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REGULAR MEET WOMAN'S CLUB HELD THURSDAY

Thank Those Who Helped Make Tuberculosis Clinic Held Here a Success

TO SPONSOR CONCERT
Wake Forest Band To Be At Opera House 14th; Discuss City-Manager Form of Local Government

The local Woman's club meeting here Thursday which was attended by a majority of its members, was one of the busiest of the year, much business being handled at the session. A motion was made to write letters of appreciation to those of the State Sanatorium who helped in the recent tuberculosis clinic and to the Washington hospital for the use of its X-ray machine. Dr. Taylor gave the use of his machine, saving the club about \$25 per day, the amount that would have necessarily been paid had other machines been used.

It was decided to take five shares of building and loan stock in the new series opening Saturday.

A contract was made with the Wake Forest band to give a concert on March 14th. This will take place in the City Hall, all arrangements having been made.

Mrs. Martin, as president, wrote the Mayor and commissioners about the V. E. Powr company cutting down the trees here and considering that they do more than anything else to beautify the town, it was pointed out that the trees be saved. A very nice letter from Mr. G. H. Harrison, clerk, was read, in which he pledged the support of the board in the matter.

It was voted to give the music loan fund \$10 and to make a donation to the scouts as soon as possible.

Mrs. J. G. Stator reviewed a previous resolution which received the whole-hearted approval of the club that Williamston change its present form of government to the city manager plan. She was instructed to write Mr. Elbert S. Peel, who is in the Legislature to get a bill passed which would allow this, providing the citizens desire.

Mr. Davis of the city schools had a hearing and he asked the club to sell the advertising on the curtain for the new school auditorium.

The report on the recent tuberculosis clinic will not be given until an authoritative report comes from Dr. Mc Cain of the State Sanatorium, which will not be for three weeks on account of the great amount of work that he is doing over the State along this line.

Miss Sleeper announced that Mrs. Jane McKimmon, of Raleigh, will be here during March under the auspices of the home demonstration clubs of the county.

The president asked the club members and the women of the town to read the messages of the State department, one of which is being published. The departments are trying to reach the people and the one today from the Health department is a very vital message.

The program for the meeting was furnished by children from the rooms of Misses Lucy Claire Ivey and Katherine Cole of the local school. Miss Ivey's children gave the little play, "Famous Birthdays in February," and "The Beginnings of the Scouts," Herbert Whitley of Miss Cole's grade told an appropriate story very attractively.

Town and County Boards Will Meet Next Monday

The town and county boards of commissioners are expected to hold their regular monthly meetings here next Monday. As far as it is known at this time, no business outside of that coming under the general routine head, will be before the meetings.

20 PERMITS TO MARRY ISSUED

Eight to White and Twelve To Colored Couples; 29 In February, 1928

Showing a decrease now and an increase then in his activities, Dan Cupid just will not follow any consistent schedule of work in this county, it seems, according to the records of the register of deeds during January and February and a comparative period last year. During the month ending yesterday, 20 licenses were issued, eight to white and 12 to colored couples. In January there were 33 licenses sold at the local office, while in February; last year, the number issued amounted to 29.

With one or two exceptions the contracting parties were 22 years of age or under.

The list for the month just closed, follows:

White.
Roy Sutton Edmondson, 27-Minnie Matthews, 21; Gray Rawls, 18-Mattie Wynn, 20; Edward W. Lawrence, 56-Chrisie Scott, 43; Winston E. Holliday, 23-Katie Peel, 21; Henry G. Jones, 18-Hattie Griffin, 20; Maurice Nelson Early, 25-Alta Mitchell Hines, 25; David L. James, 47-Nancy Wynn, 41; John Haywood Roberson, 26-Annie Maybelle Peel, 18.

Colored.
Johnnie Council, 21-Addie Ward, 19; John Henry Taylor, 21-Lillie Whitehurst, 17; Jasper Rollins, 19-Katie Gray Best, 18; Roosevelt Butler, 22-Lester Hassell, 17; Izell Roberson, 22-Mary Lou Powell, 18; Jimmie Bunch, 21-Mary Macklin, 19; William Higgs, 21-Catherine Lawrence, 18; S. Earl Simmons, 20-Edna Stevenson, 19; William Andrew Moyer, 22-Annie Bell Stokes, 19; Lonnie Langley, 21-Artella Keel, 19; Julius Williams, 21-Matilda Jones, 16; John Eddie Pitt, 25-Lula Hayner, 21.

Local Cafe Owner Is Married in New York

Arriving in New York City from Famagusta, Cyprus Island, in the Mediterranean Sea, early last month, Miss Theodora Meniken was married to Mr. James Pappas, local cafe owner, in that city recently. The newlyweds arrived here this week and will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hunter on Smithwick street.

Ten years ago, Mr. Pappas left his sweetheart, then a little girl in her teens, in Famagusta to come to the States. Since that time Cupid was greatly handicapped in his work, for the mails were slow when so great a distance was to be covered, but even then he scored a hit that resulted in the couple's marriage recently.

Mr. Pappas, during his stay here, has made many friends and his business is enjoying a splendid patronage.

Arrangements Completed For Inauguration Monday

With practically all arrangements completed for the Presidential inauguration in Washington City next Monday, a colorful event is expected there when Herbert Hoover succeeds Calvin Coolidge to the Presidency.

Evidently President Coolidge is tired of Washington and the office, for he is planning to catch a fast train for his home in Massachusetts as soon as the inauguration is over. He will not accompany the incoming President at dinner, as is the usual custom followed by retiring Presidents.

The arrangements for the inaugural ceremonies are more elaborate this year than any since the Woodrow Wilson inauguration, and a record-breaking attendance is expected at the exercises. North Carolina will have a large delegation in attendance upon the exercises and several people from here are planning to visit the Capital City that day.

Hancock Substitute Passed By House

Raleigh, Mar. 1.—The House last night passed the Hancock substitute to the MacLean school and tax reduction bill on second reading 103 to 3 after defeating two amendments having to do with teacher provisions and three offered by Judge Winston to raise the amount of state aid and to doubly insure ad valorem tax reduction.

The Winston amendment to limit the ad valorem levy to 30 cents for all purposes except for fixed charges was beaten 43 to 66.

The second Winston amendment to increase the 8 months equalizing fund was defeated 42 to 69.

The third Winston amendment to increase the equalizing fund for the six-months was defeated 40 to 68.

Judge Winston obtained record votes on all the amendments. Only one member explained his vote. That was Mr. MacLean, who declared he was bound by compromise to support the substitute.

WOMEN TO STUDY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN STATE

128,632 Children of School Age Are Not Attending School

MANY VIOLATE LAW
Health Nurse in Each County Would Do Much Improve Conditions. At Home and in School

By MRS. LOUIE P. MARTIN
President Williamston Woman's Club

Excerpts from message from the division of child welfare, North Carolina Federation Women's clubs:
The program of Women's clubs of North Carolina for the next year will include a study of school attendance in the State. Statistics show us that in our own State, there are 128,632 children of school age who are not attending school.

For the past two years the clubs have been studying adult education, and there is no way in which the cause of adult education can be helped more effectively than by seeing that the future citizenship of the State be made to see the value of, and forced to take advantage of its educational advantages.

There are many causes for the failure of children to attend school, some of which are of the type which can be corrected. Weather and illness are two causes which are often cited. A nurse for the county would do much to improve the health conditions both in the home and at school. She could arrange with the State Board of Health for clinics to be held which will correct such ills as diseased tonsils, defective teeth and eyes.

One of the greatest needs of Martin county is a full-time nurse. There is little we can do about children being kept at home to work. This, however, is a violation of the State law, as to Child labor. It is time that we were making ourselves busy seeing that that law is more rigidly enforced.

The two causes that are most to be deplored and possibly are more to blame than all others for delinquency are indifference on the part of the parent, resulting in children not being made to go to school, and indifference on the part of the child, resulting in truancy. It seems that the only way to combat this indifference is by making some sort of practical effort to educate our communities to the value of public education.

This could possibly be accomplished by cooperation with parent-teacher associations, by having contests in school attendance, by helping the teachers get the correct reasons for a child's absence from school, then help make the adjustments necessary in the home for the child's return to school.

It could be clear to all that these are only suggestions, and it must be understood that before any action is taken, the courtesy of consulting the teachers and county officers would be extended, and action would only be taken upon their advice. We do not wish to antagonize, but we do wish to help.

So, as club women, let us make an effort to do our share toward raising the standard of citizenship in our American communities by beginning with the children.

Let us stress this year: Keeping the child well, Good school attendance; Wholesome recreation, Good home conditions, and as our special work, let us try this year to take as our responsibility, the delinquent child.

Large Crowd Attends Funeral of Mr. Crawford

The funeral of William Henry Crawford, held at the residence here last Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, was largely attended by relatives and friends far and near. The stores closed during the service, the town, as a whole, paying a last tribute to one of its most beloved friends and citizens.

Among the out-of-county visitors were W. H. Hardison, Rocky Mount, Mrs. T. H. Crudup and Mrs. Chloe Lanier, of Kittrell, B. C. Crawford, of Greensboro, Mrs. Della M. Carson, of Wilson, Messrs. Daniel, Will, John and Charlie Wright, of Jarvisburg, Judge J. Crawford Biggs, of Raleigh, and Mr. W. A. Ellison, Mrs. T. Freeman and Miss Mary King Ellison, of Belhaven.

Presbyterian Services Here Sunday Morning

The Rev. John L. Yandell will preach at 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning in the Woman's club hall here, and at Bear Grass in the evening at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced this morning.

The Bible school will convene at 9:45 in the morning here, it was stated. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

REMAINS IN JAIL FOR LACK OF \$50

Liquor Law Violator Hasn't Enough Money to Pay Costs of His Case

Placed in jail here October 1, last year, Will Worley, Negro violator of the prohibition laws, would have been a free man last night had he possessed \$50, an amount necessary to pay the costs of his case. But as it is, Worley will continue in jail 30 more days, leaving at the end of that time upon a pauper's pass. However, it might be possible that friends will come to his aid, but for five months he has been in jail and no one has offered him a loan.

Ben Biggs, a friend of Worley's, gets out today and knowing the weight of a five-months' jail sentence, he is expected to seek aid for his pal. Biggs and Vanc Brooks went in a day later than did Worley to serve similar sentences, but the two beat him out after all.

VITAL STATISTICS OF POPLAR POINT

73 Per Cent More Births Than Deaths in Township Last Year

Births in Poplar Point township show a remarkable gain over deaths as compared with the records in six other townships in the county according to vital statistics filed from that township in the office of the register of deeds here. A gain of approximately 73 per cent, in births over deaths was recorded in that township during the past year.

There were thirty-three births recorded there, 23 white and ten colored, one of the largest percentages of whites reported so far in the county for the year 1928. Again the male births led those of the females by a wide margin, 20 boys being born as against 13 female births.

The colored death rate was considerably higher than that of the white in the district, four deaths being recorded among the colored and five among the whites. However, there were one or two murders among the negroes, which altered the natural death rate.

Three illegitimate children were born there, one white and two colored.

Ford and General Motors State's Biggest Motors

Last Tuesday a year ago, the Williamston Motor company delivered its first new Ford to a purchaser in this county. Gradually the size of the deliveries increased until during the last two months the cars have been going at the rate of one each day from the local agency, almost.

The country is just full of 'em now, and once where the whole population was talking about the coming of the car, one attracts the attention of a prospective purchaser now only.

"A man about town" commenting upon the rapid distribution of cars in the country yesterday said, "Some one should write the manufacturers and tell them that North Carolina is still in a splendid position to buy automobiles. It only takes the entire tobacco, cotton and one-half of the corn crops in the State to pay for what we are getting now, and there is still the peanut, potato and one or two other minor crops to draw from."

It can be correctly pointed out that Henry Ford or connected credit agencies and the General Motors Corporation are the biggest farmers in the State, if not in the entire South, at the present time.

Episcopal Rector Moves Here From Plymouth

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur H. Marshall moved here from Plymouth this week and are now at home in the rectory on Houghton street.

Rev. Mr. Marshall serves several churches in this and Washington counties and established his residence here that he might be centrally located for his work. He will continue as rector of the Grace Episcopal church in Plymouth and other churches in that county.

The citizens of our town extend Rev. and Mrs. Marshall a hearty welcome here and are glad to have them make their home with them.

Keep Off Hamilton Road Unless Business is Urgent

The Hamilton road is still holding down traffic. Very few people are willing to take chances of being stuck in the mud. Mr. T. B. Slade, jr., chairman of the county board of commissioners stated yesterday that his advice to everyone is to keep off the road unless the business is very important. He expressed the hope that, some day, 125 will be paved.

MISSING GIRL IS THOUGHT TO BE IN CHARLESTON

Two Men of This Section Report Seeing Her in South Carolina City

LEFT FEBRUARY 6TH
Promised To Come Back Home With Men, But Could Not Be Found When Time Came to Leave

Mary Emily Gardner, the 14-year-old girl who disappeared from her home in Bear Grass the 6th of February, is thought to have been seen in Charleston, South Carolina, several days ago, according to information received in the sheriff's office here this week. It was reported, unofficially however, that the girl was stranded at that time in the South Carolina city without work and with no definite plans to follow. While it is believed she is in Georgia at the present time, she was last seen in Charleston, according to information received here up until yesterday afternoon.

Several days ago, Rufus Keel, of Stokes, and a traveling salesman by the name of Harris, of Lenoir county, were in a Charleston hotel and noticing the forlorn look of the girl's face in the lobby, they questioned her. The two men had read accounts of her disappearance from home and suspected her as the missing girl. She was invited to dinner by the two men, she gladly accepting the invitation. She gave her name as Gardner and stated that she had seen Harris somewhere before. In telling Sheriff Roebuck of the meeting here this week, Keel stated that Harris had traveled in the Bear Grass community. During the dinner conversation the traveling salesman began to call over his acquaintances in this section and when the girl was asked if she knew the man by the name of "Will" she showed signs of great uneasiness, and started to leave the hotel dining hall, it was stated.

The conversation continued, the girl refusing to offer an explanation of the affair, but she did say that she knew people in Kinston and that she wanted to go to that town. It was understood that she should accompany the men to Kinston, that they would leave the hotel the next morning at 8:00 o'clock.

The girl then stated that she was penniless, that the boarding house was holding her clothes for room rent. Keel accompanied her to the house, and the bill was paid by the men, according to the information given here. The following morning the men were late in reaching the hotel, and the girl could not be found. They returned home without her, Mr. Keel later coming here to relate the affair to county authorities.

While Mr. Keel stated that he and Mr. Harris were not certain as to the girl's identification, they were of the opinion that she was the one missing from Bear Grass. He stated that he could return to the house in Charleston where he last saw her, but that the address was not recorded as his party was rushed to leave for home.

The case is in the hands of public welfare authorities but they have been unable to establish any true facts as to the whereabouts of the girl at the present time.

When the girl left the home in Bear Grass the early part of last month, Will Knox of that community was thought to have been connected with her disappearance. A warrant, charging kidnaping, was issued but he was cleared of the charge in a session of the recorder's court here the following Tuesday after the girl's disappearance. Two letters, supposed to have been written by the girl in Greensboro, were received here, one by her mother in Bear Grass and a second by the clerk of the court here. She stated in one of the letters that she did not intend to return home, and that any attempt to have her brought home would prove useless.

Regular Services at Cedar Branch Church

Regular services will be held in the Cedar Branch Baptist Church both Sunday morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington, it was announced this morning.

The public is cordially invited to hear Rev. Mr. Harrington at each of the services.

Prayer Service at County Home Sunday Afternoon

Prayer services will be held at the county home near here Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock with Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, of the local Methodist church, in charge, it was announced yesterday by a member of the Christian Federation here.

The public is invited to attend and take part in the service.

POULTRY PRICES HAVE ADVANCED

Car to be Here Wednesday; In Robersonville on Thursday

With favorable weather conditions existing between now and next Wednesday, poultry loadings at the local station are expected to equal or surpass those of last month, was the belief expressed by County Agent Brandon this morning. The prices announced to be paid for the fowls next week are higher, and many farmers will not wait longer to clear their "boarders" from their barnyards. The condition of the roads will have much to do with the size of the loadings, it is believed, many farmers preferring to wait and sell later rather than travel bad roads to market their chickens.

The car will not be placed in Jamesville this month, but it will be stopped here Wednesday morning for the day, and in Robersonville Thursday, the only two stops to be made in the county this month.

RECORDER HAD BUT SIX CASES

Fines Imposed Total \$150; Several Get Suspended Road Sentences

The last Tuesday session of the county recorder's court here went by practically unnoticed, there being only six minor cases called for trial. However, fines in the sum of \$150 were imposed and suspended road sentences were placed over the heads of two defendants.

The court, after hearing the evidence in the case charging Abner James with larceny and receiving, found him not guilty.

Roy Prichard pleaded guilty in the case charging him with driving an automobile while he was intoxicated and was fined \$75 and taxed with the costs. His right to drive a car within 90 days was revoked.

Pleading not guilty in the case charging assault and injury to personal property, LeRoy Perkins was reversed in his plea by the evidence heard, and Judge Bailey fined him \$25 and added the costs. A four-months suspended road sentence was meted out.

Charged with assault and an attempt to rob, Ben Reeves, Negro, pleaded guilty to assault and drunk and disorderly charges. The plea was accepted by the solicitor, and Reeves was fined \$50 and charged with the costs. A nine-months suspended road sentence was attached. Last Sunday night while Reeves was drunk he hopped on the running board of the car of Mr. G. S. Bevins who with Mr. E. S. McCabe was in the "Blood Block" section trying to employ labor.

Reeves, a workman at the J. F. Thigpen stables here, ordered the two men out of the car and threatened them, but when Mr. Bevins speeded the machine up, the man turned away.

Everetts Team In Championship Series

Entering the North Carolina Gold Medal, Amateur Independent Basketball Championship series, sponsored by the Rocky Mount Y. M. C. A., the Everetts team will play its first game in the contest in Rocky Mount tomorrow morning.

The team drew a bye today and will meet the winner in first bracket at 11 o'clock tomorrow.

Tonight Everetts and Jamesville, boys and girls, will play at Everetts for the first time this season. The games are scheduled to begin at 8:00 o'clock.

Program of Services At Church of Advent

Rev. A. H. Marshall, Rector
Sunday school at 9:45.
Evening prayer and sermon at 8:00 o'clock.

Sheriff Roebuck Again Able To Get About

After being confined to his home with rheumatism for several days, Sheriff A. L. Roebuck is now able to attend to a few duties at his office in the courthouse. Although his condition is much improved, Sheriff gets about only with the assistance of a stick.

NEW SERIES B. & L. STOCK TO GO ON SALE TOMORROW

Prospects Are That 24th Series Will Be One of Largest Issued

MANY APPLICATIONS
Demand for Building Loans Increases; More Than 4,000 Shares Stock Are Now in Force

That the 24th series of the Martin County Building and Loan association opening here tomorrow will be one of the largest in some time is evidenced by the many applications already being received from new and old savers for shares. Several hundred shares will be issued shortly after the series opens judging from present indications, one of the officers of the organization stated this morning.

The demand for building loans increases here, and in this connection the sale of shares is showing a steady and consistent increase. The number of people using it merely as a means of investment is very large, and these savers are aiding greatly the continued progress in the town's building, it was pointed out.

More than 4,000 shares of stock are in force in the organization at the present time, and the series opening tomorrow will boost that number upward considerably. The officers of the organization are planning an active drive for new business this series, in an attempt to make possible a larger building program here during the next several months. The small accounts are as welcome as the larger ones, and everyone is asked to investigate the method of saving and subscribe in the present series. The series opening tomorrow remains open for 90 days, but those planning to subscribe will find it best to do so as early as possible, it is believed.

Baptists Announce Sermon Subjects

"On the side of the Angels" will be the subject for Sunday morning's sermon.

"The quest for Perfection" will be the theme for Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Harper Holliday will sing at the Sunday services.

This church proposes a series of three lectures on the general subject of "Church Efficiency" to be given in the church on three successive evenings—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, which will be March 11, 12 and 13.

The church wants to enlist its entire adult membership for these sessions, and gives this advance notice in order that time may be set aside for their attendance. There will be no expense incurred. The sessions will be brief, and it is believed that the course will be very profitable. Announcement in detail will be made from the pulpit.

"Fagan Special" Made Its Last Run One Year Ago

On February 29, last year, the Fagan Special, plying between Tarboro and Plymouth on the A. C. I. branch, was removed. Since that time not a single person has missed the train. It's no telling how many would have missed it had the dinky continued to run, not many to be sure. And to prove that the thing was a luxury, not even the schedule has been missed.

If last month had as many days as February of last year had, it would have been one year ago today that the train was run on its regular schedule for the last time in this section.

The train made its last run through here with one passenger, a bundle of express and its attendants aboard.

The mail is handled over a special bus in connection with passenger service over the route one served by the train.

Locals Wondering Where Maysville "Wonders" Are

The basketball game scheduled between the Maysville Wonders and the local high school team was not played last night as was scheduled, the locals still wondering what became of the "Wonders".

The game scheduled to be played with Middleburg tonight was called off by the Middleburg boys, they stating that it would be impossible for them to come here to play. A game has been arranged with Washington, however, and the teams will play in Robersonville tonight, it was stated this morning by Coach B. E. Hood of the local school.

WATTS THEATRE

Saturday March 2

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Serial—"Vanishing West"
And Comedy—"Papa's Boy"

Monday-Tuesday March 4-5

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