

## INSPECTION OF SEWER SYSTEM IS BEING MADE

Several Lines Have Had To Be Cut in Cleaning-Out Process

### OVERHAUL ALL LINES

Number of Leaks Stopped in Water Lines Recently; Many New Meters Installed

While there have been several discussions carried on between property owners and the Virginia Electric & Power Co. as to what trees should be cut and limbs trimmed to give way for the electric lines, no complaints have been entered about cutting the elm tree roots in the several sewer lines, according to Jesse Harrell, head of the town's water department. During the past several days, workmen have been cutting the roots in several of the lines where trees border the streets. In many instances the tools especially equipped for the work have failed to dislodge the roots and foreign matter, making it necessary for the workmen to break the pipes in several places.

When the water and sewer system was installed here about 10 years ago, trouble from the elm tree roots was forecasted. However, no serious trouble developed until several months ago, when roots caused the water to stand in the pipes. In those lines where no automatic flushing system was provided when the pipes were installed, the water department head states it is difficult to remedy the situation. Mr. Harrell pointed out that every line in town would be inspected, and the system put in first-class condition as soon as possible.

During the past several weeks a number of leaks have been stopped in the water lines and pipes leading to the customers. New meters have replaced worn-out ones, and the water department head states that every meter in town will be inspected and repairs made where necessary.

It was learned yesterday that the customers are using approximately 150,000 gallons of water every 24 hours, that before an attempt to stop the leaks was made approximately 200,000 gallons were necessary to supply the town for that length of time.

## NO INTEREST IN TOWN ELECTION

Not a Single Name Added To Registration Books; Election May 7th

Not a single new name was entered on the town's registration books during the eight days they were open for new voters to establish their right to vote in the town election Tuesday, May 7. The lack of interest is just another cause for stating that there will be a quiet time at the polls on election day. Of course, the poll holder and the judges of election might carry on a friendly argument relative to political questions, but as far as town politics are concerned, the administration has been apparently settled for the next two years.

The registration books were opened Friday, April 19, and closed last Saturday.

## Recorder's Court Has Many Cases Scheduled

A docket of 15 cases, with 3 more ready to go, had been prepared for Judge Bailey's court today, it was learned yesterday from the office of the clerk of the court here. The cases, minor in their nature, furnished a varied docket with assault cases outnumbering the others.

The session today is the first held by the court since Tuesday, April 9, and is one of the few that has been held this year, two terms of superior court and the absence of officers limiting the work of the court.

**WATTS**  
THEATRE  
Wednesday May 1  
**TOM TYLER**  
in  
"The Trail of the Horse Thieves"  
Also COMEDY  
Thursday-Friday May 2-3  
**NORMA TALMADGE**  
in  
"THE DOVE"  
Comedy and News  
Shows at 7:15 and 9 P. M. Daily  
MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE

## Better Kitchen Contest Ends With Rally Day Here Friday

The first contest in the "Better Kitchens Campaign" started in this county two months ago will be brought to a close next Friday with a general kitchen rally, according to Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home demonstrator. The contestants will assemble in the Woman's club room here that morning at 10:30 o'clock when the rally day exercises will be put underway.

Miss Sleeper assisted by Miss Pauline Smith, of Raleigh, has done a splendid work in the "Better Kitchens Campaign" in the county, and for the closing of the contest she has arranged a strong program, one that will be greatly enjoyed. The various contestants from all parts of the county are expected to be here for the exercises, and any one interested is cordially invited to attend the meeting. Miss Sleeper stated last night.

A large number of prizes have been collected and will be awarded the winners in the contest at the meeting here next Friday.

The "Better Kitchens Campaign" has been pointed out to be one of the most marked movements in the line of progress in the county in some time. Out of the contest, the first of a four-year program, a county-wide effect is expected to develop, according to those in charge. A splendid work has been carried on so far by

Misses Sleeper and Smith, and it is hoped that their efforts will be awarded.

The program outlined by Miss Sleeper follows:

Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, pastor of the local Methodist church will open the exercises for the day with invocation at 10:30. This will be followed by a song. Mrs. John D. Biggs will make the address of welcome, Mayor R. L. Coburn following with an address on civic improvement. Miss Pauline Smith will introduce the speaker of the morning, Dr. Carl L. Adams, of the Teachers' College, Greenville. Dr. Adams will choose for his subject, "Habit Formation." The kitchen contestants who have made outstanding improvements will speak briefly, telling what they have done to improve their kitchens. This will be followed by the awarding of prizes. After lunch, the party will make a visit to five outstanding kitchens. The day's program will be brought to a close in the evening with a movie reel, "Turn on the Water," which Mr. Watts, manager of the Watts theatre here, has willingly offered to run without cost to those in charge of the campaign. The reel will be shown tomorrow evening, and Saturday in addition to the scheduled showing Friday night. The picture is furnished by the United States Department of Agriculture.

## SAYS ROANOKE ALL IN BERTIE

Kelford Game Warden Says Martia Folks Must Pay To Fish in River

Maintaining that the Roanoke river is in Bertie county, F. A. Ruffin, game and fish warden of Kelford, came over here yesterday and raised a regular ruckus along the river banks when he demanded aged colored women and a few others who were fishing for carp and catfish to buy fishing licenses. The game warden's action disturbs the common beliefs that the river is equally divided between the two counties, and that when a person fishes from the banks on this side he is fishing in Martin county.

According to the game laws, one can fish with hook and line in his own county without license, but when one goes to another county to fish, a license is required. Proceeding upon the basis that the river is in Bertie the game warden sold a number of licenses.

The people fishing along the banks consider the action of the game and fish warden as unjust, that it is one's right to fish from the banks of the Roanoke on this side with hook and line without being forced to buy licenses.

Mr. J. W. Hines, Martin county's game and fish warden, states that a demand will be made for the return of all fees collected from this county's subjects who stood on their own soil and fished.

The action is a subject for much discussion among the colored people who are unable to go elsewhere and fish. The yfeel as if they are being robbed of what they call their birthright.

## Enoch Ludford Dies At Home in Plymouth

Enoch Ludford, one of Plymouth's oldest citizens, died last Sunday following a few weeks' illness.

Mr. Ludford, for a number of years, was engaged in the lumber business in this county, working at that time with the Roanoke Railroad and Lumber company. He also worked for the Parmele-Eccleston Lumber company, later going with the North State Lumber company.

Interment was made in Edenton this afternoon.

## Williamston Wins From Jamesville Friday, 21-5

A baseball game between the local high school assisted by Coach Hood and the Jamesville High School assisted by non-students here last Friday took the form of a track meet when the locals pushed over 21 runs to the visitors' 5.

Tomorrow the locals go to Jamesville and Friday they play Scotland Neck at Scotland Neck.

## Carry Five Truck Loads Of Fish To Fort Bragg

Five big Army trucks passed through here yesterday en route to the United States Government fish hatchery, near Edenton, where a number of fish will be removed from the ponds there, loaded on the trucks, and carried to a hatchery at Fort Bragg. The trucks were equipped with large trash cans. The trucks will make the return trip today, it was stated by one of the drivers yesterday.

## FINDS HAPPY HUNT GROUNDS

Oak City Banker Finds Big Variety of Game Exists in Martin County

Accepted as a truth, yet one patterned after the fish stories common in two or three East Carolina towns, the experience of Mr. B. M. Worsley, Oak City banker, points out a section in that part of the county to a happy hunting ground.

One morning recently Mr. Worsley with G. W. Barrett, another Oak City banker, started fishing in Concho creek between Hassell and Hamilton. The story follows: "We left home early that morning and hadn't gone very far before two rabbits ran across our path. They went by practically unnoticed, and so did a squirrel that happened to jump from tree to tree a few minutes later as we continued toward the creek. A silver-tailed fox next appeared and disappeared as we continued on our way. And then a wild turkey wandered by us. While paddling up the creek, a mother duck with fifteen of its wild little ones swam at random just ahead of our boat. By that time we had settled down to fishing just to be disturbed by a large number of wild turkeys near the creek's bank to the left of us. Fishing was very good and while we were returning home we saw a pair of Mexican quail that had been turned out only a few weeks ago by Game Warden Hines. The birds were perched on the box from which they had been released, indicating that they do not wander far from their new homes."

While no one doubted Mr. Worsley's story in the least, Mr. J. W. Hines, naturally interested in the game in this county, examined the evidence and now heartily agrees with the banker's story.

## Carload of Hogs Shipped From Jamesville Section

Another carload shipment of hogs was made by farmers in the Jamesville section to the Richmond market last week, the breeders receiving around 12 cents per pound for their offerings. The hogs, numbering 91, weighed around 160 pounds each, and were raised by Messrs. James Smithwick, Linwood Knowles, Julian Fagan, and Tommy Brown.

Several shipments of hogs have been made from this county this year, the farmers receiving a ready market for their swine on the Virginia market.

## To Begin Revival in Local Holiness Church Saturday

The Rev. J. E. Elks, Holiness preacher, of Greenville, will open a revival in the Bethany Holiness church here next Saturday night, it was announced yesterday. No termination date was mentioned, but it is understood that the services will continue for several days.

A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend any of the services.

## Leads Singing For Revival at Oxford

Mr. R. F. Pope, of this place, is with Rev. B. Duke Critcher in the churches of the Oxford circuit this week, leading the song services. The services will continue through this and a part of next week.

## FATS AND LEANS BASEBALL GAME HERE THURSDAY

Proceeds Will Be Donated To Local School's Athletic Fund

### PLENTY FUN ASSURED

Pete Fowden Managing Fats, While Judge Bailey Will Lead Leans In Contest

A rare comedy is expected here next Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock when the fats and leans meet in a baseball game on the new high school diamond. With size the only requirement of the entrants, it is understood that practically all the players in the line-up for the game are stars of old in the sport.

With Pete Fowden leading the attack for the fats, and Judge Bailey, appointed manager of the leans, the following tentative line-ups are expected to furnish the thrills:

For the fats there are Jim King, left field; J. G. Godard, second base; P. B. Cone, first base; J. D. Thrower, pitcher; H. M. Stubbs, pitcher; C. A. Harrison, short stop; John Henry Edwards, utility; Raleigh Bradley, center field; J. C. Anderson, right field; Pete Fowden, substitute; V. G. Spivey, catcher; Pete Hall, utility; Harry Meador, utility; Titus Critcher, third base; and W. J. Taylor, substitute.

The leans include Julian Harrell, E. P. Cunningham, Cortez Green; Francis Barnes, Jesse Harrell, Fred Hoyt, Lawrence Thornton, Jack Booker, Judge Bailey, Leman Barnhill, Garland Barnhill, Harcom Grimes, Mayo Grimes.

Dr. James S. Rhodes will, as umpire, defend the rights of the leans. Pete Fowden will serve in that position for the fats.

The proceeds of the game will be used for athletics in the school.

## SEVERAL CASES BEFORE MAYOR

Practically All of Them Are Sent on to Recorder's Court

Holding court for the first time in several days, Mayor Coburn heard a number of cases here yesterday morning. Several of the cases were sent to the recorder's court, only one or two others coming under the mayor's jurisdiction.

Charged with carrying a concealed weapon, Lorenza Austin was bound over to the recorder's court for trial today under a \$150 bond.

Probable cause of guilt appearing in the case in which Willie Taylor was charged with driving an automobile while he was under the influence of liquor, Mayor Coburn bound the defendant over to Judge Bailey's court today under a \$200 bond.

Taylor, colored, of Pinetops, is said to have stole his mother's new Chevrolet car and was paying a social call to friends here. He was arrested by Chief of Police Daniel. The boy's mother called for the car, leaving her son in jail to face the preferred charges as best he could.

Henry Outlaw, charged with reckless driving, was bound over to the recorder's court for trial today under a \$100 bond.

Simon Barnes, colored, Outlaw's companion, was fined \$10 and costs when he was found guilty of being intoxicated.

## Parents and Teachers To Meet Thursday

The last meeting of the local parent-teacher association for the current school term will be held in the school building Thursday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock. The association's president, Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, urges a large attendance upon this the last meet of the 1928-29 term.

## Paultry Car To Be Here Today and Tomorrow

With two days in which to load, poultry raisers in this section are not crowding the car today, however, the offerings are fair, and present indications point to a full car before tomorrow night.

Practically half of a car had been loaded early this afternoon and the farmers continued to come from all directions, offering a few of their fowls for sale.

This is probably the last loading to be made in the county this season. The car will receive poultry in Robersonville Thursday and in Oak City Friday.

## Buy Machinery To Make Tobacco Flues

Messrs. Albert Gurkin and L. B. Harrison have recently installed machinery for the manufacture of tobacco flues in a building to the rear of Harrison Brothers and Company's store here and are entering the field this season. The owners have employed experienced labor, and will cater to a large trade.

## TAX COLLECTOR HAS BUSY TIME

Many People Wait Until Last Minute, But Are Now Paying Up

Waiting until the last minute, numbers of people, many of them probably being unable to pay before, are here today from all parts of the county effecting tax settlements at the last minute. There was a small rush at times yesterday in the collector's office, but naturally the last minutes brings on a greater rush. This time, too, the after-list is larger than has been the case in some time, bringing about a hard task for those who are to prepare the list of delinquents.

Business even picked up in the town tax collector's office yesterday and today, but like the county books, those of the town carry the names of many who will be delinquents tomorrow.

No exact check could be had on the collections either for the county or the town late yesterday as the employees were busy issuing receipts. It is understood, however, that payments have been smaller this year than in some time past.

The list will be advertised, it is understood within the next few days. During the meantime the sheriff's office will be engaged night and day in preparing the list carrying the names of the delinquents.

## NEGRO JAILED AFTER WRECK

Henry Outlaw, of Bertie, Is Being Held Here for Reckless Driving

Wrecking his car, an old Ford coupe and that of J. G. Troutman, below the river here late Sunday afternoon, Henry Outlaw, colored, of Bertie, was placed in jail by Officer W. B. Daniel to await trial before Judge Bailey in recorder's court today. He was given a preliminary hearing before Mayor Coburn yesterday morning on a charge of reckless driving. Bond was fixed at \$100, probable cause of guilt appearing.

According to witnesses to the accident, Outlaw hit the new Ford driven by Troutman in attempting to pass other cars. A fender was torn off and a wheel crushed on the new Ford in the collision. The entire running gear was disrupted on the old model. No one was hurt in the accident.

The Outlaw Ford, after hitting the Troutman car, jumped a ditch and tore up a fence in a near-by field, coming to a stop on its "knees," apparently offering prayer. The machine, costing hardly more than \$40, was said to have been traveling rapidly.

Just across the road stood the little white cross, "Fatal Accident, Three Killed," marking the spot where two negroes and a white man were killed last fall.

## FINE VIOLATORS OF GAME LAWS

Two Griffins Township Men Tried Here Yesterday On Old Charges

Charged with violating the game laws in 1927 and 1928, Simon D. Roberson and John Coltrane, of Griffins Township, were given a hearing here yesterday before J. L. Hassell and were fined \$5 and costs each. B. F. Roberson, accused of violating the game law was found not guilty in the case charging him with killing a doe. At the hearing it was alleged that Simon D. Roberson had killed a doe in 1927. Coltrane was before the court on a charge maintaining that he had killed wild turkeys out of season in 1928.

The cases were only recently brought to attention of J. W. Hines county game warden and are said to have been reported as a result of malice.

## Young Man Is Killed In Wreck Near Plymouth

Another act of apparent carelessness, sent one young man to the grave and another to a hospital, a third person, the driver, escaping uninjured.

While returning from a fishing trip on Welch's creek late Friday night, a young man named Paul ran his car into a Norfolk Southern freight train, killing Harry Davis and injuring Roy Bateman, young men of Plymouth. The accident happened at a crossing near the Lucas farm, a few miles this side of Plymouth.

Young Paul was driving the Buick roadster belonging to Jack Swain, and ran into a box car, the twenty-sixth one from the train's engine. The car was twisted around and one side was smashed. Davis, an employee of the Wilts Veneer company, of Plymouth, was instantly killed and young Bateman was badly injured. Paul escaped uninjured.

## Another Warehouse Practically Assured

### SENIORS' PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT

Will Be Presented in New High School Building Auditorium

Presenting "The Four-Flusher," a comedy in three acts, the senior class will appear in the first of the local school commencement exercises next Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The play will be presented in the new high school auditorium, the first event to be staged in the new building.

The play, recently prepared for the stage, is one of Samuel French's best and is meeting with much success in a large number of high schools this season. The cast made up by members of the senior class has been carefully coached by Mrs. L. H. Davis during the past few weeks and a splendid presentation is assured.

A small admission fee will be charged in an effort to off set copyright charges and other associated expenses.

## NEGRO SHOT BY ANOTHER

Sam Smallwood Gets Bullet In Chest As Result of Quarrel Sunday

Sam Smallwood, middle-aged negro, was shot, but not seriously wounded, here last Sunday afternoon following a quarrel with Richard Latham, another colored man. The ball hit Smallwood in the right chest, but physicians were able to remove the shot as it hardly more than pierced the skin.

While the facts in the case are being closely guarded by witnesses to the shooting, it is understood that Jasper Wiggins, colored, started the trouble when he approached Latham on the railroad near the Station cotton gin and asked for a drink. Latham is said to have told Wiggins he had nothing to drink, suggesting that he go and buy his own liquor. Wiggins told Latham not to get "hard" about it, that he (Wiggins) would get his biddie. Returning shortly with Smallwood, the two started on Latham, it was stated. When one of the two drew a knife, Latham stated that if they approached farther, he would turn them off their course. Smallwood took another step and Latham fired, turning him off the course of attack.

Smallwood was given medical attention. Latham departed, narrowly escaping local officers.

## FINAL EXERCISES PARMELE FRIDAY

Primary Grades to Present Operetta; Make Awards Same Night

"Fun on the Podunk Limited," a farce comedy given by the sixth and seventh grades of the Parmele school here last Friday evening featured the first of the school's commencement exercises. The play, with the scenes in the interior of a railroad car, was well received by the patrons and friends of the school.

The 1928-29 session will be brought to a close next Friday night when the primary grades appear in an operetta. Certificates will be presented and attendance awards will be made at that time also; it was stated by the school's principal, L. B. Wynne, last night.

## Reports on Clean-Up Campaign Being Made

While authentic reports on the clean up and paint up week here are gradually pouring back into the hands of the campaign chairman, the schedule of accomplishments has not been fully checked at this time, making it impossible to state definitely the results of the campaign. It was stated this morning, however, by the general chairman that the reports are very pleasing, indicating that the week was a decided success.

The campaign last week gave rise, it is believed, to an all-time clean up and paint up movement here. The rakes and brooms are still in vogue this week and the trash continues to flow to the heaps.

## Receiving Applications for Military Training Camps

All high school boys and any other young men in the county are eligible for summer training at Fort Bragg without cost. Only a few more days are left to file applications and those wishing to attend should communicate at once with Julius S. Peel, Major, O. R. C., Williamston, N. C.

### MEET TONIGHT TO PERFECT ORGANIZATION

Citizens Endorse Movement At Meeting Held Last Friday Night

\$14,000 IN STOCK SOLD

Canvassing Committee, Appointed at Meeting Friday, Will Make Report Tonight

Meeting here last Friday night in the city hall, citizens of the town and community gave a new life to the local tobacco market when they pledged their support to an undertaking that will provide a third warehouse for the market. The proposed undertaking was heartily endorsed by a dozen or more citizens, and not once was it hinted that the erection of a third house would fail to materialize.

At the last Friday meeting, preliminary plans were formulated, and at another session tonight the stock subscribers will meet again to effect the organization of the new company, which is now assured. The meeting tonight is open to the public, and it is believed that a goodly number of the community's citizens interested in the future of the town and the tobacco market will attend.

A canvassing committee, composed of Messrs. L. T. Fowden, Jim King, R. L. Coburn, and K. B. Crawford, will render a report at the meeting tonight when officers and committees will be appointed. These men, working without compensation, have placed the matter before the people of the community individually, and the response has been very satisfactory, according to a statement made yesterday. Approximately \$14,000 worth of stock had been subscribed late yesterday, and the outlook for another additional several thousand was promised this morning. Members of the canvassing committee are carrying on a splendid work, stating that they were sure actual work could be started on the house within a comparatively short time.

The meeting last Friday night pointed to a greater interest in the tobacco market here than has been witnessed in years past. The several speakers appearing before the assembly mentioned the possibilities of the market here and pledged their whole-hearted support to the new undertaking. The weak points as well as the favorable ones were discussed, the body pledging an undivided support in maintaining and making this one of the best markets in the section.

Operators of the other warehouses were in attendance upon the meeting, pledging their support and welcoming the new corporation.

The citizenry is urged to attend the meeting tonight, those in charge stating that it will require only a short time to dispose of the business.

## DEFUNCT BANK PAYS 21 PER CENT

Depositors of Parmele Bank To Receive Checks This Week

A payment of 21 per cent, or approximately \$1,800, of the original deposits in the Parmele Banking & Trust Co., will be made to the several depositors this week, according to Mr. R. L. Coburn, receiver. This is the first payment that has been collected for the depositors, and it is understood that it is also the last.

The Parmele Banking & Trust Co. suspended business August 14, 1923, with heavy loans that have proved practically worthless. A large number of suits were instituted, and while judgments, as a whole, were small. When the institution first suspended operations, it was thought that the depositors would be paid dollar for dollar, but investigations proved otherwise, and many of the depositors expected little or nothing. The payment will be well received by practically all the old depositors, it is understood.

## Regular Luncheon of Kiwanians Tomorrow

With Mayor R. L. Coburn in charge the Kiwanis Club will hold its regular meeting tomorrow in the Woman's Club room, it was stated yesterday by the committee in charge. The members are asked to attend.

## Senior Epworth League Members Have Hay Ride

A hay ride was enjoyed by the members of the local Senior Epworth League last night. The party went to Washington and enjoyed a picnic supper.