax was reached when a young man called in the latter part of the week asking that he be considered for the position Within the past few months the applicant had been caught operating a still by the prohibition agent, and on another occasion he was ordered to court for being at a still. The latter charge has not been carried before the courts, but a hearing is scheduled at the next term of federal court in this district.

All the applicants were told that the job was handled through the Civil Service commission, and that t would be necessary for them to file applications with that depart-

#### DECREASE IN **HUNT LICENSES**

,335 Sold So Far This Season; State Licenses Increase

The number of hunting licenses sold n this county up to January 1 for the 1928-29 season is less by 627 than the number sold during a similar period for the 1927-28 season, the report of County Game Warden J. W. Hines ed that it was almost as necessary for shows. A decrease in the revenue however, was only \$402.75, as there were a greater number of State lithose making it legal to hunt in the

The records for the two seasons, to January 1, show that the first season the game laws were in effect there were 1,962 licenses sold, as compared with 1,335 sold so far this season; the number of State licenses for the first season was 140, compared to 297 for this season so far. This township led the sale with 374

county gand 99 State licenses. Other ownships reporting: Hamilton, 124 ounty and 25 State; Bear Grass, 17 ounty and 29 State; Jamesville, 98 ounty and 29 State; Cross Roads, 113 ounty and 35 State; Robersonville, 150 county and 47 State: Goose Nest 162 county and 33 State.

#### **BOYS WIN FROM** BELHAVEN, 33-5

Girls Tie, 13-All; Offensive Work of Local Boys Is Feature

the amount the town will pay for the Playing their first game of the 1928-29 term here last Friday night, Williamston's high school basketball teams registered an overwhelming victory and a tie with Belhaven boys and The boys turned back those girls. from Belhaven 33 to 5, while a draw, 13-all, resulted in the girl's game.

In their game, the local boys showed the strength of an unusually good team, featuring both the offensive and defensive features of the game. Its offensive work, however, appealed to the local fans and promises to be a of the people. He also stated that if it drawing card in future encounters. At the end of the girls' game, the score stood 13-all, the local coach stating that it should be 14 to 13, and no extra period of play could be arranged. Both teams claim the game, but, ac-

cording to scoring records, it was a Tonight, the locals, both boys and girls, will play Windsor here on the

#### Brick Warehouse court. Aged Negress Beaten Up By Son-in-Law

Bettie Lynch, aged negress of Wiliams township, was here this morn ing calling for a warrant, charging her son-in-law with beating her. The aged woman stated that her son-in aw forced an entrance to her home thinking that she possessed money In making the search, he assaulte her. Several bandages were on the woman's head, and she was greatly upset over the incident.

#### A CORRECTION

In reporting the Recorder's court proceedings in our issue of Friday, case of Mr. Tom Bailey. It was reported that Mr. Bailey was charged local Masonic Lodge, A. F. and A. M. with violation of the liquor laws. The charge should have read, "violation of the stock laws." We are glad to make the correction.

# **ACTION TAKEN**

Opinion Is Divided As To Paving Sidewalks or Streets

ENGINEERS PRESENT

Plan Would Be To Take Part of Sum Paid by V. E. P. for Franchise And Use It For Paving

A puzzle in the form of a tentative aving program greeted the town commissioners here last night / in their first meeting of the new year. over an hour the members of the body discussed the problem, and at the end of that time the discussion was no nearer an end than it was when the matter was first brought up. Engineers vere here from Aulander, Henderson, and Raleigh and offered whatever information the board's members happened to ask for, but even then no solution was reached in the matter.

Upon entering the discussion having to do with a possible paving program for the town, the commissioners found themselves confronted with more than one problem. The board soon split in its views, one or two suggesting that the property owners be petitioned in an effort to find out what the people wanted, the other faction holding to the opinion that it was better to present a tentative program to the citizens. This question was decided when a motion was made authorizing the mayor to appoint a committee to investigate the number of sidewalks that would go to make up a logical paving program. Messrs. E. P. Cunningham and W. T. Meadows were appointed on the committee and a report will be made either at the next regular meeting or at a called ses-The motion practically eliminated the paving of the streets in the program, and it was the apparent opinion of the majority of the board that only sidewalks be considered in a paving program at this time.

During the discussion, it was pointed out that the consent of a majority of the people would be necessary for the transfer of \$15,000, or whatever as mount the program called for from the town's electric department to the street department. It was specifically stated that no bonds would be issued in carrying out the paving program, and as the situation now stands there will have to be two moves on the part of the people in order to put such a program into necessary to get the approval of the people in transferring \$15,000, or whatever the amount the tentative program calls for, from the money paid the town for its electric franchise to the street department. Secondly, a majority of the property owners and a majority of those owning frontage affected by the tentative paving program would have to petition the board in order to effect any program at all. At the meeting last night, no conditions under which the work would be

work was not mentioned, and the amount and terms for the property owner were not specified. As far as being of any specific value, the discussion relative to a paving program last night is considered worth less, yet it is the belief that a starting point was reached whereby the citizens of the town might express their wishes and do accordingly. Mayor Coburn stated that it was not his wish to have one foot paved unless it met with the approval of the majority was the wish of the majority of the people to have a program brought into

being, he felt that it was the duty of

carried on were mentioned:

the board to act in that direction. The matter is now awaiting a report of the committee appointed last night Aside from the discussion having to do with paving, the board passed upon certain business matters brought be fore the meeting, each one being of no great importance. The payment of \$75 to the peanut exposition was refused. Permission for a square dance granted, provided the rules affecting dances be observed. The dance will be held next Friday night in the Brick Warehouse. Hugh Burras, jr., asked permission to hold a subscription dance about the 14th of February, but his request was tabled temporarily. Joe Wilson, employee in the water department, was retained at \$17 a week.

At the request of W. T. Meadows, the board went into secret session after debating the paving program and transacting routine matters.

Regular Communication Local Masons Tonight