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SPECIAL MEET OF COUNTY BOARD IS HELD THIS WEEK

Reconstruction of Whiteley Bridge Over Conoho Creek Considered

ROAD IS NOW CLOSED

Start Investigation of Destitute Cases Which Will Lead to Entering Several in County Home

Meeting in special session here last Wednesday afternoon, the Martin County Board of Commissioners handled several matters commanding immediate attention.

Commissioners Pope and Griffin were appointed to investigate the reconstruction of Whiteley Bridge over Conoho Creek, near Hamilton. The road was closed last week when the bridge was considered unsafe for use. Since that time citizens living in the section have been forced to travel 10 miles or more to seek an outlet. The stream requires an unusually large bridge, and the necessary replacement cost will draw heavily upon the county's bridge fund.

One or two cases where destitute circumstances prevail were called to the attention of the body, and an investigation was started whereby it will be possible to enter one or two people to the county home.

The borrowing of money for financing the operation of the several county departments was again considered by the county officials and special arrangements were started in an effort to negotiate a \$40,000 loan. According to unofficial reports, many counties in the section are experiencing great difficulty in floating favorable loans at this time.

NO CLUE YET TO STORE ROBBERS

Two Houses Searched, But Find No Trace of Stolen Goods

While officers are still working on the case, no clue had been established late yesterday warranting an arrest in the robbery of the Ira T. Coltraine store at Jamesville last Monday night. Dogs were called for last Tuesday morning, but after following two trails a short distance from the scene of the robbery they refused to go on. Two houses were searched by officers, but no goods were found.

According to a statement made by the store's owner, five or six suits of clothing, several dresses, four pairs of shoes, and other wearing apparel were removed from the store.

Farm Life Boys Defeat Robersonville Here, 4-2

Probably a new scoring record for this section—certainly on the local courts—was set up in the game between Farm Life and Robersonville boys' teams here Wednesday night following the Williamston-Belhaven game, which Farm Life won, 4 to 2. The contest was hard fought, first one team and then the other running the ball the length of the floor only to lose it before having a chance to score. The first quarter ended in a 0-0 tie. Farm Life counted a field goal and Robersonville a free throw in the second period, the score being 2-1 at the half. The last two periods were repetitions of the first and second; Farm Life scoring another goal from the floor and Robersonville making good a free throw.

This was the second time the two teams had met this season, Farm Life winning the first, 12 to 9.

Regular Sunday Services at Jamesville Baptist Church

Regular services will be held in the Jamesville Baptist Church Sunday, the pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington, filling the pulpit at both the 11 and 7 o'clock services. The public is invited to attend.

Special Series of Services at Methodist Church

Special series of sermons continues at the Methodist church. "Religion for Every-Day Life" is the theme of the seven sermons. They are delivered at the Sunday evening services by the pastor. They are a twentieth century exposition of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. "Inwardness of Character" is the theme of the message for Sunday, which is an exposition of Mat. v. 17-46. The public is invited to hear this non-sectarian interpretation of the Scriptures.

Sells Eight Chickens For Total of \$12.98

The importance of poultry raising in this county was well illustrated last Tuesday when Mrs. C. A. Askew, of Jamesville, sold eight chickens to the poultry car here for \$12.98. Hundreds of other similar sales have been made in the county this week, bringing to the individuals ready cash with which to offset necessary current expenses when field crops are still unplanted.

Tax Collections Slowing Up; Penalty Effective February 2

While tax settlements in this county are moving forward gradually, the penalty feature is apparently going to affect a goodly number of the pays, it is understood. Beginning February 2, a penalty of 1 per cent will be added, the penalty increasing by 1 per cent each month thereafter.

Saturday of next week, Sheriff Roebuck will receive tax payments at the Barrett Drug Store in Oak City. There is no collection agency in that part of the county, and as a matter of convenience to property owners in Goose Nest Township, the collector is arranging to spend the day there with the books.

BANK DECLARES USUAL DIVIDEND

Stockholders of Bank of Robersonville in Annual Meeting This Week

The Bank of Robersonville held its regular annual stockholders' meeting in its banking rooms last Wednesday, a large stock representation being present for the business session. Reporting a very successful year, the bank declared a six per cent dividend, issuing its checks to the stockholders this week.

The annual report shows net profits of \$6,520.00, or 15 per cent, after making liberal allowances for unearned interest on notes receivable and accrued interest on time and savings deposits. Approximately \$4,000 of the net profits was placed to the surplus account, making this item total \$26,000.00.

All officers were re-elected for the year 1930, as follows: J. H. Roberson, jr., president; R. A. Bailey, vice president; R. L. Smith, vice president; D. R. Everett, cashier; S. L. Roberson, assistant cashier, and Mrs. Lina G. Taylor, bookkeeper.

In announcing the dividend, Cashier D. R. Everett stated, "The return which you may reasonably expect from your stock investment in this bank depends upon the strength of its deposits and the amount of its net earnings, therefore, when this bank is able to show a gain, it means a proportionate gain for you. We appeal to you to work personally, and to grasp every opportunity to get new and substantial depositors for your bank."

DEFEAT HIGHER SUGAR TARIFF

Democratic Proposal to Retain Existing Rates Prevails

Washington, Jan. 16.—The Senate, by a vote of 48 to 38, today refused to grant higher tariffs on sugar as proposed by the finance committee. Republicans, and approved a Democratic proposal to retain existing rates. The vote was reached after a week of debate on an item regarded as the most important in the tariff bill. It placed the Senate on record by a surprisingly comfortable margin in favor of an amendment by Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, to maintain the present duty of 1.76 cents a pound on Cuban raw sugar and 2.20 cents against other countries. The finance committee majority had recommended a rate of 2.20 cents on Cuban sugar and 2.75 cents on sugar from other nations, while the House bill provided rates of 2.40 and 3 cents, respectively.

Program of Services at Methodist Church

Dwight A. Petty, Pastor
Sunday school at 9:45, Professor R. A. Pope, superintendent.
Morning service at 11. Sermon by the pastor on, "The Challenge of Vicarious Service."
Evening service at 7:30. Continuation of the series of sermons on, "Religion for Every-Day Life." Theme for Sunday evening, "The Inwardness of Character."
A good choir leads the music, and renders special selections. The public is cordially invited to all services.
Senior Epworth League at 7 o'clock Monday evening.
Woman's Missionary Society meeting Monday afternoon at 3:30 at the church.
Hi-League at 7 p. m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.
Choir Practice at 8:15 Wednesday.

150 Cases On Beaufort Criminal Court Docket

With 150 cases on its docket, the Beaufort County Superior Court, in session at Washington this week, is said to be attracting much attention. A report from the Beaufort capital states "The criminal docket is one of the heaviest in some time, 150 cases being listed on the docket."

Two of the cases were against Martin County people, only one of them being disposed of this week. The case charging Mr. Emmett Whitley, of this place, with manslaughter, was compromised, it is understood, and the case charging Sylvester Taylor with housebreaking and larceny and receiving, was continued, it is understood.

FIREMEN'S MEET WELL ATTENDED

14 Members of Local Company Attend Meeting in Washington Tuesday

The local company was well represented at the regular quarterly meeting of the East Carolina Firemen's Association held in Washington last Tuesday evening, fourteen of the members attending. The session was well attended by members of companies located in other towns making up the association.

Farmville will be host to the next meeting, which will be held the second Tuesday evening in April.

HONOR ROLL AT FARM LIFE

Names of Twenty-Five Students on List for Fourth School Month

The names of 25 pupils appear on the Farm Life School honor roll for the fourth month, as follows:
First grade, section B: Laura Lilley.
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Second grade: Sallie Coltraine.
Third grade: Sarah Getsinger, Verna Smithwick, Carroll Coltraine, Noah Hardison, Joseph Peele.
Fourth grade: Marjorie Corey, Erla Ruth Corey, Ernie Manning, Mamie Clyde Manning, John B. Roberson.
Fifth grade: James Peele, Jay Daniel.

Sixth grade: Thelma Coltraine, Beulah Roberson, Carrie Delle Griffin, Daisy Roberson.
Seventh grade: Louise Manning, Jamie Manning.
Eighth grade: Veona Roberson.

WIGGINS CASE TO CHARLOTTE

Judge Grants Motion of Attorney General Brummitt For Change of Venue

Gastonia, Jan. 16.—Holding it improbable that a fair and impartial trial could be obtained in Gaston County, Judge J. H. Clement today granted the motion of Attorney General D. G. Brummitt for a change of venue in the Ella May Wiggins murder trial, naming Mecklenburg County as the place and February 24 as the date. Judge Clement will preside.

Thus the second of Gaston's two famous murder cases will be tried in the same county as was the first, the Aderholt case, which because of its outgrowth from the Communist disturbances which developed soon after the institution of strikes here in March by foreign organizers, attracted international attention.

Seven Communists and sympathizers were convicted of killing Chief of Police Aderholt, but before his conviction Mrs. Wiggins, mother of five, whose only offense at the time was being on a truck loaded with alleged Communists and sympathizers, was shot to death by a mob of alleged anti-Communists.

Program of Services at Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 19, 1930.
"The Church With An Open Door."
True sayings: "The only sure way to destroy an enemy is to make him your friend."
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Departmental classes.
Worship service and sermon, 11 a. m. "Is There a God?"
"To all who are weary and need rest; to all who are lonely and desire companionship; to all who mourn and want comfort; to all who sin and need a Saviour, and to whosoever will come, this church opens wide its doors."

Mrs. T. W. Sills Dies at Her Home Near Palmyra

Mrs. T. W. Sills died last Wednesday at her home near Palmyra following an illness of more than three weeks' duration. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from the home by Rev. B. H. Black, pastor of the Williams Chapel Church, this county, of which Mrs. Sills was a faithful member. Interment followed in the plot on the S. V. Sills farm.

Three sons, J. J. Sills, of Palmyra, and J. T. and S. V. Sills, of Oak City, survive.

LARGE CROWDS ATTEND COUNTY COURT SESSION

Several Road Sentences and Fines Meted Out by Judge Bailey

12 CASES DISPOSED OF

Cases for Larceny and Receiving and Assaults With Deadly Weapon Predominate

The last Tuesday session of the recorder's court ranked high in interest, attracting regular crowds to the courthouse auditorium. Road sentences and fines were popular, and appeals were many.

Wiley Roberson, sr., entered a plea of not guilty in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws, but his plea failed to withstand the prosecution and he was sentenced to 15 months in jail. Appealing the case, he was required to furnish bond in the sum of \$500.

Jimmie Modica was found not guilty in the case in which he was charged with an assault on a female.

James Rawls, found guilty of abandonment and non-support, was sentenced to the roads for a term of 12 months, the sentence to begin at the discretion of the court.

In the case charging Sam Godard and Roy Moore with larceny and receiving, a nol pros resulted as to Godard. Moore was found guilty and sentenced to the roads for 12 months, the last six months to be suspended. He appealed from the sentence, the judge requiring bond in the sum of \$300.

John L. Wynn, haled into court on assault with a deadly weapon charge, was found guilty in the case and was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs. He appealed the case and was required to furnish bond in the sum of \$200.

Earl Mobley, found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, was fined \$50 and given a twelve months suspended road sentence. He appealed the case and gave bond in the sum of \$200.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging W. B. Beach with an assault with a deadly weapon, the court proving him guilty of a simple assault.

Judgment was also suspended in the case charging Timothy Keys with an affray.

Tom Moore pleaded guilty of being drunk and disorderly and transporting liquor.

Joe Davis was sentenced to the roads for a period of four months when he was found guilty of larceny and receiving.

Levi Jones, found guilty of larceny and receiving, was sentenced to the roads for a period of twelve months, the last seven to be suspended upon the defendant's good behavior.

Probable cause appearing in the case charging Peter Spruill with an assault with an attempt to commit rape, the defendant was bound over to the next term of Martin County superior court under a \$1,000 bond.

4 SUICIDES IN COUNTY IN 1929

Coroner's Record Reveals Three Killed Selves With Guns

Four suicides were reported in this county during the past year, it was learned from the coroner's record filed here. In three of the four cases reported, the victims ended their lives with guns.

The suicide theory was questioned in one of the deaths, but a coroner's jury could establish no facts in the case, and it was declared to be suicide.

A colored boy was drowned, but his death was declared accidental.

One train was wrecked in the county during the 12 months period, and while several cars were derailed no injuries of a serious nature were reported.

Recommendations For Fertilizers To Be Made

Raleigh, Jan. 17.—A series of eight circulars giving fertilizer recommendations for important crops of North Carolina according to soil types, has been prepared for distribution by C. B. Williams, H. B. Mann and A. S. Cline, of the North Carolina State College experiment station. One circular has been prepared for each agricultural region of the State.

Region III is covered by Circular 36 and embraces in whole or part the following counties: Martin, Northampton, Halifax, Edgecombe, Gates, Hertford, Bertie, Perquimans, Chowan and Washington.

Those desiring these circulars should write to C. B. Williams, agronomist, State College Station, Raleigh. They should state the number of the circular they desire.

Program of Services at Church of Advent

Rev. A. H. Marshall, rector.
Mr. Maurice Moore, Sunday School Superintendent.
Sunday school at 10 a. m.
No other services on Third Sunday.

START HOLDING CLINICS MONDAY

Health Officer Urges Parents To Bring Children Of Pre-School Age

With preparations complete, County Health Officer Wm. E. Warren is directing an urgent appeal to all parents in the county to take advantage of the pre-school clinics to be held in the five districts recently announced.

Beginning next Monday and continuing through Friday, trained doctors and nurses will examine the children who plan to enter the county schools next fall. There will be no cost attached to the examinations, and it is the health officer's sincere desire that every child eligible for entrance to the schools next fall be examined at the clinics.

FIVE DIE IN 1929 AUTO ACCIDENTS

23 Others Hurt in 28 Accidents in County During Past Year

Five people were killed and 23 others were more or less seriously injured in automobile wrecks and accidents in this county during the past year, according to a review of auto accident records filed in this office. According to the records, the death list in 1929 was less by several than that of 1928. While the property loss is limited to a few thousand dollars, the loss of human life is unusually great for the period.

Two of the accidents, resulting in three deaths, occurred between Robersonville and Everetts, where two colored men, John Purvis and Marcus Thomas, both colored, and B. F. Melvin, white, were killed. Rev. Heber C. Baker, of Greenville, was killed at the underpass at the west end of Main Street here. Leamon McKeel was run down and killed by a school truck near his home on the Mary Cherry farm, a few miles from here.

Of the 28 accidents reported in the county, only eight were listed as major ones. Martin County people figured in several other wrecks outside the county, but they are not considered here.

DRY AGENTS HAD BUSY YEAR IN 1929

Total of 67 Violators of Law Caught; 100,000 Gallons Of Mash Poured Out

Prohibition enforcement activities in Martin County during the past year were greater by far than those reported for any other year, according to unofficial reports gathered here. Aside from State enforcement, the report shows that 67 violators were arrested and given hearings. Of the number of violators, three were women, they being connected with the transporting end of the business. Thirty-five of the defendants were colored and 32 were white.

Approximately 100,000 gallons of beer were poured out and more than 400 gallons of liquor were destroyed. No less than 60 copper stills were captured. Four automobiles were confiscated along with several hundred dollars' worth of miscellaneous distillery plant equipment.

While no report of county activities carried on in the enforcement of the prohibition laws is immediately available, it is believed that the arrests, still captures, etc., will swell the Federal reports.

According to a study of the reports, a majority of the colored arrests were made at the plants, while many of the whites were caught transporting the illicit spirits.

The raids were made regularly throughout the latter part of the year, no wholesale captures or arrests being made during the period.

Presbyterian Service at Bear Grass Sunday Night

The usual Presbyterian services will be held in the Bear Grass auditorium Sunday night, January 19, 1930, at 7 p. m. Come and join with us in these services. The Big Four Quartette, of Williamston, will be with us Sunday night. It will be a rare privilege to hear these men sing. Tell your friends and come yourself and bring the children.

Texas Horse's Grave Blocks Project To Widen Highway

Ballinger, Texas.—A horse's grave is delaying the widening of one of Texas' principal highways.

Before automobiles became common, Dr. W. W. Fowler made his calls behind Coley, a standard bred horse. Pensioned, Coley died and was buried where he used to watch automobiles pass on the highway.

Hearing on Hinson Case Held Thursday

RECEIPTS LIGHT AT POULTRY CAR

County Agent Believes That Later Shipments Will Draw Better

The loading of the first poultry car in the county this season is being completed in Oak City today. During the greater part of four days this week, the car has received chickens from four sections of the county, and the offerings at Oak City today are expected to fill the car's coops.

Loadings, as a whole, have been very light this week, Agent Brandon stating that many raisers are holding their poultry for later shipment. Unfavorable weather and bad roads also figured in holding the shipments down.

Poultry prices in the county are reported to have been stabilized by the presence of the car.

A second car of the season will be operated in the county about the middle of the month, according to the schedule announced a few weeks ago by the Division of Markets and Agent T. B. Brandon.

MRS. MARY E. LILLEY DIES

Was One of Hamilton's Oldest Citizens; Funeral Wednesday

Mrs. Mary E. Lilley, one of Hamilton's oldest residents, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Edmondson, at Hamilton, late last Tuesday. Bright's Disease being given as the cause of her death. She had been in declining health for several months, but was active around the home until about three weeks ago, when she was forced to her bed.

A faithful member of the Hamilton Baptist Church, Mrs. Lilley was 78 years old last December. Rev. E. P. West, her pastor, assisted by Rev. Arthur H. Marshall, of Williamston, and Rev. W. B. Harrington, of Jamesville, conducted the funeral services. Interment followed in the Hamilton cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

LOCALS DEFEAT BELHAVEN, 19-6

Win First Game of Season Here Wednesday Night; Plenty of Action

The Williamston High School boys' basketball team opened the season here Wednesday night by defeating the Belhaven quint, 19 to 6. There was plenty of spirit in the game, but both teams were off in shooting, the locals being particularly erratic and missing many opportunities to score. The Belhaven boys, although considerably outweighed by the Williamston players, put up a game fight and kept their larger opponents on the run throughout the game.

Coach Hood's sharpshooters, Holding and Shearon, played a fast floor game, but had difficulty in locating the basket. "Jim Dawson" Cook showed more regularity in counting baskets than any other player on the floor. Johnny Hardison played a bang-up game at guard, and started the ball back to the locals' goal nearly every time the visitors threatened to score. Practically every member of the Williamston squad saw some action during the contest, Coach Hood sending in batch after batch of substitutes.

A fairly large crowd of fans saw the game.

Hinson Child Improving Rapidly from Pneumonia

Gordon Rae, three and one-half year old son of Warren and Verna Hinson, is said to be improving rapidly from an attack of pneumonia suffered in the jail here a few days ago. Mrs. Bettie Teel, the child's nurse, stated yesterday that the fever left the child early yesterday morning and recovery was practically certain now.

Temporary beds were placed in the office of the home demonstration agent in the courthouse, and the little fellow has received excellent care during his illness.

Governor Speaks Today in Kinston To Farmers

Making his last public appearance on his farm program in Eastern Carolina this season, Governor O. Max Gardner is addressing today in Kinston a group of farmers, merchants and bankers from all over the section. Going there under the auspices of the State Extension Service, the governor is delivering his Agricultural Program address.

A number of representatives from this county is attending.

MOTHER OF DEAD CHILD IS HELD; 2 MEN RELEASED

Few New Developments At Hearing Held Before Judge Bailey

DOCTOR IS WITNESS

Dr. James E. Smithwick, of Jamesville, Likely to Be Star Witness When Case Is Called in March

Holding a hearing here yesterday in the case originating in the death of Sarah Virginia Hinson, 7-weeks-old daughter of Warren and Verna Hinson, two weeks ago, the State entered its charges on Verna Hinson, the child's mother. For two hours or more yesterday morning the case was investigated at a special session of the recorder's court, witnesses offering an array of evidence that pointed to foul play, but which apparently failed to remove doubt in the selection of the guilty party.

Recessing for the noon hour, the court reconvened at 2:30 to hear the evidence offered by Dr. J. E. Smithwick, of Jamesville, a star witness for the State. At the completion of the Jamesville doctor's evidence, the State rested the case. Defense Attorney Robert T. Coburn made a human appeal for the Hinson woman, pointing to her inability to raise a bond of any appreciable size which would result in her remaining in prison until March, the time the superior court convenes.

Carroll and Warren Hinson, held in jail during the past several days, were ordered released, Judge Bailey returning Verna Hinson to jail until he could review the evidence offered during the hearing. The judge took the matter of bond under advisement at the conclusion of the hearing yesterday and this morning had not determined the amount.

In spite of the hundreds of questions asked by Solicitors Peck and Gilliam, the case apparently remains a mystery. That the death occurred under unusual circumstances, and that there was something queer about it developed as the evidence was offered, one of the witnesses stating that it was his honest belief that the death was not from natural causes.

Coroner S. R. Biggs, the first witness called, repeated much of the evidence that has already been given in the case. Other witnesses examined included Mr. L. F. Waters, a near-by neighbor. Mrs. Margaret Wright who started to shroud the body, but stopped until an investigation could be made.

Taking the examination in hand, Solicitor Gilliam questioned Mrs. Carroll Hinson. "Did you hear Mrs. Hinson make any statement as to the child before it was born?" the solicitor asked. "Yes," Mrs. Hinson said, adding "she (the mother) said that she had rather die than the child be born, and that if it be born that it would be dead, giving as her reasons for the remarks that she was not able to support it as it should be supported." It was pointed out in the evidence that the mother made the remarks a number of months ago. No new evidence was introduced until after Mrs. Hinson had explained the happenings at the home on the morning the child was found dead.

When asked if the mother had offered her the child, the witness stated, "No; she offered it to my husband the night before it was found dead next morning." When questioned relative to a conversation between her and the child's mother the Sunday morning before, Mrs. Carroll Hinson stated that the mother said, "Don't you think the baby is ugly?" "No; I think it is cute," was Mrs. Hinson's reply. Mrs. Hinson admitted that the mother warned her to be careful as to what she would say just prior to the coroner's inquest.

Deputy Sheriff Grimes was next questioned, his evidence corroborating much of that already given. Mr. G. C. Gurkin, a neighbor, was next heard and his evidence was supplementary.

Dr. J. E. Smithwick, taking the stand answered when questioned that he believed the child's nose had been pinched and it looked to him as if that was what caused death. He examined the neck but found no other bruises than the one on the nose, and a small scratch on the forehead.

The case is very similar to the one in which Roscoe Wynn, infant of Oscar Wynn, in the Cross Roads section, was found dead in April, 1927.

Kiwanis Club Elects New Officers at Meet This Week

At a regular meeting of the local Kiwanis club held in the Woman's club hall last Wednesday noon, new officers for the year were elected. Mr. C. Augustus Harrison goes in as the club's president; E. S. Peck is the new vice president and Mr. J. D. Woolard continues as the organization's secretary and treasurer.