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CONTRACT IS LET FOR NEW CHURCH BUILDING HERE

Roanoke Rapids Concern Is Successful Bidder for Presbyterian Church

TO COST ABOUT \$10,000
Plan To Complete and Equip Only Sunday School Rooms At Present

The contract for the erection of a new Presbyterian church building here was let this week, Fred Forest and Company, contractors, of Rosemary, receiving the bid. The contract, providing an expenditure of approximately \$10,000, does not call for the completion of the church, Rev. Z. T. Piephoff stated last night, the building committee deciding to complete and equip Sunday school rooms and stop work with the completion of the building's exterior.

According to present plans, church services will be held in the Sunday school auditorium upon its completion until such a time the building committee thinks it wise to complete the interior construction of the main auditorium. The Sunday school auditorium will accommodate approximately 100 people, it is understood. "This part of the building program will be rushed to completion," Rev. Mr. Piephoff, the church's pastor, stated, "and we hope to be carrying on our work in the Sunday school auditorium within the next few days." The date of completion was not mentioned.

While it is not known just when construction work will be started, it is understood that building arrangements will be made by the contractor within the next few days. The date of completion was not mentioned.

The building site, one of the most choice ones in the town, is the property formerly owned by Mrs. J. B. H. Knight, at the corner of Main and Watts Streets.

Modernized, the edifice will add much to the appearance of the town and will do credit to the church's pastor, Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, and its small band of members organized here hardly more than a year ago. Since its organization here, the church has carried on a splendid work, extending its activities into every field of endeavor. In its work at Bear Grass, the church is meeting with marked success, the pastor holding services there each Sunday evening before large and attentive audiences.

B. Y. P. U. SCHOOL TO END TONIGHT

40 to 45 In Attendance At Each Session During Week

The Baptist church has had on a B. Y. P. U. school all this week for the young people of the Junior and Intermediate departments.

There have been forty or forty-five in attendance.

For five evenings the young people have come together for their study periods, and will take their examinations tonight at the church. Those making the grade will receive their awards in a public graduation service.

Those working, teaching and leading in the school have been: Mr. L. L. Hallman, Mrs. C. A. Harrison, Mrs. W. B. Peel, Julian Anderson, Mrs. C. H. Dickey, Mrs. Wheeler Martin and Rev. C. H. Dickey.

County Exhibit at Tarboro Fair Wins Third Prize

Martin county was awarded third prize at the Coastal Plain fair on the county exhibit this week. Seven counties competed and this is the first time Martin county has ever been represented with a county exhibit. The amount won was \$40 which will be used for office equipment.

All girls entering clothing at the fair here should send in their exhibits immediately, Miss Lora Sleeper stated yesterday.

Judge Winston Speaker at Kiwanis Meeting Tuesday

Judge Francis D. Winston again played the role of advisor, entertainer, instructor, inspirer and true friend to Williamston Kiwanians and tobacco men here last Tuesday evening when he was honor guest and speaker at a luncheon given by the Kiwanis club.

The meeting was well attended, all the local tobaccoists, club members and special guests being present.

W. C. Manning, jr., president of the club, called on Mayor R. L. Coburn to act as toastmaster. W. C. Manning presented the warehousemen and W. T. Meadows introduced the tobacco buyers and auctioneers. R. J. Peel introduced Judge Winston who was very

copious with his praises, compliments, and bouquets for the long and unselfish service Judge Winston has given to the people of his county and state.

The Judge was almost like he used to be, full of the spirit of cooperation and good will for mankind. He was perhaps a little off in vigor which was more than made up in his cool deliberations. He used the same tactics which are always peculiar to his speeches, giving his audience pleasure and a lesson at the same time.

No speaker visits this county giving its citizens more genuine pleasure than does Judge Winston who has spoken many times in every township in the county.

9 PERMITS TO MARRY ISSUED

Smallest Number Issued in One Month for Past Several Years

Nine marriage licenses were issued in the register of deeds office here during the month of October, a decrease of 250 per cent compared with the number issued in October of last year. While the number of licenses is not large, the decrease in percentage indicates that Cupid has miserably failed in the work during the last month. The issue last month reached a new low level, according to check of licenses sold during the past several years.

There were 27 licenses sold at the office here in October, 1927. In the same month only 22 couples applied for licenses at the office here, and last month the number of applicants dropped to nine, a new low level.

Five of the contracting parties were from other counties. The licenses issued during last month, follow:

White
Lang Briley-Reba Whitaker, Pitt county; William J. Beach-Annie Lee Anthony, Martin county; Henry Williams-Geneva Hardison, Martin county; Harvey L. Warren-Sallie Mae Everett, Martin county; Geo. Goleston Riles, Timmonsville, S. C. and Mrs. Lottie T. Taylor, Robersonville, Colored
James Epps-Maudie Bunch, Woodard, N. C.; Duffey Bright-Ethel Jane Knight, Martin county; Alonso Hardison-Emma Bell Pugh, Martin county; Arthur H. Williams-Bettie Williams, Martin county.

OFFICERS GET STILL IN BERTIE

28 Gallons of Liquor Poured Out; One Man Is Caught

Raiding in the Sans Souci section of Bertie county last Tuesday afternoon, federal officers captured a 300-gallon capacity copper still, one of the largest ever taken by the forces operating out of here at the present time. Henry A. Smithwick, young white man, busily firing the kettle at the time the officers arrived, was captured following a long chase through the reeds.

The still, adequately equipped with a four-prong gasoline burner and a pressure tank, had turned out approximately 28 gallons of the "spirits" up until the time the officers arrived that day, leaving only a few hundred gallons of beer to be distilled. The still and other plant equipment were destroyed. The 28 gallons of liquor furnished fuel for a big fire.

Young Smithwick was given a hearing here following his capture and was released under a \$1,500.00 bond. Smithwick's capture is the third to have been made in the same family within the past several months. Two brothers were given prison terms by Judge Meekins during the last term of federal court held in Washington. The third brother's trial is scheduled for hearing at the next term of federal court to be held in Washington next spring.

Program of Services at Presbyterian Church

"The Church with an open door."
Sunday, November 3, 1929:
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Worship services, 11 a. m. Subject: "Love in Action."
True sayings: "Neutrality in religion means surrender to the devil." It is said that "All the world loves a lover." With equal truth we can say that "God loves all who manifest the grace of love in their lives." But how are we to tell when we are manifesting this grace of love? What are its attributes and characteristics? Come to the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and hear this subject discussed. We welcome all.
Bear Grass
The regular Sunday evening services of the Presbyterian Church will be held in the schoolhouse auditorium Sunday, November 3, at 7 p. m. A warm and cordial welcome awaits all.

HONOR ROLL OF LOCAL SCHOOL

Ninety-Two Pupils on List This Month; Is Same As Last Month

Ninety-two pupils in the local schools averaged 90 or more on all their subjects during the past school month to gain special honor. Comparing the number of pupils meeting the requirements last month with that of the month before, there is no difference, 92 pupils making the honor roll each month. In the comparative percentages for the two periods, there is a slight drop of four-tenths of 1 per cent.

During the past month 13.6 per cent of the number in average daily attendance made the honor roll, as follows:

First grade: A. Arthur Anderson, Martin Anderson, Ben Barnhill, Emory McCabe, Jack Sullivan, Joseph Thigpen, Nina Bland, Eleanor Brown, Marjorie Dunn, Dorothy Harrison, Ray Leggett, Madeline Pope, Dorothy Speyve, Anita Wheelless.

Second grade: A. Jerry Clark, Dick Dunn, Jack Edmondson, Bob Everett, Jr., Elbert Peel, Jr., James Willis Ward, Bernice Cowen, Sallie Gray Gurkin, Elsie Gurganus, Helen Lindsley, Helen Mishoe, Doris Moore, Louise Nelson, Pearl Mae Roberson, Caroline Stalls, Susie Whitley, Virgil Ward.

Second grade B: Mary Elizabeth Leggett, Pattie Keel Nicholson, Odey Long, R. E. Long, Fate Roebuck, Ray Haywood Wynn, Henry Wynn, Lee Savage.

Third grade A: Mary Hassell Barnhill, Jack Saunders, Lee Burt Jenkins, Reg Manning.
Third grade B: Muriel Bland, Louise Nicholson, Pauline White, Nora Taylor Grimes, Lydia Hinson, Fred Rogerson, Roy Long.

Fourth grade A: Charles Dickey, Carlyle Hall, R. A. Pope, Jr., Whit Purvis, Melrose Bonds, Julia Everett, Addie Lee Meador.

Fourth grade B: Marie Hardison, Evelyn Cowen, Mildred Whitley.

Fifth grade A: Ben Manning, Milton James, Thad Harrison, Fern Fitzgerald, Ella Wynne Critcher, Bolten Cowen.

Sixth grade: Pattie Ray Bennett, Alta Critcher, Mary Bell Edmondson, Eula Green, Alice Harrison, Blanche Harrison, Thelma Loff, Grace Manning, Billy Griffin, Exum Ward.

Seventh grade: Jack Manning, Wheeler Martin, Jr., Jessie Mae Anderson, Mattie Gurganus, Katherine Harrison, Nellie Clyde Harrison, Mildred Jones, Olive McCabe, Billie Pope.

Ninth grade: James S. Rhodes, Jr. Tenth grade: Mary-Clyde Williams, Edith Peele, Reginald Simpson.

Eleventh grade: Marjorie Taylor, Louise Coltrain, Josephine Harrison.

Christian Missionary Convention Next Week

The eighty-fifth session of the North Carolina Missionary convention of the Christian church will be held in Farmville next week, beginning Monday and ending Wednesday. A number of prominent speakers of the church will be present, among them will be Dr. Stephen J. Corey, of Indianapolis, Dr. H. O. Pritchard, of Indianapolis, Dr. Snoddy, of Lexington, Ky. and Lee Sadler, of Richmond.

Many church people from this county are planning to attend the convention, it is understood.

Services at County Home Sunday Afternoon, 3:00

Services will be held at the county home Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m. Rev. E. P. West, pastor of the Baptist church, of Hamilton, will hold the services. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Turkish Government Bans Plowing With Oxen

Angora, Turkey.—The Kemalist Government's project of Americanizing Turkish mentality is finding definite expression in an order forbidding Anatolian farmers to plow behind the slow wondrous oxen and water buffalo.

COUNTY BOARD WILL CONSIDER JAIL PROBLEM

Meeting Monday Is Expected To Take Some Action On Matter

EXPENSE INCREASING
Many County People Favor Working Prisoners on County Roads; Board Alone Costs \$300-Month

While it has not been officially announced, it is practically certain that the county commissioners will discuss the handling of Martin prisoners at the regular session to be held here in the county commissioners room next Monday. The problem has been the center of much discussion throughout the county during the past few days, practically every one agreeing that the prisoners should not be confined to the jail cells just to receive their care for nothing and at the expense of county taxpayers.

It is definitely known that Edgecombe County will not pay the county any hire for the prisoners sent from the local jail, and it is not certain that the road board of Edgecombe will even take them at all. While the number of prisoners confined in the county jail here fluctuates, the trend is understood to be upward, the continuation of which will ultimately result in an over-run jail and, of course, more expense.

During the month of September the one item of board cost the county over \$300, a sum which, within itself, is not much, but one that is out of keeping in these times, and especially is it out of keeping when taking into consideration the expenditure of \$3,000 necessary in a year's time. The month of October will call for an expenditure as great if not greater than the one made for board in the month of September.

"No definite solution has been offered to the problem, but the conditions faced by the county in the handling of its prisoners call for earnest consideration, just at this time," a county taxpayer stated this week.

There are 17 prisoners in the jail at this time, according to records kept in the sheriff's office, who, in addition to costing the county much in board, make water and light and other allied expenses run up into dollars.

"It might be that the county would do well in sending its prisoners to the Edgecombe authorities free of cost, but with the reported increase in the number of prisoners in all the counties in this section, it will soon be a time when the county will be forced to care for its own prisoners. It is my belief that Martin County can effect a saving by working the district roads with its prisoners," a leading citizen stated a few days ago.

TWO PLYMOUTH GIRLS DISAPPEAR

Are Later Found in Washington, D. C., According To Reports

Misses Louise Gaylord and Maude Overton, disappearing from their homes in Plymouth last Monday morning, were found in Washington City late yesterday afternoon, according to unofficial reports received here this morning.

During the past three days an extensive search has been carried on by the Plymouth chief of police and by the girls' parents. No reason could be assigned for their disappearance, and for a while it was thought that the two young girls had met with foul play.

Very few facts could be obtained relative to the girls' disappearance and their trip to Washington. It is believed by some that the two went by train, others believing that they caught rides to the capital city.

It is understood that the Overton girl will remain with relatives in Washington City, that Miss Gaylord will return home.

150-Gallon Still Is Seized in Williams

A 150-gallon capacity still, a tall smoky copper one, was captured in Williams Township last Saturday afternoon when Officers J. H. Roebuck and Street conducted a quick raid in that section. The plant was deserted, a few coals under the kettle indicating that operators had been there several hours before. No liquor was found and the 11 barrels of beer had recently been prepared at the plant. After destroying the equipment and material, the officers brought the still here for inspection.

Baptists Announce Program of Services

The Sunday school meets Sunday morning with a class for every pupil, and a teacher for every class.

A group of young Baptist College women will come to us for the 11 o'clock service.

The B. Y. P. U.'s will meet at 6:30 o'clock. The regular mid-week service will be held Wednesday evening. The pastor will preach Sunday night. Everyone welcome to these services.

Roanoke Fair Opens Monday Night; Continues Whole Week

LARGER SCHOOLS SHOW DECREASE IN ATTENDANCE

Robersonville and Williamston Schools Show a Small Loss

RECORD STILL GOOD
Enrollment Here Is At Highest Figure Ever Known, 681; 93 Per Cent in Average Daily Attendance

Two of Martin County's largest schools reported slight decreases in their average daily attendance figures during the school month ending October 25. "The condition is by no means alarming, for the record is a good one," an official in the Robersonville school states, who adds, "the illomen rests not in the actual percentage recorded, but in the fact that a decrease occurred."

The Robersonville schools, during the first month, maintained an average daily attendance of 97.5 of the entire enrollment, one of the best attendance records in the county. Last month the figure dropped to 95.6 per cent, a decrease of 1.9 per cent. The local school reported that 612 of its 659 pupils enrolled during last month were present daily, a decrease of 1.7 per cent, as compared with the figure for the preceding month. Ninety-three per cent of the children enrolled in the schools here attended regularly.

Total enrollment, to date, in the enrollment, stands at the record-breaking mark, 681, according to Principal Wm. R. Watson in his attendance report for the school month just past.

BERTIE NEGRO BOY IS KILLED

Runs Across Highway in Front of Car; Driver Is Exonerated

Dashing into the highway, a 6-year-old colored boy was instantly killed late Wednesday afternoon when struck by a car driven by Mr. A. O. Aske, deputy sheriff of Bertie County. According to accounts of the accident reaching here, Officer Aske was six miles out of Aulander on his way to Windsor when he saw a number of children standing near a mail box to the side of the road. He decreased the speed of his car to about 20 miles an hour, two of the children running across the road during the meantime. A third child went to the side of the road and stopped, and apparently there was no danger. When almost opposite the spot where the children were standing, the boy dashed in front of the car, the bumper striking his body and the radiator striking the head. Mr. Aske stopped the car within a very short distance, and by the time he reached the boy life was extinct.

The accident was witnessed by the boy's parents, whose evidence exonerated the deputy sheriff at an inquest held by Dr. Castelle, of Windsor.

Methodists Hold Annual Conference in Kinston

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, in session in Kinston this week, is being largely attended by ministers and delegates from all over Eastern Carolina, according to reports coming from the convention city.

Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, pastor, is representing the local church at the Conference, and as he will not return Sunday there will be no services in the local church other than the regular Sunday school session.

Bishop Edwin D. Mouson is presiding over the conference, which annually reviews the work of the churches and makes the appointments of ministers for the ensuing year.

The conference expects to complete its work by Sunday night at which time the Bishop will read the appointments.

College Girls To Conduct Service at Baptist Church

A group of young college women are coming to the Memorial Baptist church Sunday morning to put on, in its entirety, the 11 o'clock service.

There will be several of these young women who come to Williamston from Chowan College, at Murfreesboro. This is a Baptist college for women and is doing an excellent work in that section of the state.

Coming with the young women is their president, Professor W. B. Edwards. They will stay over for lunch and will go back to Murfreesboro sometime that afternoon.

The program will be a varied one, featured with music. The general public is invited.

RECORDER HAD TWELVE CASES

County Court Docket Gets Back To Normal After Having Many Cases

The Martin County Recorder's Court was faced with a normal-sized docket at its session last Tuesday, when 12 cases were called for trial. The court was without features, the session lasting only a short while.

A nol pros was returned in the case in which George and Henry Woolard were charged with larceny and receiving.

Charlie Rhodes plead guilty in the case charging him with removing crops without the permission of the landlord. Sentenced to six months on the roads. Rhodes gave notice of appeal, Judge Bailey fixing the bond at \$200.

The case, charging Milton Barnhill with an assault with a deadly weapon, was heard and prayer for judgment continued. Barnhill entered a plea of not guilty in the case.

The case charging Richard Phillips with driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor, was continued. The case was continued pending the outcome of Mr. M. Page's condition. It will be remembered that Mr. Page was injured in an automobile wreck at the railroad underpass here last Saturday night, that Phillips was driving the car at the time of the wreck.

Pete Dixon's case, driving a car while intoxicated, was continued one week.

The case charging Ananias Davis with an assault with a deadly weapon was continued.

Louis Brown was sentenced to the roads for a term of four months when the court adjudged him guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon. He appealed the case, Judge Bailey requiring bond in the sum of \$100.

Ben Biggs was found not guilty in the case in which he was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Augustine Jones was fined \$50, taxed with the costs, and given a six months suspended sentence when he was found guilty of manufacturing liquor.

Judgment in the Julius D. Hardison livestock law violation case, a fine of \$25 was imposed with the costs added. A judgment in the case charging Teddy Jackson with violating the liquor laws and disorderly conduct, was returned sending him to jail for a period of six months.

Upon the recommendation of Solicitor Peel, judgment in the case charging Charlie Smith with passing a worthless check was withheld upon the condition that Smith pay the costs of the case and make good the check.

CHILDREN TO ATTEND FAIR

Most of County Schools Are Planning to Observe Holiday Tuesday

That the schools will close next Tuesday for the fair here was practically made certain last night when letters were received from principals all over the county stating that the teachers and pupils were expecting to take the day as a holiday and make the fair the event of the season.

The members of the Martin County Board of Education, when approached by the superintendent of schools yesterday entered hearty approval and gave every encouragement possible for teachers and school children wishing to attend the fair on school day, Tuesday, November 5.

Letters by the manager of the fair giving complimentary tickets to teachers and statements that Tuesday school children will be admitted to the grounds free and favorable responses by teachers to the superintendent's letters urging attendance, these facts indicate that the schools will be well represented.

Williamston Bargain House Opens Thursday

The Williamston Bargain House, a new mercantile establishment, opened for business here yesterday in the store building formerly occupied by W. S. Bailey and Company. Mr. W. H. Gurkin, experienced merchant, is in charge of the store at the present time.

Approximately Third County Taxes Collected

Approximately \$80,000.00 or a fraction under one-third of the total amount to be collected as county taxes, have been paid into the office of the collector here, according to reports made last night. The unusually large collection to date is attributed to the one per cent discount allowed. The discount drops from 1 to 1-2 per cent after today, and it is believed that the collections will drop.

PREPARING TO TAKE CARE OF LARGE CROWDS

W. T. Stone Shows Will Arrive Here Some Time Sunday Night

FREE BAND CONCERT
Higgins Band Will Give Concert at Fair Grounds Sunday Afternoon; Official Opening Monday

After playing their fourth engagement at the Lousburg Fair this week, the W. T. Stone Shows will arrive here Sunday night by special train to show at the Roanoke Fair, which begins on Monday night, November 4, and continues through Saturday, November 9.

In the exhibit buildings this year, the fair management is especially stressing the farm and women's departments, and many are planning to display the results of their work here during the fair. The farm department is in charge of County Agent T. B. Brandon, while the exhibits in the Woman's Building have been worked up mainly through the efforts of Miss Lore E. Sleeper, home demonstration agent, and both of them are confident that they will have their exhibit space well filled when the fair officially opens.

Mr. Stone's manager and owner of the W. T. Stone Shows, advises that he will have a larger show than he had last year, and, above all things, he promises clean attractions. Every show and every act will be open for the inspection of the public, both men and women, and they may rest assured that Williamston, Martin County, and all the adjoining counties will be given the best at the Roanoke Fair.

On Sunday the famous Higgins' Concert Band, consisting of 14 musicians and a lady soloist, will give a special concert at the fair grounds. The concert will begin promptly at 2:30 p. m., and the public is cordially invited to attend free of charge.

The fireworks, free acts, the midway, and other numerous attractions will be in full swing for the Tuesday visitors. In the selection of the free acts, the best that money could buy have been secured. The Edythe Siegrist Troupe, composed of four people direct from Ringling Brothers Circus, will be one of the special features. With this troupe the only lady "catcher" in the world will perform, catching the other members of the act 40 feet in mid-air from the flying trapeze. Among the other acts will be the Raymonds, the most supple people that live; the Steiner Trio, the world's greatest horizontal bar performers; the Damm Family, consisting of four people, doing acrobatic and clown performances, direct from Wheeler Brothers Circus; Wildfire, the champion dancing horse, managed by Paul Valtz. This program of free acts is expected to feature the 1929 fair and is expected to attract both the young and old and give a variety that has not been seen in Williamston before.

Horse races will be staged Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The fair manager, Mr. Rogerson, stated today that 40 horses had been booked, and others were expected before the opening Tuesday.

The automobile races will be held on Friday and Saturday. The dirt-track races which begin in the New England States and come south in the fall, will be climaxed here when the various professional racers bid for the final short-track honors. Among the racers will be Ralph Roberson, one of the best dirt track drivers in the Atlantic States. Other leading drivers will attempt to lower his record. Mr. Roberson will also bring to Williamston his \$20,000 automobile, which is one of the most expensive small automobiles in the country.

The fireworks will be given every night at 9 o'clock. This elaborate display will be shown by the Shenectady Fireworks Company, managed by Mr. Rino.

On the midway will be found the W. T. Stone Shows, larger and better than last year. They will furnish the entire midway attraction. Twenty-two shows and rides will furnish the amusements, and again Mr. Stone advises that they will be clean and of the highest type.

Tobacco Sales Here Increase This Week

Sales on the local tobacco market this week have increased greatly, the average price continuing about the same. Comparing the quality of offering, the price is said to compare favorably with the high mark reached a few days ago.

During the week the sales have doubled in size, the break today requiring much time this afternoon in clearing the floors.

Sales for the period ending yesterday, according to unofficial reports, have passed the three million pound mark selling for around \$15 per hundred.

WATTS THEATRE
Saturday November 2
ART MIX
in
"THE CYCLONE HORSEMAN"
Also COMEDY AND SERIAL
Monday-Tuesday Nov. 4-5
RICHARD BARTHELMESS
in
"DRAG"
Also NEWS AND FABLES
MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE