

## TEACHERS HOLD MEETING HERE LAST SATURDAY

### Suggestions for Reducing School Expenses Are Mentioned

### ATTENDANCE SMALL

Appoint Teachers To Attend State Association Meeting In Raleigh 21st of Next Month

The fifth regular monthly meeting of the Martin County Teachers association was held in the high school building here last Saturday afternoon, a comparatively small number of teachers attending.

Aside from the routine matters generally handled in the session, two suggestions for reducing expenses in the schools next year were made by the county superintendent. The meeting gave no voice to the suggestions, the superintendent merely placing them before the teachers for their consideration. In an effort to curtail school expenditures, one of the plans suggested calls for a six-day school week, the teachers continuing at their posts at the same salaries now in force. Under this proposal, an eight-months school would be made possible in seven months time, effecting a saving of one month's salary and current expenses for that month.

A second suggestion would have all expenses proportionately cut including salaries throughout the system, it is understood.

While no definite action has been taken, it is understood that the two proposals are in line for later consideration.

Rev. C. H. Dickey, of the local Baptist church, in leading the devotional exercises, made an interesting talk on "The Glorification of the Small Town." Basing his remarks upon figures gathered from reliable sources, the minister stated that no place in the world can get more out of life than he can in the small town, that there is no greater opportunity to add to the sum total of happiness than there is in the small town or hamlet.

Superintendent R. A. Pope reviewed the general activities in the schools, pointing out changes needed in rendering reports and the addition of certain equipment in several of the schools.

Following his remarks, Miss Eva Peel and Messrs. D. N. Hix and H. M. Ainsley, acting as a committee, appointed the following teachers as delegates to the State meeting of teachers to be held in Raleigh the 20th of next month:

Miss Myrtis Zetterower, Elizabeth Elliott, Lucille Allen, Effie Waldy and Martha Baidree and Messrs. Wm. R. Watson and Rawls. Misses Alma Baker and Womack and Messrs. H. M. Ainsley, S. M. Lee, Hickman, George Haislip and R. B. Talley were named as alternates.

## LIST TAXES AS OF APRIL THE FIRST

### Heretofore, All Taxes Have Been Listed As Of May First

According to instructions received by various boards of county commissioners, preparations for the listing of taxes as of April first will be made next Monday. Heretofore, taxes have been listed as of May 1 each year, a law passed by the last legislature moving the listing date up one month.

The commissioners of this county are expected to name their supervisor at their meeting to be held here next Monday, and the supervisor will name his list-takers soon thereafter, it is understood.

While no one has been suggested for the post as far as it could be learned yesterday, it is understood that there are a number who would like to have the job.

## Unusual Egg Displayed Here Friday Afternoon

The unusual in hen eggs was presented by James R. Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Griffin, of near here, last Friday afternoon. The egg weighed exactly one-quarter of a pound and measured eight inches around one way and 6-1/4 inches the other way.

The egg, said by many to be the largest they had ever seen weighed as much as three ordinary ones weighed.

Young Griffin was certain they had no geese or ducks at his home when the reporter suggested that credit was due some other fowl than the old black hen.

## 'Sunny Side Up' at Watts Next Thursday - Friday

"Sunny Side Up" reputed to be better than the "Broadway Gold Diggers," plays a two-day engagement at the Watts Theatre here Thursday and Friday of this week.

An all-talking, singing and dancing musical comedy presented by William Fox, starring Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell.

## MASS MEETING HELD FRIDAY

### Attorney George Fountain Addresses Community Builders League

The Community Builders League of this community held its second mass meeting in the town hall here last Friday evening, a large number of local people attending with a number of visitors from other towns.

Attorney George T. Fountain, of Tarboro, introduced by Elbert S. Peel, addressed the body. Mr. Fountain made a very logical speech, touching on the dangers of too much consolidation, which at the rate of progress accomplished by large consolidations of capital is fast destroying the opportunities of the individual.

He reviewed the working of the large organizations, citing facts and figures to give weight to his statements. According to an announcement coming from the Community Builders League headquarters here, additional meetings will be held and other activities carried on.

## HONOR ROLL FOR BEAR GRASS

### Fifth Month Report Shows Largest Roll of the 1929-30 Term

Sixty-one pupils made the Bear Grass scholastic honor roll during the fifth month, according to a report filed by Principal S. M. Lee yesterday. The roll for the month is one of the largest reported by the school there during the 1929-30 term.

First grade, section A—Esther Rawls, Edna Rawls, Mildred Rawls, Carrie D. Terry, Marie Farmer, Rachel Ayers, Ronald White, Ruby Peele.

First grade, section B—Vesta Holliday, Mary Etta Knox, L. E. Shaw, Ernest Capps, Warren Jones, G. T. Bailey, J. P. Gargan.

Second grade—Albert Gray Bennett, Russell Biggs, Mack Mobley, Rudolph Peele, Bernice Rogerson, Annie Mae Bailey, Ruby Bennett, Magdaline Harrison, Evelyn Hodges, Melba Peele, Doris Rogers.

Third grade—Effie Britton, Della M. Jones, Kathlene Rogerson, Ophelia Rogerson, Ethel White.

Fourth grade—Elizabeth Bailey, Irene Hodges, Surreatha Peaks, Vady Shaw.

Fifth grade—Susie Gray Harris, Hilda Roebuck, Lena Shaw, Marjorie Terry.

Sixth grade—Fred Ayers, Robert Taylor, Lester Terry, Ernestine Britton, Ada Mae Harrison, Mary Elizabeth Keel, Ruth Taylor, Sara Roberson.

Seventh grade—A. B. Ayers, jr., Mayo Bailey, Luther Britton, George Roberson, Magnolia Rogerson, Theresa Rogers.

Eighth grade—Ruth Roebuck, Viola Harrison, Sallie Roebuck, Evelyn White, Rachel Mizelle.

Ninth grade—Vera Green Rogers, Mildred Ayers, Nossie Lee-Taylor.

## REMINISCENCES OF OLD TIMES

### Earned Only 50 Cents Per Day But Reared 9 Children

In a conversation with Julius H. Harrison, noted character and farmer of Williams township, offered, a few days ago, a comparison of the times as he saw them in his early youth and as he sees them now.

He related a number of the drawbacks the automobile has brought to the country, the elderly gentleman mentioning the heavy cost and the moral breakdown. He gives the automobile credit for many things, however. He said he saw a man hauling twelve tons of fertilizer a few days ago from Williamston to Roper on one truck in three trips, a distance of 30 miles. "It used to take me a whole day to haul three bags of fertilizer with a steer and cart to my home, ten miles away," he stated.

Speaking of hard times, he stated that he raised nine children by working for 50 cents a day excepting those times when he worked in the log woods and received 75 cents for a day's work. "I got up an hour before the crack of day and generally worked until dark," he stated in explaining what a day meant at that time.

He says times are not so unfavorable now, but that he was finding it a bit hard to pay taxes.

## Lift Fruit Quarantine In Western Florida Area

The Mediterranean fruit fly quarantine placed on West Florida has been lifted there and growers are now permitted to ship their fruits, according to an order issued by Arthur M. Hyde, Secretary of Agriculture.

The area released contains about 800,000 citrus fruit trees and is a big grower of peaches, pears, grapes and berries. The orange section of the State is not yet released from the quarantine.

## LEGIONNAIRES IN INTERESTING MEET MONDAY

### Thirty Ex-Service Men Are Now Enrolled In The Local Post

### F. D. WINSTON SPEAKS

Arrangements Have Been Made By Commander To Have Speakers Address Men In Future

One of the most enthusiastic meetings held here in many months was that which the American Legion held last night at the local Legion Post building. Judge Winston was the principal speaker and made a most interesting speech on the necessity of economy in our every day life. He traced the history of the wars of our nation and told of his acquaintance with people who were connected with every war since the first war which the country had in 1776. The Judge was at his best and his hearers were carried away with the wonderful force of his personality as well as with the charm and graciousness of his manner and with the eloquence and ease of his speech.

Mr. Henry Spruill who came over with the Judge told in an informal way of the work that is being done by the Legion in Windsor and of the enthusiasm which is manifested there by the ex-service men in the work of the Legion.

Eight new members were added to the Post, bringing up the total of paid members in the local Post to thirty with ten more who have signified their intention to join which makes a total of forty so far, but at the rate the men are coming in and the way the men are showing their interest it is confidently predicted that in the course of a few meetings the membership will grow to more than a hundred. The Commander made the announcement that he had made arrangements for speakers to address the meetings and the Honorable Hallett Ward has consented to speak March 10. He will speak on the economic situation as it pertains to taxation and the production of agricultural and industrial commodities in this part of the State. Other speakers and subjects will be announced from time to time and the ex-service men has a treat in store for him judging from the subjects which are to be treated in the speeches of these men who are coming in to speak at the Legion meetings.

Many of the Legion men when seen were most enthusiastic over the prospects of the Legion Post here and expressed themselves as willing to share the good things which are to be discussed at the local Post with the people of the community who would like to hear these speakers and familiarize themselves with these subjects, and it may be that the Legion will transfer these meetings to the City Hall to give the people of the community the opportunity to hear these speakers when they come to deliver their messages to the men of the Legion.

We feel that every ex-service man should connect himself with this organization as it will mean a great deal to him to associate himself with his brothers of the service and will help to make the Legion a greater power in the way of more adequately taking care of the men who need the help because of the service which they gave and which took their health oftentimes mental as well as physical and who need all the help and support which the Legion is striving to give to every unfortunate Comrade.

There are nearly a thousand ex-service men in Martin county and if these men can be made to feel the importance of their connecting themselves with this great organization it will bring them into touch with the work which the Legion is doing all over the United States for their benefit and will make them feel that they are one more shoulder to shoulder with their Comrades but now in bringing peace and good will instead of war and helping in every way that they can to contribute to the well being of every ex-service man wherever he may be found in the State or Nation.—Reported.

## SPEAKS BEFORE MASONS HERE

### High Priest of the Grand Chapter Stresses Importance of Work

W. J. Roach, of Lewell, N. C., Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, was here yesterday and met with members of the local lodge.

Mr. Roach made a short lecture on the importance of the Masonic work and pointed out the opportunities that are open to Masons to help get people back in safer paths. He intimated that Masonry has had a rather hard time along with other fraternal organizations even the churches during the past decade. He attributed the cause to the many high-powered pleasures of this age. He expressed himself as pleased with the progress being made in the local chapter that he finds in some others in the State.

## Colored Man Is Badly Cut On Head While Playing

Buck Slade, colored, was badly cut about the head in what was termed a friendly scuffle with Willie Clifton Davis at Brown's pressing club on Washington Street yesterday morning. Davis was arrested but was later released when Slade told officers that he and Davis were playing and that he was accidentally hit over the head with a bottle.

Unable to prosecute Davis when the main witness withheld the facts, officers dropped the case.

According to rumors, the two men were fighting following a dispute started in a crap game. Fearing that he would be arrested and charged with gambling, Slade is believed to have offered the "play" version of the story rather than disclose the real facts.

## GIVE BIBLE AND FLAG TO SCHOOL

### Exercises To Be Held At Local School Next Thursday at 2:15

The Martin Council No. 122 of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, of this place, will present a Bible and flag to the local high school next Thursday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock, it was announced by Councillor J. Sam Getsinger recently.

A program appropriate to the occasion has been prepared. Dr. Charles E. Brewer, president of Meredith College, being scheduled to deliver the principal address.

Dr. Brewer is National Vice-Councilor of the Junior Order and is very much interested in its work. He recently delivered an address at Bethel, the Robersonville council presenting a flag and Bible to the school there at the time.

In addition to Dr. Brewer's address, several of the local ministers and lawyers will take short parts in the program.

The public is cordially invited to attend the exercises and a goodly attendance is expected.

## WOMAN'S CLUB MEET THURSDAY

### School Pupils Will Present "Live-at-Home" Program

There will be a very interesting meeting of the Women's Club on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. One of the features of the meeting will be a live-at-home program which will be given by pupils of the grammar and high schools. Another feature will be the visit of Mr. W. R. Watson, principal of the city schools, to the club.

The president of the club has invited Professor Watson to present any problems that might have been worked out through a parent-teacher association, but since there has been no association organized this year, the club will offer to cooperate with the school and the teachers in any problems they may need to have worked out.

Since all the women of the town and community are interested in the school and the activities of the children, a cordial invitation is extended to every one to attend this meeting.

The program, dealing with the Live-at-Home movement, has been carefully prepared by the chairman of the program committee. Prize winners in the several contests held in connection with the Live-at-Home movement in the local school will read their papers before the meeting next Thursday.

The names of the winners have not yet been announced by the judges, but the decisions will be rendered before Thursday, it was stated. Booklets and posters from the primary grades will also be on display to the parents at the meeting.

## 58 LOSE LIVES BY AUTO IN JANUARY

### 280 Persons Injured In 196 Accidents, Department Report Shows

Raleigh—Automobile accidents took 58 lives in North Carolina last month, an average of nearly two a day, the report of W. C. Spruill, assistant director of the Motor Vehicle Department of the State revealed.

In January of last year there were 43 persons killed by automobiles in this State.

The report listed 280 persons injured in addition to the 58 fatalities, in 196 accidents. Fifty-eight pedestrians were injured during the month.

Accidents were more numerous on the highways than they were in cities, it was pointed out in the department's report.

A majority of the accidents was brought about by collisions between automobiles, 155 falling in this class. Twenty-four accidents were caused by crashes with trains and five with street cars.

In 1929, 690 automobile fatalities were reported to the department, and it was admitted that January, 1930, had got off to a "mighty strong start."

## Five Face Murder Charge In Mecklenberg Court

The trial of five men charged with the killing of Ella May Wiggins, near Gastonia, last fall, began in Mecklenberg county yesterday morning.

This is the last of the murder cases growing out of the mill strikes in Western North Carolina a few months ago.

The case is being pushed by both the State's solicitor and Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, it being one of very few cases where the attorney general of the State has prosecuted in a superior court.

## 25 Pair of Birds Are Expected Here Tonight

Twenty-five pairs of Mexican quail are expected here this evening for distribution throughout the county during the next few days, County Game Warden Hines stated this morning. Many applications have been filed for the birds, it was stated.

## Burning Woods To Destroy Boll Weevils Is Condemned By Agricultural Authorities

## DEATH OF MRS. MARY PIPPEN

### Funeral Services Held at Hamilton Home Last Saturday Morning

Mrs. Mary Virginia Phippen, one of Hamilton's most beloved citizens, died at her home there early last Friday morning following a lingering illness of more than a year.

Mrs. Phippen was born in Hamilton 54 years ago, the daughter of the late King Gladstone and wife. She was married to Mr. Thurston F. Phippen who with four children, one son Ernest Phippen, of Hamilton, and three daughters, Mrs. D. G. Matthews, Mrs. C. D. Perkins and Miss Ruth Phippen, survives. She also leaves one brother, Frank L. Gladstone, of Hamilton. Two brothers, the late Messrs. William E. and R. K. Gladstone, died a number of years ago, and a sister, Mrs. J. B. Anthony, died a year ago.

The funeral services were conducted Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at the residence by Rev. E. P. West, of the Hamilton Baptist Church, of which Mrs. Phippen had long been a member. Interment followed in the local cemetery.

The active pallbearers included Messrs. H. S. Johnson, R. A. Edmondson, T. B. Slade, W. J. Beach, D. G. Matthews and W. F. Haislip.

## AGENT TO MAIL CENSUS BLANKS

### To Make Ready for Census Takers in County Next April

Approximately 1,000 sample census blanks are being mailed this week to various farmers in this county. The blanks are being mailed to the farmers in an effort to acquaint them with the questions that will be asked by the census takers next April, it was stated by County Agent T. B. Brandon who has been given the task of distributing the forms.

The farm carriers 232 questions dealing with all farm activities. The blanks are being used all over the country, making it unnecessary for any one individual community to answer all of the questions listed.

The census department is asking the farmers to study the schedule and discuss the form with their neighbors, as the law requires a report of every farm in the United States.

## SHERIFF HARRIS HURT IN WRECK

### Car Driven by Mrs. Tom Laughinghouse Turns Completely Over

Washington, Feb. 24—Sheriff and Mrs. James H. Harris, of Washington, are in the Pitt County Community hospital at Greenville suffering from injuries sustained in an automobile accident Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Greenville at the intersection of highways leading to Farmville and Kinston.

The car was driven by their daughter, Mrs. Tom Laughinghouse, who was uninjured. In an effort to avoid hitting an approaching car, which came from a filling station, the brakes were applied suddenly and with slippery roads the car turned entirely over heading itself toward Farmville, in the opposite direction.

Mrs. Harris is suffering from a broken collar bone and injuries to her back while Sheriff Harris is badly cut on the head, face and body.

Both patients passed a restless day and night and it is thought it will be several days before they will be able to return to their home.

## Car Damaged Here By Drunken Driver Sunday

The Oakland coupe, belonging to and driven by Mr. Norman Harrison, of this place, was damaged last Sunday evening on a local street when it was hit by a Chevrolet roadster, driven by W. Stokes, traveling salesman.

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## RESULTS DO NOT JUSTIFY COST IN RUINED TIMBER

### District Forester L. A. Carter Gets Answers To Recent Queries

One of the most used arguments in favor of the annual burning over of our forests or woodlands has been that to do so would materially aid in the control of the boll weevil. The division of forestry of the Department of Conservation and Development has always said that this argument was basically wrong, in that the vast majority of boll weevils that live through the winter do not hibernate in the woods.

In order to settle this argument an inquiry was sent to a number of county farm agents and to the man who heads the United States Department of Agriculture's investigation of cotton insects by District Forester L. A. Carter, of Windsor, N. C.

The following replies have been received by Mr. Carter and speak for themselves in condemning this practice.

Mr. B. R. Coad, entomologist in charge of cotton insect investigation for the United States Department of Agriculture, makes this statement: "This department has never recommended the widespread burning over of woodland as a weevil control measure, since we are sure that this would do more harm than good. Most weevil hibernation is confined to the margins adjoining cotton fields, that is, within 50 to 100 feet or so, and here the greatest benefit can be derived from burning out ditch banks, hedge rows, and similar places of dense growth."

Mr. Zeno Moore, county agent at large, of Edgecombe County, "if all the evidence could be presented to an impartial jury, I think that the damage that the boll weevil has wrought in the northeastern part of North Carolina has been greater as affecting our woodlands than has that done to the cotton crop, would be the verdict."

"Some have claimed to think that burning the woods would destroy the weevil. Does it break the seed of other insects? Of course, to burn a barn would inconvenience a few rats. But, first, can you afford it? Second, would you still be likely to have rats on your farm? This much is sure, when a fire goes through a wooded tract, it is destructive to natural insect enemies, including young birds, terrapins, and others. No need to say more."

J. B. Britt, county farm agent of Halifax County: "I am glad indeed to make a statement as to the burning of woods to destroy the weevil. Only wish I could make it strong enough that the idea would be forever obliterated from the minds of landowners that burning woods destroy the boll weevils. It is true that there are a few destroyed, yet there are sufficient left in other places to do serious damage to cotton, and what few are destroyed will not make any difference to cotton production. What if there were quite a few destroyed by fire? There is no economy in saving a few cents worth of cotton and destroying several dollars' worth of timber. A fire retards the growth of timber from two to eight years, depending upon the amount of covering that is on the ground and age of the trees at the time of the fire. This is true, to say nothing of young trees that are killed outright. Burning the woods to destroy the weevil reminds me of the old saying, 'Penny wise and dollar foolish.' If this is the only way that we are able to grow cotton, Eastern North Carolina will have more money in it at the end of 20 years if the farmers will let their cotton fields grow up in pines and keep the fires out than to burn the woods and grow one-half bale of cotton per acre. I know that this idea has been advocated by some of our department men in the past, but I hope that they, too, have seen the error, and are willing to let trees grow into dollars, forgetting a few cents that might be made on cotton by burning our forests."

B. E. Grant, county farm agent of Bertie County: "I wish to advise that woods burning for boll weevil is not advised by leading authorities on boll weevil, and is not, under any circumstances to be recommended.

"While some weevils may be destroyed through woods burning, this will not give effective control of them and the damage to our timber lands would be far greater than the benefits secured."

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal church will give a card party at the Woman's Club from 8 to 11:30 o'clock Friday night, February 28th. Progressive bridge will be played.

## RURAL CARRIERS IN MEETING HERE

### Over 100 Letter Carriers Representing Nine Counties, Attend

The organization of the rural letter carriers in this part of the State was perfected at a call meeting held here last Saturday, more than 100 representatives from Martin, Bertie, Hertford, Northampton, Pitt, Beaufort, Washington, Tyrrell and Green counties attending the session.

Calling the meeting to order, State President A. S. Branch, of Wilson, made a few remarks and introduced Mr. C. H. Howard, ex-president of the national association of St. Pauls, N. C. who addressed the body on organization and advantages of the Rural Letter Carriers Association.

Mr. Jessup, the postmaster of Hertford, followed with a short talk on the duty of the carrier to the government and his patrons and loyalty to both.

Judge R. J. Peel, of this place, in one of his characteristic speeches, full of pep and enthusiasm, lavishly praised the rural carriers as a body.

Organization was next in order, the Tar River Rural Letter Carriers which includes Pitt, Beaufort, Green and Hyde counties, was formed. A second association, including Martin, Washington and Tyrrell counties and known as the Roanoke Rural Letter Carriers Association, was next formed. The Chowan Rural Letter Carriers, including those of Bertie, Hertford and Northampton counties, also formed themselves into an association.

The rural letter carriers are looking forward to their convention which will be held this year at Asheville on July 3rd and 4th. According to reports coming from the meeting held here last Saturday, Eastern North Carolina will be well represented at the State meeting.

## TAKE RELIGIOUS CENSUS OF TOWN

### Survey Will Be Made By All the Churches On March Ninth

A religious census of the town will be taken the second Sunday in March, it was announced yesterday morning following a meeting of the local ministerial association. There has been no religious census made here in a number of years, and according to the belief of the association one will be of much help in carrying on religious work in the town and community.

Zones and territories will be mapped for the canvassers who will make calls to all the homes in an effort to get a correct list of all the people and their church affiliations. According to present plans, the canvassers will meet at the Christian church at two o'clock, March 9th and receive their zone or territory assignments there.

The ministerial association is hopeful that the survey will prove a success, and is asking, as far as possible, all the citizens to remain at their homes between 2 and 3 o'clock that afternoon, it having been estimated that the survey can be completed within that hour.

## FEW GROWERS SIGN CONTRACT

### Martin County Growers Are Little Interested In The Association

According to unofficial reports received here, Martin County peanut growers are taking very little interest in the organization of a peanut association, very few farmers having signed and returned contracts up until this morning.

Unless other sections have rallied to the proposed organization of the association, the 1929 crop will go entirely unaffected, it is understood.

Hopes for an association by next September are still entertained, and active work will continue, it is understood.

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