

## 21,127 POUNDS OF POULTRY BRING FARMERS \$5,429

### 14,265 Pounds Loaded Here Wednesday; 7,456 in Robersonville

### AT OAK CITY TODAY

Is Largest Shipment Ever Made From County; May Make One More Shipment This Spring

Poultry flocks in this and the Robersonville communities were greatly thinned out this week, when approximately 600 farmers in the two sections sold 21,127 pounds from their flocks. The shipment was the largest ever made from this point, two cars being required to handle the offerings. The shipment sold for \$5,429.23.

When the car arrived here Wednesday morning, loading operations were started immediately. Before the day was over, one car was completely filled, and over 2000 pounds of the fowls were placed in a second car. The farmers in this community sold 14,265 pounds for \$3,572.77. At Robersonville, 7,456 pounds were delivered, the farmers receiving \$1,856.46 for their offerings. Today deliveries are being made to the car at Oak City, but just how the loadings are running is not known at this time. It is the first stop in that part of the county and a big delivery is not expected.

The purchaser representative at Wednesday evening that he received more poultry here than he had at any other market. While no arrangements have been made for the cooperative loading of another car this season have been made at this time, County Agent Brandon is of the opinion that a fourth shipment should be made. Prices are holding up better this season than has been the case heretofore, and farmers are finding the ready cash handy at this time. Should another car be scheduled for loading in the county this season, it is understood that it will be placed within the next two or three weeks.

The heavy loading here Wednesday made it very inconvenient for many of the farmers, as they were forced to wait several hours before their offerings could be received. Mr. Brandon is making an attempt to eliminate this drawback, and it is believed that some arrangement will be made whereby waiting will be eliminated.

Several unusual sales were made here Wednesday when one farmer delivered 20 chickens and received \$50. The several types of fowls were included in the shipment. While the sales numbered around 600, individually they were small.

### Play At Oak City School Next Wednesday Night

The Oak City School faculty, assisted by local talent, is staging the humorous three-act comedy, "44 Flappers" in the school auditorium there next Wednesday evening, according to an announcement made yesterday. The comedy has been presented in many parts of the country since it was given to the stage last October, and is classed as one of the most unique productions offered by home talent forces. The play is given a 1944 time setting, making for an entertainment entirely different from the usual home talent production.

### School Board Postpones Election of Teachers

Puzzled as to the outcome of the recently passed school legislation, the local school board postponed the election of the teachers in the school here for the 1929-30 term until after the State meeting of school heads in Raleigh the week of April 22. Just when the teachers will be selected is not known, but it is understood that the faculty for the next school term will be chosen immediately after the Raleigh meeting.

## WATTS THEATRE

Saturday April 13

**BOB STEELE**  
in  
**"COME AND GET IT"**  
Also COMEDY and  
Serial, "The Vanishing West"  
Special Matinee, 3 P. M.

Monday-Tuesday April 15-16

**GRETA GARBO**  
in  
**"WILD ORCHIDS"**  
Also M. G. M. NEWS and  
AESOP'S FABLES

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

## Little Interest Is Shown In Town Politics So Far

Unless there is a decided awakening in political interest here within the next few days, the town convention next Thursday evening will be a dry happening, and the election the following Tuesday in May will attract the poll holders only. Other than the mere rumor that three women would be entered in the race for posts on the board of commissioners and another for the office of mayor, nothing can be learned of the forthcoming convention and election. Apparently the rumors are unfounded, for it was learned yesterday that Miss Hattie Thrower would not be a candidate for the office of mayor. According to the rumor Miss Thrower

was to run for mayor, and to support her three other women were to be placed on the board of commissioners. Miss Thrower stated yesterday that she would not run for the office, that she did not desire the task. If the three women plan to run for the office of commissioners, as the rumor holds, their plans are being closely guarded, no authoritative announcements having been made public at this time. While no announcements have been made by the present board members regarding their candidacies for re-election, it is understood that they are planning no active campaign for places on the board.

## FINAL EXERCISES AT FARM LIFE

### Sermon Sunday Night With Other Events To Be Held Wednesday-Thursday

According to an announcement made this morning, the first of the Farm Life commencement exercises will be held there Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock when Rev. C. B. Mashburn, pastor of the Robersonville Christian Church, preaches the commencement sermon. The service will be held in the school auditorium. Completing their class work Tuesday, the primary pupils will feature the exercises Wednesday evening, while the elementary and high school departments are planning a special program for Thursday evening. Friday morning at 11:00 o'clock, Dr. M. O. Fletcher, of the Washington Collegiate Institute, Washington, will deliver the principal address, followed by a community picnic. Other features on the day's program include recitation and declamation contests in the afternoon and a high school play, "Prarie Rose" in the evening. The exercises at Farm Life are largely attended each year, and no exception to the rule is forecasted at this time.

## BAPTISTS MEET HERE NEXT WEEK

### Between 200 and 300 Young People Expected Here For Regional Meeting

In addition to the usual program of weekly services, the local Baptist church is putting on an intensive course of study in teacher training, which holds its first session in the Philathea room at the church on Sunday evening at 7:15 o'clock. Then, next week the church is entertaining a regional convention of Baptist young people. These young Baptist people, between two and three hundred of them, will come in Williamston on the afternoon of Friday, April 19, spend the night, many of them, and finish their sessions some time Saturday. The members of the church and congregation are called upon to open their homes to these young people, and to make their coming as pleasant and as profitable as is possible. As is usual at such conventions, the entertaining church provides room and breakfast for those staying over. Our church will not only want to do all this, but to do it exceptionally well. The pastor will preach Sunday at both the morning and evening service. The subject in the morning will be, "How God Brings Good Out of Evil," and at 8 o'clock in the evening, he will have for his subject, "The Riches of the Poor."

The Sunday school literature for all the classes has come, and all teachers should get their literature at the church.

## Program of Services at First Methodist Church

Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, Pastor  
Preaching service, 11 a. m., subject, "The Moral Witness of the Church."  
Evening service 8 o'clock, preaching by the Rev. S. A. Cotton, presiding elder of the Weldon District. Business session of second quarterly conference immediately after the evening sermon.  
Sunday school, 9:45. Hi-League Sunday evening, 7:30. Senior League Monday evening at 8. Junior League Tuesday, 4 p. m. Prayer service on Wednesday evening at 8.  
Good music and brief services await you at this church.

## Sandy Ridge School Ends Session Today

The Sandy Ridge school, near here, is closing the 1928-29 session today, the community enjoying a picnic. Rev. C. H. Dickey, of the local Baptist Church, is delivering the address. Although the school requires only two teachers, Mr. Chas. Daniel and Miss Margaret Cooke, a highly satisfactory work has been carried on there during the session.

## TO PETITION FOR HEALTH OFFICER

### Local School Board Favors Proposition; Others Are Considering It

At a meeting of the local school board last Tuesday evening a resolution was passed favoring the establishment of an all-time health officer for the county. It is understood that the matter is being considered by other school boards in the county and that a petition will be placed before the county commissioners within the next few weeks asking them to investigate the all-time health officer and work.

The local board adopted the resolution upon the facts given as to the cost of the proposed system and the one now in effect in this county and the need of an all-time work. In their March meeting the commissioners favored a study of the all-time health officer, but nothing was done in the matter. At the April meeting an indifferent attitude presented itself.

## SPECIALIST AT TWO MEETINGS

### Clothing Specialist Holds Millinery Schools in County

By LORA E. SLEEPER (County Home Agent)

Mrs. Willie Hunter, clothing specialist, was in the county Tuesday and Wednesday of this week to conduct millinery schools with the women in home demonstration clubs of the county.

Tuesday the women met in the Masonic Hall at Hamilton and began work at 10:30 a. m. The following women were present: Mrs. T. B. Slade, Jr., Miss Effie Waldo, Mrs. Z. T. Cox, Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Cornelia Deal, representing the Hamilton club; Mrs. Lena Cassell, Mrs. W. R. Nicholson, Mrs. Robert Edwards, Mrs. T. H. Marion, Mrs. H. B. Hardee, representing the club at Poplar Point; Miss Margaret Everett, Mrs. Wade Mizelle, Mrs. W. D. Hyman, Mrs. W. A. Perry, and Mrs. Alonzo Everett, representing the Williams Chapel club. The Hamilton club served a very fine picnic lunch at noon, even though the women hated to spare the time to eat.

Wednesday Miss Hunter conducted the same type of school in Jamesville. The following women attended: Mrs. Ben Ange, Mrs. Levin Ange, from the Ange Town club; Mrs. Lesie Holliday, Mrs. Martha Sexton, Mrs. John Long, Mrs. Bailey, and Mrs. Simpson, representing the Jamesville club; Mrs. C. L. Daniel, Mrs. Lee Hardison, Mrs. Lucian Hardison, and Mrs. Joshua Coltrain, representing the Holly Springs club. Mrs. John D. Biggs also attended.

The Jamesville club served an attractive luncheon carrying out food principles taught in the food and nutrition project. The menu consisted of stuffed cabbage, fruit salad, corn bread, and lemonade. During the week 27 hats were made at an average cost of 35 cents each. This was a saving of \$200 per person. In having Miss Hunter at this time, Martin County was very fortunate owning to counties carrying the regular clothing project. The women attending will teach the women in their own communities and so pass on the help received to some one else.

## Cecil Taylor On Honor Roll at University

The University of North Carolina honor roll for the winter quarter released yesterday by the registrar of the institution carries the names of 270 students, among the list being the name of Cecil G. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Taylor, of near here. Young Taylor, a sophomore in the University, made A's on all his work, an average of 95 or more.

## PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL FINALS AT BEAR GRASS

### First of Exercises To Be Commencement Sermon Sunday Night

### 29 HONOR STUDENTS

Grade Entertainments Tuesday Night; Commencement Exercises and Play Wednesday

A two-days program will feature the closing of the Bear Grass school for the 1928-29 term next week, it was announced yesterday by Professor F. M. Barnhart, the school's principal. The first of the exercises will be held in the school auditorium at 7:30 Sunday evening when the Rev. John L. Yandell, Presbyterian minister of Tarboro, will deliver the commencement sermon. The second of the program series will be held Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, the several grades entertaining at that time. Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock Judge R. J. Peel, of this place, will deliver the commencement address. A play, "Honor Wins," to be staged by the high school pupils, will bring the exercises to a close.

Professor Barnhart states that approximately seven certificates will be issued to students who have completed the two years of high school work, and as many certificates of promotion will be awarded to pupils completing their work in the seventh grade. Promotions throughout the school will number more than 150, the principal pointed out.

Twenty-nine students in the school, established unique attendance records during the term and will be awarded certificates of attendance during the commencement. Professor Barnhart stated that a last-day absence on the part of any one of the 29 pupils will decrease the number of the honor students. A list of those students attending the entire term without a single absence, includes:

Nossie Lee Taylor, Sallie Roebuck, Evelyn White, Ruth Hazel Rogers, A. B. Ayers, Jr., Luther Bernard Britton, Ruth Roebuck, Hilda Roebuck, Lucile Rogerson, Gladys Mobley, Daniel Kee, Ernestine Britton, Mary E. Keel, Vesta Bullock, Elizabeth Bailey, Velma Bailey, Grace Rogers, Louise Taylor, Bessie Mae Terry, Leon Rogers, Bonnie Bailey, Raymond Roberson, Annie Mae Bailey, Melba Grace Peele, Ruby Dare Bennett, Harcom Capps, Hilda Roberson, Magdaleen Harrison, Henry White.

## DISCUSS NEW SCHOOL LAW

### School Officials of Several Counties in Meeting Here Today

Meeting here today with the school superintendents and boards of education of Beaufort, Bertie, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell and Washington counties, Mr. John L. Hethcock, auditor of the Finance State Department of Education, Raleigh, is discussing certain phases of the new school law.

Mr. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who was expected to attend the meeting, was unable to get away from the duties of his office in Raleigh.

While Mr. Hethcock made no attempt to answer for the budget commission, he pointed out at the session this morning that more care will be required in the handling of school matters than formerly, and that more reports will be required in an effort to determine what is going on in the schools. He did not attempt to construe the school law, yet he intimated that under the measure salary increases for teachers could not be reasonably expected. A teacher attending summer school to raise her certificate will not be benefited this year, it was understood.

Mr. Hethcock informed the school officials that they could not make contracts with teachers at this time for the next term, although he advised them they would be safe in telling their best teachers that they will want them and at the same time suggest to others they might not wish to retain that they could not employ them.

So far no school is able to learn just how many teachers will be allowed during the coming term.

## To Ship Carload of Hogs Next Tuesday

Several farmers in the Robersonville community will ship a load of hogs to the Richmond market next Tuesday, County Agent Brandon stated yesterday. The shipment will be the second to go from this county this year, farmers in Jamesville having shipped a car early this year. According to market quotations the shippers will receive around 11 3-4 cents per pound for their offerings.

## MANY FARMERS AT CLASSES FOR TOBACCO STUDY

### Series of Classes at Jamesville Closed Last Monday

### VERY SATISFACTORY

Meetings Were Started in January; From 10 To 35 Farmers At Each Class

Closing Monday evening of last week, the study of tobacco by a number of farmers in the Jamesville community was declared by Professor W. T. Overby yesterday to have been very satisfactory. For three months, 10 to 35 farmers met each Monday evening in the Jamesville school building where they studied the various steps in tobacco raising. The classes attracted much interest on the part of the farmers in the community, and the instruction offered will be followed to a great extent in growing this year's crop, Professor Overby stated.

The opening classes in January were devoted to the preparation of seed for planting and the proper beds. The several varieties of tobacco were discussed, the farmers deciding upon certain types for planting. As the course of instruction progressed, the farmers studied the diseases common to the crop and the methods of disease control. The discussions touched on insects, the best methods of control being pointed out. Fertilization and cultivation were studied at length, many of the farmers declaring that they would try out the suggested methods of fertilizing the crop this season.

In conducting the course of instruction, Professor Overby gathered bulletins dealing with the crop from every available source. The data were carefully studied and discussed at practically every meeting.

This is the third year that the school has been held by the agricultural teacher there, and each year a greater interest is shown by the farmers of the community.

## E. S. PEEL TALKS TO KIWANIANS

### State Senator Reviews Important Laws Passed by General Assembly

Addressing the meeting of the Kiwanis club here last Wednesday, E. S. Peel, a member of the Senate in the last General Assembly, reviewed what was termed the most important laws passed by the Legislature. The legislation member pointed out the School Law, the Workman's Compensation act and the Road Law. Neither the school nor the road law was described as satisfactory, although the speaker stated that much good may finally result in each. The measures will offer small tax reductions on land and tangible property and will effect a strict economy in the administration of both the schools and roads, especially is this true in the case of the schools, it was said.

While the workman's compensation act is a new undertaking in this State, a similar measure is in force in the majority of the states. The act requires all persons, except those engaged in agriculture, to carry insurance for their employees, if they work as many as five persons. If an employee were injured under the new act compensation would be made. In the event of death or total disability, a sum equal to 60 per cent of the weekly wage of the injured shall be paid week for 400 weeks, the total amount not to exceed \$8,000. Formerly when a person was injured while in the employ of another, he had the right to sue for large sums if the accident was the result of carelessness or neglect on the part of the employer. Frequently unreasonable sums were granted by the courts, but it the injuries were the result of an accident the worker got nothing.

In the long run, it is expected that the cost to the employer will be about the same as under the old system, but the employee will get more as he will not have to engage in costly legal proceedings necessary to collect.

## East Carolina Firemen Hold Meet in Greenville

With over a hundred members in attendance, the regular quarterly meeting of the Eastern Carolina Firemen's association was held in the Rotary Club building, Greenville, last Tuesday night. Several speakers made addresses during the evening, Sherwood Brockwell, of the State Fire Insurance department, making the principal talk. The visitors were royally entertained by the Greenville company. Several members of the local company were in attendance upon the meeting.

The next quarterly meeting will be held here the second Tuesday night in July, the association accepting the invitation tendered by the local company.

## Intensive Clean-Up Drive Planned Here

### WOMAN FINED FOR FIGHTING

### Frances Allen Pays \$25 and Costs for Affray in Bank Several Days Ago

Scheduled for trial in the recorder's court here last Tuesday, the case of State against Mrs. Frances Allen was ordered sent to the town court by Recorder Bailey. When Mayor Coburn opened court Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock a number of spectators were present to witness the hearing.

The Allen woman, charged with assaulting one Connie Foster, was present and pleaded her own case unassisted by a lawyer. The prosecuting witness, Connie Foster, was not present, so the State had to rely on the testimony offered by Herman Bowen and Pete Fowden, modest eye witnesses. The defendant was very reserved in acknowledging her guilt in the affray staged in the lobby of the Farmers & Merchants Bank here several days ago. She stated that she did not give the Foster girl half what was due to be given, and added that she expects to complete the beating when an opportunity presents itself. The Allen woman pointed out that she was, in part, the guardian of the Foster girl, whom the defendant said was her niece. The defendant also stated that she had cared for the Foster girl and the two-year-old baby.

While no cause was assigned for the assault other than that the Foster girl had treated the defendant "dirty," it is believed the fight was the climax to a triangle love affair, with the two women and a man as the principal characters. Another version has it that the trouble originated over the Foster girl's two-year-old child, that the mother did not want the baby to be reared by the Allen woman, and when the child was placed in other hands, all ties were broken between the two women.

The defendant was conservative in her remarks and had the appearance of one in a higher class than that of a street-fighter. The spectators heard a much more dignified trial than they expected.

Mayor Coburn brought the case to a close with a \$25 fine and the payment of the costs \$5, by the defendant.

## FARMERS TRY NAPIER GRASS

### South African Plant Being Tried Out By Farmers in Beaufort County

Napier grass, a South African plant, is being introduced into this section by Beaufort County farmers, who, as far as it is known, are first in this territory to grow the grass. According to those who are acquainted with the crop, the grass grows in stalks similar to cane. The plants are transplanted, the grower using one joint of a stalk usually to every four or five feet of ground. When the grass is mowed in early growth, farmers state that the plant multiplies extensively, covering the field with a useful type of hay. The grass can be used either in the green or dried state for feed purposes.

## To Widen Part of Highway No. 30

New Bern, April 11.—State Highway Commissioner Claud R. Whitley, of Beaufort has assured President George S. Attmore and Secretary T. F. Moffett, of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce, that at the next state highway commission meeting bids will be asked for the wider paving of the narrow brick links of State highway route 30 leading into New Bern. These links include the roads from Vanceboro to New Bern and from the Jones county line about six miles toward New Bern.

## Negro School Have Field Day in Robersonville

With a large number of contestants entered, the field day for all negro schools in the county is being largely enjoyed in Robersonville today. Practically every colored school in the county is represented in one or more various contests. Truck loads from this section passed here early this morning en route to Robersonville.

## Program of Services At Christian Church

Regular services will be held at the Christian church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock hour and in the evening at 8:00 o'clock. Sunday school at 9 a. m. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.

## ORGANIZATION IS PERFECTED

### Campaign Will Be Waged Here Week After Next

### PREPARING PROGRAM

Boy Scouts, Women's Organizations, School, and Town Officials Are Supporting Movement

With the working organization formed for the clean-up and paint-up movement here week after next, plans are rapidly taking form for a warring attack on dirt and uncleanness. Headed by Mr. Julian Anderson, general chairman, the organization perfected to head the work plans to wage the war on uncleanness through every man, woman, and child in the community. An intensive campaign has been planned, and Mr. Anderson pointed out that the real success of the movement depends upon the efforts of every individual, both white and colored.

Mrs. Wheeler Martin, jr., has been made chairman of the women, and judging from the advance activities the women are offering a remarkable support to the undertaking. In fact, while the first day of the drive is more than a week away, interest is noted in many quarters at this time. To handle the junior work, Josephine Harrison has been selected as chairman. An effective work in the grammar grades is being planned under the direction of the junior chairman, and marked results are expected from these quarters during the week.

An effective program, in skeleton form at the present, but which is being added to daily, has been prepared for the week. The campaign will be included in the announcements of the various churches Sunday morning, and each day in the week will be set apart for particular activities. A complete program will be announced within the next few days.

The local schools have been assigned definite tasks, and the campaign heads are predicting splendid results from the children in the movement. Parades have been planned and other features urging the citizens of the town to take an active part in the clean-up and paint-up movement are included in the program.

The campaign will be waged, according to the general chairman, from the standpoints of making for better health, lessening of fire risks, and the pleasing appearance of the town. It is the expressed desire of those who are heading the campaign that the work be carried to every conceivable look and corner, that the cleaners' hands will reach hidden spots as well as those exposed to public view.

The town will be divided into districts with special police officers and Boy Scouts inspecting the progress of the movement two or three times during the week. In an effort to make the work as effective as is humanly possible, the citizenry is asked to make preparations for the movement now so that the work can be started with a rush right in the beginning.

## Special Term Superior Court Begins Monday

The special two weeks term of Martin County superior court for the trial of civil cases will open here next Monday with Judge Clayton Moore presiding. Sixty-three cases appear on the calendar. The term was provided by a special act in the last General Assembly. Cases on the calendar are, as a whole, of only passing importance.

## Store of D. Bailey at Bear Grass, Entered

Entering the D. Bailey store at Bear Grass Monday or Tuesday night of this week, robbers are said to have centered on the store's candy stock, apparently leaving untouched other articles. Officers stationed themselves in the store Wednesday night, but no one attempted to enter that night. The loss was said to have been very small.

## Presbyterians Announce Services for Next Sunday

The Rev. John L. Yandell will preach next Sunday morning at the Woman's Club room here at 11 o'clock. The Bible school convenes at 9:45 a. m. Mr. Yandell will also conduct services in the Bear Grass School auditorium at 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to these services.