

## BETTER KITCHEN CONTEST MEETS MUCH SUCCESS

County Home Agent Is Well Pleased With Showing Made

15 KITCHENS SCORED  
Homes in Williams Chapel, Hamilton and Other Communities To Be Visited Next Week

The 'Better Kitchens Campaign' started in the county this week is meeting with much success, and the women are taking a great deal of interest in it. Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home demonstration agent, stated yesterday afternoon. Assisted by Miss Pauline Smith, special agent, Miss Sleeper has scored 15 kitchens in the contest so far, and according to present plans, kitchens representing practically every section in the county will have been scored in the contest. Miss Smith was unable to continue the work here this week, but she plans to return next Friday and she, with Miss Sleeper, will visit the homes in the Williams Chapel, Hamilton, and other communities at that time.

In the Robersonville, Holly Springs and Ange Town communities, where the 15 kitchens have been scored already, the women are earnestly at work in an effort to have their kitchens rank high when the final scoring is made two months from now.

The contest, according to Miss Sleeper, is being carried on in an effort to effect better arrangements within the kitchen that will save time and work. Toward this end the agents are suggesting the grouping of cooking utensils, the adjustment of table legs, the installation of water pipes and sinks, and dozens of other improvements that will lessen the burden of the housewife in her kitchen work.

Miss Sleeper is very anxious to have every community in the county represented in the contest, and any housewife desiring to take part in the campaign is asked to notify the agent's office within the next day or two. The contest does not necessarily call for the expenditure of money, or no great amount, anyway, but it is staged primarily to effect the arrangement of present equipment to the very best possible advantage.

**Believe Father of Seven Elopel With Young Girl**  
Leaving a wife and seven children at home, Will Knok, middle aged white man of near Bear Grass, is said to have run away with Mary Emily Gardner, fourteen-year-old girl of Bear Grass, last Wednesday.

Knok, according to information received here, left Bear Grass last Wednesday about noon, while the young girl left later that evening. That the two had met at some point and continued away from home could not be established as a truth, but that they did join is generally believed by the people of the community there.

Officers were called on the case yesterday, but no warrant had been issued for Knok up until this morning. Very few particulars relating to the case are available at the present time, and no definite cause is assignable to the act.

**First of Tile Shipments To County Delivered**  
The first carload of farm drain tile to be shipped into the county this year was delivered in Robersonville this week, it was stated by County Agent Brandon yesterday afternoon.

The shipment was cooperative in its nature, and is a forerunner to shipments that will be delivered to farmers in the county during the next few weeks.

## WATTS THEATRE

Saturday February 9

**BOB STEELE** in  
**"CAPTAIN CARELESS"**

Comedy Serial

Matinee at 3 P. M.

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Monday-Tuesday February 11-12

**JOHN GILBERT**  
in  
**"Masks of the Devil"**

M. G. M. News Aesop's Fables

Shows at 7:15 and 9 P. M. Daily  
MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE

## County Jail Becoming Quite Popular as Boarding House

Judging from the number confined, the county's jail is a popular boarding house. Eighteen men, 13 colored and 5 white, are in the pen here at the present time, serving sentences or waiting for trial in the next term of the superior court. And while they suffer confinement and a few worry over their fate to be determined during the next term of court, they are very comfortable, having steam heat, plenty to eat, and no work to do.

Five of the prisoners, Vance Brooks Will Worley, Ben D. Biggs, all colored, and Harry Chopic, white, are serving federal sentences, while Moford Murray, colored, is being held for trial in the next term of Federal court in Washington.

N. A. Purvis, colored man captured in Oak City yesterday and wanted for passing worthless checks in Lenoir County, is being held for authorities

## TEACHERS AND PARENTS HOLD REGULAR MEET

Fifth Grade Children Present Short Playlet on Abraham Lincoln

65 MEMBERS PRESENT  
Special Library Program To Be Given At Next Meeting; Sixth Grade Wins Award

The Parents-Teachers of the local school met yesterday afternoon at 3:45 with approximately 65 mothers and teachers present, which was the largest number present at any meeting during this school year. In the absence of the president, Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, Vice President L. C. Horton presided. After the roll call by grades, the meeting was turned over to the program committee, which announced a special library program for the next meeting before presenting a group of fifth-grade children, who gave a very appropriate and well-prepared play on Abraham Lincoln. The children in the play were Alice Harrison, Alta Critcher, Frances Barnhill, Jessie Mae Anderson, Blanche Harrison, Olive McCabe, Mary Belle Edmondson, Grace Manning, Lawrence Lindsey.

After the program, Mr. Davis announced the decision of the judges from the Woman's Club, who judged the rooms for general appearance. All rooms, according to their report, were in very good condition, but the one having the best array of pupil exhibits, the most effective display of charts, pictures, etc., and the most attractive arrangement of magazines and books was the sixth grade. Miss Cole is teacher of this grade, and no little work has been done by the pupils under her direction. Miss Sample's section of the fourth grade ran a close second with 94 points. The winning room made 98 points out of the possible 100.

The members of the association visited these rooms after the meeting and expressed themselves as being very favorably impressed with the work the several teachers had been doing. They justly took pride in the fact that they initiated this work last fall, the improvement of the interiors of the classrooms being their objective for the year.

## 12 Students of Hassell School on Honor Roll

Twelve boys and girls made the honor roll in the Hassell school during the past school month in spite of influenza conditions which were said to have been very bad in that community during the period. The number of honor pupils is said to have been decreased greatly by the disease. The roll follows, by grades:

First grade—George Savage; second grade—Mildred Cannon, McDonald Cannon, Juanita Haislip; third grade—Claude Nelson, jr.; fourth grade—Lucille Downs, Margaret Cannon, Loney Knox; fifth grade—Onnis Cannon; sixth grade—Gertrude Ayers, Anoline Purvis; seventh grade—Hannibal Haislip, jr.

## Reward for Hugo Pulley Is Increased to \$500

The \$200 reward offered for information leading to the capture of Hugo Pulley, alleged murderer of Eugene Jones, Bethel policeman, has been increased to \$500 by the State and Pitt county.

Pulley, of Indian descent, is alleged to have murdered the Bethel officer on Hamilton-Williamston road the 20th of last month, and since that time he has been at large. Pulley was arrested on a charge of larceny in Bethel, and being unable to furnish bond Officer Jones agreed to accompany him to this county that he might secure bond. Jones' body was found next morning near Butlers bridge with seven bullet wounds in it.

## OLD COFFIN DUG UP IN PLYMOUTH CHURCH'S YARD

Heavy Iron Casket Was Thought To Contain Valuable Papers

FIND BONES OF CHILD  
Child Believed To Have Been Member of Colonial Settlement; Find Creates Much Interest

During the past several years or longer there have been persistent rumors circulated in Plymouth indicating that valuable papers and other articles were buried in a strong box in the Grace Episcopal Church yard in that town. A few years ago while grave diggers were preparing a grave for a body, they discovered the box, but at that time permission to remove the iron chest was refused.

Gradually the rumors increased to that point where action was demanded, and following the advice of church members and after obtaining legal rights, Rev. A. H. Marshall, rector of the church, had the box unearthed. It was a rather exciting time, according to Mr. Marshall, when workmen under the supervision of the undertaker, Mr. Nurney, removed the 12 bolts and two end locks and raised the lid. The skeleton of a child was found, but no valuables were there. The child was apparently about 6 years old at its death, and is believed to have been a member of a colonial settlement, as the old fort was situated in that neighborhood. The skull, a few small bones, and blonde hair were the only parts of the body found in the casket. A small pair of shoes and several old-fashioned China dress buttons were also found. Apparently all the head of hair was there with the exception of that on the top, which was missing, giving cause for the idea that the child might have been killed by Indians and scalped. However, this is the only evidence found that indicates this to be true.

According to records dating back 81 years and more, no such casket had been buried during these years. The casket, patterned after the old Egyptian cases, is in an excellent state of preservation and has an unbroken glass breastplate. It is said to weigh several hundred pounds.

The find is a very interesting one, having created much interest in the Plymouth community. The vestry there, with the rector of the church, have decided to rebury the remains with the casket in the grave yard at Plymouth.

## MAY ESTABLISH FISHERY HERE

New Yorkers Considering Shipping Live Carp in Carload Lots

The possibility of catching and shipping German carp by the carload out of the Roanoke river was being investigated yesterday by Messrs. I. Scharfman and Marx Epstein who were here from New York to make a study of fishing on the river. If they find conditions favorable to the undertaking, they state shipments of live fish in tank cars will be made to the New York market, where the carp is understood to be in demand.

The two men are very much interested in the undertaking and have secured permission from the State Department of Conservation and Development to catch the fish in large numbers. Special nets are being considered for use in the venture, but definite details concerning the project are not available at this time.

County Game Warden Hines, of Oak City, was here with Messrs. Schwartzman and Epstein, assisting in the preliminary investigations. Mr. Schwartzman has been purchasing fish in this section for a number of years, but only recently has the shipping of carp in carload quantities been under consideration.

It is understood that there are carloads and more of carp in the river, but the trapping in such numbers is a problem within itself.

## Carload of Dynamite Is Due Here Soon

The car of dynamite ordered out by farmers in Bertie, Hertford and Martin counties, will be placed here tomorrow or Monday, according to information received by County Agent Brandon yesterday. Approximately 9,000 of the 20,000 pounds will be distributed among farmers in this county, the other 11,000 pounds going to farmers in Bertie and Hertford counties.

This is the first shipment to be consigned to this section this year, and so far as it is known it will be the only one this season. A small quantity of the material has been sold, and late orders will be filled in the order received.

The exact date for distribution will be given upon the arrival of the car, it is understood.

## BEGIN REPAIRING POWER SYSTEM HERE NEXT WEEK

Entire Distribution System To Be Rebuilt All Over The Town

NO BREAK IN SERVICE  
Company Will Make Any Reasonable Changes in Location of Poles If Requested Right Away

According to present plans, the Virginia Electric & Power Co. will start placing poles on the streets here next week preparatory to rebuilding the light and power system. The system has been surveyed and rebuilding plans are practically complete for the work.

Attention of the citizens is called to the proposed location of the poles in an effort to avoid unnecessary trouble in making changes after the poles are set. The company, according to Mr. Yates, who is in charge of the work, will gladly make any changes desired by the people at this time in locating the poles.

Following the pole placements, a crew of 25 or more men will be sent here to carry on the work. In rebuilding the system, service will not be interfered with, it was stated by Mr. Yates this week. However, to offer the continuous service, it will cause the rebuilding work to progress very slowly, requiring approximately two months to complete the task.

The present equipment in its entirety will be replaced with new material altogether, according to plans of the company.

## LOCAL CAGERS AGAIN WINNERS

Both Boys and Girls Win From Robersonville Here Tuesday

Defeating Robersonville here last Tuesday, 27 to 5, the local high school basketball team continued to add to its long and unbroken chain of victories. The visitors were turned back with one field goal to their credit, three points having been scored from the foul line. While the boys from the neighboring town played a hard game, they were outclassed in the passing feature of the game, and lost many points by wild shots.

The local girls also added to their laurels when they defeated Robersonville's strong team the same night by a 20 to 8 count. These two teams were more evenly matched, and members of both squads played a splendid game.

Tonight the locals meet Middleburg in Henderson, the Middleburg team having called Coach Hood on his challenge made a few days ago. The opponents tonight have made good records during the past season, and are meeting with success this season. The local boys and girls are going for their scalps tonight, and good games are expected.

## LIGHT DAY IN COUNTY COURT

Eight Cases Called; All Except Two Were Continued

The last Tuesday session of the county court went by without a single sentence being meted out or a fine being imposed. There was not even a suspended judgment, but with one or two exceptions the eight cases called for trial were continued.

Charged with driving an automobile while he was intoxicated, Roy Roberson plead not guilty and had the case continued one week.

The case charging David Bryant with an assault with a deadly weapon was continued one week.

Charging the passing of a worthless check, the case against Dennis Bailey was continued another week.

Probable cause appearing in the case charging Jim Johnson and Arthur Williams with housebreaking and larceny and receiving, Judge Bailey bound the defendants over to the next term of superior court under \$250 bonds.

Charged on two counts with seduction, a nol pro resulted in one and in the other Roosevelt Butler, defendant, had the case continued one week.

No disposition was made in the case charging James Ruffin with an assault with a deadly weapon.

**Congressman Abernethy On Radio Tomorrow**  
United States Congressman Charles L. Abernethy, of the third North Carolina District, will discuss matters of interest before Congress tomorrow night at 8 o'clock over station WJSV, Washington, D. C. Mr. Abernethy makes the speech at the request of the National Farm News, and his talk will, no doubt, be of interest to the people locally and to the farmers especially.

## Many Main Street Property Owners Sign Paving Petition

MUCH POULTRY IS BROUGHT TO CAR  
Total Shipment From This County Nearly 19,000 Pounds

Approximately nine and one-half tons of live poultry, valued at \$4,177.79, were shipped from the county this week. One poultry car was loaded to capacity and several thousand pounds were placed in a second car. The first loadings were made at Jamesville last Tuesday when farmers of that community sold 3,209 pounds of chickens, ducks and other barnyard fowls for \$708.60. The largest loadings were made here Wednesday, the farmers in this section selling 11,024 pounds of poultry for \$2,426.69. At the last stop in Robersonville yesterday, 4,467 pounds were delivered to the car and sold for \$1,042.50.

The shipment this week is the first of a series of four, according to the present schedule of County Agent Brandon. The next car will be placed in the three towns on corresponding dates next month.

Hundreds of cars of poultry are being shipped from the State this year to northern markets, the car from this county going to Risser and Rabinowitz, Philadelphia.

ONLY 4 OF FIRST 29 APPROACHED REFUSE TO SIGN  
Signers Own 1,979 Feet of Property On Main Street

ABOUT ONE-FOURTH  
51 Per Cent of Property Must Be Represented If Program Is To Be Approved

Twenty-five property owners, representing 1979 feet of the street frontage had signed up until late yesterday evening a petition calling for sidewalk paving on Main Street. Twenty-nine property owners had been presented with the petition during yesterday, and only four property owners withheld their names, the 25 signatures indicating that the program will meet with the favor of a majority of the property owners.

The tentative paving program for Main Street covers 4,068 feet of the street from the hill on the upper end to the brink of the hill to the east. As the petition has been signed by property owners on both sides of the street, it is necessary to take into consideration twice the distance of the span. The 4,068 feet includes street intersections, and when these are deducted the actual distance to be paved is decreased to approximately 3,468 feet. This number doubled amounts to 6,936 feet, the 51 per cent of which is 3,537 feet. Subtracting the 1,979 feet already signed, there are approximately 1,558 feet necessary to put the program for that street into effect.

Chief W. B. Daniel, who has been given the task of presenting the petition to the property owners, will work on Houghton Street upon the completion of the one for Main. Other streets will be canvassed in similar order.

Petitions for street paving are being withheld until those having to do with the sidewalks have been circulated.

Mr. Daniel stated this morning that the work was progressing nicely, but he refused to offer an opinion as to the final result for the one street, Main. It will require several days longer to pass the petitions around and until the work is completed, the exact outcome of the town's paving program will remain unknown.

**REPORT MADE BY HOME AGENT**  
Conducted Six Meetings for Women and Thirteen For Girls

During the month of January, the county's home agent, Miss Lora E. Sleeper, traveled 576 miles over the county conducting six meetings with the women and thirteen with the girls. There were sixteen days spent in the field, five days spent in the office, one holiday taken and four days sick leave, according to the report given the county commissioners in their regular meeting here yesterday.

Miss Mary E. Thomas was in the county to conduct the first leaders' school in nutrition this year with the several club representatives. Such schools are planned for each month to be conducted by the agent and also by the specialist, it was stated.

There were twenty home visits made during the month besides those for meetings. There were five news articles written during the month, five circular letters written and sixty copies distributed during the period.

A kitchen contest is now underway and March will be a very busy month with a county-wide women's meeting, leaders' school in nutrition and news-writing featuring the work.

## BILLS APPROVED AT MASS MEETING

McLean School Bill and Flannagan Road Bill Endorsed

The McLean school bill and the Flannagan road bill were unanimously endorsed following a discussion of the two measures by representatives from fourteen counties meeting in Greenville last night.

Mr. McLean, the representative of Beaufort and author of the school bill, and Mr. Ed Flannagan, representative of Pitt and author of the road bill, were present at the meeting and explained the two bills.

As a result of the meeting, several of those attending, agreed to go to Raleigh today and appear before a joint committee on education in behalf of the measures. Messrs. J. G. Staton, K. B. Crawford and Superintendent R. A. Pope were appointed to go from this county.

Members of the Martin County Board of Education and others attended the meeting from this section.

The proposed school bill will not only give Martin county better schools but it will also save the taxpayers \$20,000 a year in taxes. The road bill will work the latter or township roads, and will make possible a reduction in taxes amounting to approximately \$30,000 for the people of Martin.

Both of the measures are unpopular with the big corporations making large dividends, it is understood.

## Alleged Check Forger Brought To Jail Here

Captured in Caswell County several days ago and placed in the Durham County jail shortly afterwards, William O. Bowling, 38-year-old white man, was brought from Durham and placed in the jail here last Wednesday to answer to charges of forgery. He was brought here by Deputy S. H. Grimes.

Bowling, once employed as a carpenter on highway construction work in this section, forged two checks here several weeks ago, using the name of his superintendent, a Mr. Johnson, in securing around \$40 from merchants here.

When questioned by county officers, Bowling neither denied nor admitted the charge, but he did ask when the trial would be held. As he was being handcuffed for the trip here, Bowling stated, "That's all right. I won't do anything. I'm going back to take my medicine."

**Program of Services At Church of Advent**  
Rev. Arthur H. Marshall, Rector  
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.  
Holy Communion and sermon at 11 A. M.  
You are cordially invited to attend these services.