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#### "LIVE AT HOME" **PROGRAM MEETS** WITH SUCCESS

Oak City Community Takes Leading Part In The Movement

EXHIBITS PRODUCTS

ics Department There Display Many Products Cultivated In Goose Nest Township

The Oak City School, under leadership of Professor H. M. Ainsley and his splendid corps of teachers, has apparently "put over" the most effective "Live-atHome" program of any of the county high schools. The children have not only daily recitations relative to the program, but Wednes-

the Rythm Band of hte school, various pupils and classes reciting and giving plays on the several phases of farm life and farm needs.

Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home demonstration agent, made a short talk on the proposed garden contest for the season. R. A. Pope, W. C. Manning and A. B. Combs, high school inspector, spoke for a minute or two on the important subject of the day, a better policy in farming and living condi-

Rev. A. Corey, the main speaker for the occasion, told of the natural advantages that our State offers its people. He outlined the need for better homes, schools and churches, and the need for a change in the present farm-

The attendance upon the meeting was large, many mothers and fathers being present to take a part in the progressive movement.

Following the close of the program, the home economics department of the school was opened to the visitors where tables were laden with all kinds of canned goods, preserves, garden and field crops and various meats.

In the midst of the room there was a neatly and tastily set table, containing a well selected variety of foods: The menu contained cream of tomato soup, corn bread, baked and candied sweet potatoes, buttered carrots, cream cabbage, potato salad, sausage, corn muffins, sliced peaches, whipped cream, popcorn, macroon, hominy and salted

Miss Bishop, home economics teacher and her class of girls prepared the dinner, every item being

#### FARMERS MEET AT JAMESVILLE a \$1,500 bond.

#### Discuss Safer Program of Baptists Announce One Farming and Living Last Tuesday

Thirty or more representative farmers of the Jamesville community, with a few invited guests headed by Pro-W. T. Overby, agricultural teacher in the Jamesville school, discussed a safer program of farming and living, at a meeting held in the school building there last Tuesday evening Although at one period it looked

like the meeting was going to drift into a money-making program, and the best way to make money on tobacco, a half was finally called, and everybody got their minds on the real needs of their farms, their families, and their neighbors. They discussed the cows, kind of hogs, cattle, and chickens, as well as the field and garden crops necessary to make the farm home a place of peace happiness, and plenty.

Everybody present apparently was not only helped but pleased at the association with each other and the apparent willingness of all to pull gether for a better and a more independent community.

#### Presbyterians Announce Services for Sunday

"The Church With an Open Door" Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, Pastor True sayings: "Youth and Beauty go

but Character endures to the end." Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Worship srevice and sermon, 11 a. n Subject, "In what should we Glory?"

We extend a general invitation to all to meet with and worship with us whenever you find it possible. Attend some church each Sunday and experience the joy of fellowship with God and with some of His children. A warm welcome awaits all at this

Bear Grass
The regular preaching service will be held in the schol house at Bear Grass Sunday evening at 7 o'clock Good singing, stories and Gospel preaching features these services. Come and meet your friends here.

### Local Girls Lose Second

Game to Robersonville The local high school basketball girls suffered a second defeat at the ands of Robersonville's sextet here last Wednesday evening by a 19 to 10 day morning at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 7:30, Sunday school at 10 o'clock, a. m. The public is invited.

### Local Merchants Organize Association Tuesday Night

#### FOUR MEN ARE CAPTURED BY **FEDERAL AGENT**

Eight Plants Are Destroyed and Much Whiskey and Beer Poured Out

**AUTO IS CONFISCATED** Six 150-gallon Capacity Kettles Were

Tuesday and Wednesday

Four men were captured, 46 gallons of liquor were poured out along with day they had a community program approximately 10,000 gallons of beer, which did much credit to the entire an Oldsmobile coupe was confiscated

> 30 gallons of liquor. Three plants were hall, it was announced. wrecked and the kettles, each of about 150-gallon capacity, were brought in. The officers met with much difficulty in making the arrests, the two men getting the chance of a start when friends fired signals. The signal was late in coming however, as the officers cited Pierce and Williams just as they were levaing the plant. Williams turned for home, and he and one of the officers covered the half-mile distance in short order. In the house and under the bed Williams went, the officer finding it necessary to drag him out by a leg. While under arrest, Williams dashed for his freedom, but a second time he was run down and caught. He is now residing in jail, Pierce raising

Returning to the same section of the cunty last Wednesday, the officers destoryed three more plants, six gallons of liquor and 3,000 gallons of beer. The three kettles, 150-gallon capacity ones, were brought in. No one was arrested in the raids that day.

Wednesday night the officers went into the Conetoe section where they destroyed a steam outfit and 10 gallons

With Deputy Sheriff Mitchell, of county yesterday where they captured Haywood Early and William Adkins, white, who were preparing to start plant operations when the officers arrived. Their car, a 1929 model Oldsmobile coupe, was confiscated. Adkins was released by a local U. S. com-missioners last night under a \$100 bond, Early going to jail in default of

## Preaching Service Sunday

Due to the special Boy Scout service at the Methodist church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, there will be only the morning church svreice at the local Baptist church Sunday.

tributed to about thirty boys and girls who passed off the work in the study course. In addition, the pastor will award eleven certificates to as many. Sunday school officers and teachers who, some time ago, completed a course of study.

This service should be well attended, for it promises to be one of the most interesting held in our church for many days.

The Sunday school, B. Y. P. U. and mid-week services will be held at the accustomed time.

It would please the pastor very much tc see a large proportion of his congregation in the service at the Methodist church Sunday evening, for it is, and always has been, the purpose to keep the Boy Scout movement closely affilfatde with the religious institutions.

#### Sunday Services at the Local Methodist Church

Dwight A. Petty, Pasto Morning service at 11. Sermon

the pastor on "Development of Personal Christian Life." Evennig srevice at 7:30. Boy Sco program for all of Williamston. All the churches unite in this service.

Senior League at 7 Monday evening Workers' Council, Monday evening

Hi-League, Wednesday evening School of Missions, at 7 Wednesday. Choir practice at 8 Wednesday.

Epworth League Exposition, Friday Services at Holly Springs at 3

#### Regular Services At The

Jamesville Baptist Church Rev. W. B. Harrington, pastor, will conduct the regulra services at the Jamesville Baptist Church next Suno'clock, a. m. The public is invited.

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### To Hold Meeting Tonight at 7:30 O'clock In City Hall

Meeting last Wednesday evening in the city hall here, ten local merchants formed an organization to fight the chain stores, the undertaking receiving a 100 per cent endorsement. While the practices employed by the foreign organizations in conducting their pork-producing counties in the State, businesses were discussed at length, Martin County falls far short of comthe newly organized association of the ing within Governor Gardner's select appointment of a committee to collect cording to a survey made by the agridata and study plans advanced in other cultural extension service of the North towns and sections where similar Carolina State College in connection movements are underway.

Several of the town's leading merchants went to Rocky Mount yesterday County farmers failed in 1928 to proand eight copper kettles were brought afternoon where a concentrated at-In Freen Union last Tuesday, the the methods of procedure folowed Handy Williams, and destroyed ap- a meeting of the local merchants here; and feed requirements. proximately 6,000 gallons of beer and this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the city

Although the organization was only formed Wednesday evening, much information relative to the chain store here, it was pointed out, are paying \$144 town taxes, while the individual nome merchants pays on an average of \$150 to \$600 or more in taxes.

"Thousands of dollars are going to the chain stores never to return to the community," the chairman stated. Continuing he said, "This condition leaves the task of building the community to the individual merchant. No streets are paved, no water lines are laid with the help of the foreign organizations. The avenue of business is being so limited that the young child of today cannot escape the low salary of the chain operators unless there is a stop out to their wide operations."

Started by "Old Man, Henderson" out in Shreveport, Louisiana, some months ago, the drive against the chain stores was ably put underway at the meeting here last Wednesday, the merchants pledging a 100 per cent support to the campaign. Other towns in this section have reported much Ahoskie, the agents raided in Hertford progress in their fight against the organizations, and it is believed a strong attack will be made here within the next few days.

#### R. B. GARDNER DIES NEAR HERE

Burial Yesterday Afternoon In Family Plot on the Home Farm

Robert B. Gardner, of Williams Township, died of heart disease at his home Wednesday evening, following an illness of only a few days. He was about 61 years old, a hard working, honest farmer who was held in high

services, which were conducted by Rev. R. A. Phillips.

#### Robersonville High School Reports Attendance Drop

Attendance in the Robersonville chools during the month recently closed, dropped 1.73 per cent as compared with figures reported for the previous month. The decrease is considered very small, however, as the bad condition of the roads and unfavorable weather held many children home. The decrease was marked in the elementary grades, the attendance in that department dropping from 96.5

While only two schools have reported their attendance figures for the gallons in 1920 to 448,000 gallons in past month, it is believed that practically all, if not all the others will show a decrease in their attendance figures during the period.

#### Locals Defeat Farmville In a Second Game Here

Coach Hood's basketball boys added another victory to their long list last Tuesday evening when they defeated Farmville's strong five on the Planters Warehouse court here, 24 to 10. It was Farmville's second defeat at the hands of the local boys. In the last Tuesday game, the cals led by only a four-point margin at the half, but in the last period they

Going to Henderson last Wednesday evening, th elocal boys defeated the high school team of that place by a 21 to 8 count. At the half the score was tied at 6-all, Coach Hood's boys returning to the court to add 16 points

tightened their defense, holding their

#### MARTIN COUNTY **FALLS SHORT IN** LIVING AT HOME

Survey Shows that Farmers Failed to Raise Enough Food for Home Use

\$1,282,675 **DEFICIENCY** Survey Shows that Smiliar Conditio Exist in Many Other Counties of North Carolina

Although it is one of the biggest merchants limited its business to the group of "Live at Home" counties, acwithe the "Live-at-Home" program of the governor.

The opening exercises were given by in by federal prohibitions agents, work tack is being waged against the chain duce enough staple foods and feeds to ing out of here in three days this week, stores at this time. They will study take care of their requirements not only of the total population of the officers captured Ebrom Pierce and there and will report their findings at county, but even of their own food

The value of the county-wide deficiency in food and feed was \$1,282,675 and the value of the farm food and feed deficiency was \$686,851.

This deficiency represents food and operations and methods was laid be- feed that was purchased out of the fore the meeting. Three of the stores borders of Martin County or beyond the borders of the State, or which the people of Martin County did without and in doing without lowered their standard of living below the level of the average American citizen:

Not only in Martin County, but condition prevalent and hundreds of millions of dollars a year are being sent out of North Carolina for the purchase of food and feed items which might just as well have been produced at home instead of the so-called "mony crops.

It is the belief of Governor Gardner State that one of the best ways for the culture again on a prosperous basis s to first raise enough food and feed families and their livestock and then nto tobacco, cotton, or peanuts.

This would make the farmers inde-

At present there is some danger that he farmers of eastern North Carolina crease in tobacco acreage. It has been pointed out that farmers in South Carolina and southern Georgia are planning the same thing and that unless very unusual weather conditions prevail that there will be a tremendous overproduction of tobacco in the Unit-

ed States next fall. Farmers of Martin County have many angles at which they can approach the business of growing more food and feed and fewer "money crops. This will be a service conducted in the interest of the young people of the congregation. Diplomas will be dis-Moor,e Mrs. Mamie Perry, and Mrs. ty; they failed by 136,000 bushels of this section, it was announced this house. Building details have not been Lillian Coltrain, all of Martin County. producing enough oats; failed by 7,792 Burial was in the Gardner burial plot tons of producing enough hay; failed on his home farm, following funeral by more than one million pounds of next Monday, preparatory to the hold- the wood and sheet metal type. producing enough beef and veal; failed by more than one hundred thousand school auditorium here next Tuesday Kiwanians Are Guests of failed by two and one-quarter million gallons of producing enough milk; failed by one hundred thousand pounds of producing enough poultry, and failed by 175,000 dozen of producing enough eggs.

They produced a million and one half pound surplus of pork, a hundred thousand bushel surplus of irish potatoes, and a seven thousand pound sur

plus of sweet potatoes. The period between 1920 and 1928 saw remarkable advances in Martin County in the production of milk and pork, the survey shows. Production of milk was increased from 64,000 1928, and the production of pork was increased from 1,987,000 pounds in 1920 to 3,473,000 pounds in 1928.

During the same period irish potato production sky-rocketed from 12,000 bushels to 139,000 bushels, and poul try production increased 50,000 pounds. Production of beef and veal declined almost one-half million pounds, and

production of sweet potatoes shrank from 94,000 bushels to 77,000 bushels Production of corn, oats, and eggs were virtually stationary. Soy bean production almost

rupled, peanut production jumped from 15,000,000 pounds to more than 21,000,000 pounds, tobacco production increased from 5,369,000 pounds to more than 12,000,000 pounds, and there was a decrease in cotton production from 8,184 bales to 6,517 bales.

Total value of money crops in Mar-tin County in 1928 was 4,357,986, with tobacco leading at \$2,663,971, peanuts second at \$1,082,492, and cotton third Net value after deducting estimated

fertilizer and land rent costs and the farm food and feed deficiency was \$2,-318,845, which amounted to approvi-

# Branch Banking and Trust Co. **Buys Local Banking Institution**

### Several Mysterious Deaths Reported in Martin County

Doctors Warren, Bray and Willis Hold Autopsy Of H. B. Goodman's Body In An Effort to Determine Cause Of Peculiar Death; No Official Report Yet Made

County Health Officer Wm. E. War- the death of the Dardens man ren and Doctors Bray, of Plymouth, Mr. Goodman's death was the fourth and Willis, of Rocky Mount, are today to occur in that section within the past investigating the deaths of four people few days, circumstances surrounding in the lower part of this county and the first three being similar to those adjoining community in Washington, in the fourth case. A colored child and in an effort to assign some cause to two colored men died suddenly in the the mysterious deaths. An autopsy of community a few days ago, Mr. Goodthe body of H. B. Goodman, 35-year- man's death following yesterday about the Farmers and Merchants Bank here old farmer and mechanic, of Dardens, one o'clock following an illness of only sold its business to the Branch Bank was made this morning, the physicians a few hours-

stating that they found no trouble in According to reports coming from the man's stomach. A part of the brain that section this morning, the man's almost over night. With branches in was later removed and carried to body started turning blue-black a short Plymouth, Whitakers, Bailey, Warsaw a Rocky Mount laboratory, but no re- while before death came, the color Eayetteville and Goldsboro, the comport on the findings, if any, had been becoming darker after death. made at noon.

lieve that meningitis brought about deaths were reported.

It is understood that Mr. Goodman immediately following the completion While the cause of the deaths is moved to the Dardens section of this of the transaction. The sale of the bank offering a perplexing problem for the county only a few days ago, leaving medical men, they are inclined to be- the community where the other similar change as far as the depositors are

#### TAX PENALTIES CAUSE TROUBLE | HIGH SCHOOLS

#### to Tax; Collector Has To Return Checks

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck is experienc-It is the belief of Governor Gardner in making settlements. "Here is a first visit to the schools in this councheck for \$500, the amount of the tax ty, and according to his report, he was farmers of North Carolina to put agri- penalty," Sheriff Roebuck stated yestreday. Dozens of other cases, similar to the one pointed out by the collector, to take care of themselves and their present themselves daily, it is understood.

Notices, stating the amount of the individual's taxewere mailed before the penalty became effective. The proppendent of the suffering that follows erty owners settling their accounts in ow prices and poor production of the October or November did not fail to so-called "money crops" and would al- take advantage of the discount, but so have the effect of tending to boost those making settlements now, in 'money crop" prices through curtailed many cases, forget all about the pen alty, it was stated.

Taxpayers failing to add the amount of the penalty to their accounts mak this spring will make another big in- it necessary for the sheriff to return the checks and ask the property own

#### **HOME AGENT TO** HOLD MEETING

### Tell of Work In The Garden Contest

Miss Leah Parker, State garden morning by the agent. Miss Parker, announced at this time, but it is unwill visit as many homes as possible derstood that the structure will be of has lost a dollar for them. It has had ing of a mass meeting in the high pounds of producing enough mutton; afternoon at 2 o'clock when Miss Parker will offer valuable information to all those interested in the "Live-at-Home" program.

Miss Sleeper is making a special appeal to all women of the county innumber will hear Miss Parker explain the features of the contest.

#### Scholastic Honor Roll for The Lilly's Hall School

First grade-Lettie Hines, Leon Second grade-Mamie C. Harrison

ola Griffin, Ethel Mae Lilley, Edith Hines, Vera Maude Lilley.
Third grade—Ruth M. Lilley, Ruby

ee Griffin, William Lilley. Fourth grade-Thermon Griffin. Fifth grade-Albert Wilson Liley.

#### Cars Collide on Main Street Here Yesterday Two cars, a Nash coupe from Geor-

ria and a Chevrolet, driven by Henry ones, collided on the Main Street here at the Smithwick Street intersection yesterday morning. No great

### Give State Efficiency Tests

State efficiency tests were given in practically all the high schools of the cunty this week, according to a report coming from the office of the county superintendent here yesterday. The tests were made out by State officials and will be handled by the department at Raleigh, it is understood.

mately \$157 for every member of the farm population and about \$785 per farm family of five.

# COMBS INSPECTS

#### the State almost as a whole, is this Payers Fail To Add Penalty Five Schools Are Visited In This County During the Week

Mr. A. B. Combs, State High Schoo ng added trouble in the collection of Inspector, with Superintendent R. A. ounty taxes this month, many tax- Pope, visited the larger schools in the to Williamston gives the town and ayers failing to consider the penalty county this week. It was Mr. Combs, community banking facilities second to at par, but the payer failed to add the favorably impressed with the opera-

> schools upon their interest shown in the up-keep of property and grounds, commented upon (averably by the making a few suggestions at one or two others for improvement.

Calls were made at Oak City, Rob-Jamesville, the inspector going from perience in banking and other be here to Bertie to continue his work in the schools of that county.

#### ROBERSONVILLE TO BUILD HOUSE

#### Stock Company Organized to Build Third Tobacco Warehouse There

Plans were completed this week for the erection of a third otbacco warehouse at Robersonville, according to information received here. A stock Miss Parker, Specialist, To company was formed at a meeting of Biggs as president and Frank F. Fagan day night, all stock having been subscribed by Wednesday noon.

The-new warehouse will be erected specialist, comes to the county next on the lot of the old Red Front house community, were among its first

meeting at the Atlantic Hotel last Wednesday as the guest of Mr. they always stood like men. and Mrs. Z. H. Rose. A four course terested in the program to attend the dinner was served by the host and a great deal of regret and some pleasmeeting, and is believed that a goodly hostess and was thoroughly enjoyed are from the banking field. He says

charge of the program, introduced Mr. anot so pleasant. He further stated that Frank Hackler, of Greensboro, who spoke briefly on the financial condi-period of twenty-five years, the bank tion in Eastern North Carolina.

## Fire Company Answers

here was threatened by fire late last sociation and leaves the post as mem-Wednesday afternoon when an oil ber of the Executive Council of the stove smoked the bath room and ad- American Bankers Association, which cining rooms. While there were no is one of the most coveted positions a flames, much damage resulted from the benker can hold. smoke that filled the house. The local fire company was called, but its checks bearing the words, "Farmers

## College Quartette To Sing, however. Much of the old stationery

Rev. J. Watson Shockley, with a nale quartette from Atlantic Christian College, will give a musical program In Martin County Schools at Macedonia Church, near here, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

#### Local Boys and Girls Play Nashville Here Tuesday

High School here next Tuesday eveaccording to an announcements made by Coach B. E. Hood this morning.

#### F. AND M. BANK SELLS BUSINESS TO WILSON FIRM

Branch Company Takes Immediate Charge of the Bank's Affairs

PROPERTY INCLUDED

Employees in Old Bank Will Continue at Their Regular Posts With the New Institution

After successfully serving the town and community for almost 25 years ing and Trust Company, of Wilson yesterday, the transaction being made pany accepted the duties of the bank to the Wilson company will effect no concrened, it was officially stated, and the present employees, Mr. C. D. Car-Bowen, assistant cashier, and Mrs. J W. Manning, stenographer, will con

The sale included in addition to the bank's business, all property and In anouncing the sale of the bank's business, Dr. John D. Biggs, retiring

"The coming of the Branch Bank Company is one of the oustanding fi nancial institutions in North Carolina Its president, Mr. H. D. Bateman, is commented upon favorably by the S Lawrence, vice president of the in stitution, is well and favorably known ersonville, Everetts, Williamston and here. He is a young man of great exness and is one of the coming bankers, of the State

"The Branch Banking and Trust Company is an absolutely safe bank nd always has had the best interests of its depositors at heart. It has the onsistent with safe and sane, banking. The Farmers and Merchants Bank has done a real service to this

Williamston The Farmers and Merchants Bank has served this community for nearly Kader Lilley, Dr. J. B. H. Knight, N S. Peel, John D. Simpson and W. H.

the interest of its depositors and never years, J. Eason Lilley, Javan Rogers, Carstarphen and C. D. Carstarphen, jr. Atlantic Hotel Wednesday Dr. John D. Biggs, the retiring president, says that no bank ever had a The Kiwanis club held its regular more loyal board of directors, that here when times of financial distress came

Dr. Biggs says he is retiring with by the Kiwanians and visitors. some of his experience in banking Kiwanian Bill Spivey, member in here has been very pleasing and some in lending money to farmers over a has lost practically nothing in doing so. The bank's retiring head has been signally honored by the bankers of Call Last Wednesday the State, he having been a member of the State Executive Committee, Presi-The home of Mr. J. W. Watts, jr., dnt of th North Carolina Bankers As-

It was explained by officials that all and Merchants Bank," will be cashed, the statement meaning only good ones, At Macedonia Church and other equipment will be used for the present, it was stated.

#### To Serve Supper at Hall Here Tomorrow Evening

The ladies of the Holly Spring Church will serve a supper at the Wonan's Club hall here tomorrow from 5:30 to 8:00 p. m. A real "Live-at-The local boys' and girls' basketball lows: friend chicken, chicken salad, mas will meet those of the Nashville petato chips, baked sweet potatoes. string beans, corn, cornbread, rolls, ning on the Planters Warehouse court, butter, pickles, ham deviled eggs, cof-

fee, cake.

The public is invited.