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ASK CHANGE IN SITE PROPOSED NEGRO SCHOOL

Mayor Coburn Will Make Plea Against Washington Road Location

400 SIGN A PETITION Discussion Of Proposed Site Scheduled At Meeting of Educational Board Here Tonight

Armed with a petition bearing the names of approximately 400 people, both white and colored, Mayor Coburn will appear before the county educational board in a meeting here tonight in connection with the selection of a site for the new colored school to be built in this district.

The facts in the case have not been fully disclosed by the committee appointed to investigate the location of the building, and it might be that certain cost factors will determine the selection of the site. However, more than 80 per cent of the colored population, according to figures learned through Mayor Coburn, is opposed to the Washington road site. "They are not interested in selling real estate, they are making an earnest plea to have the building conveniently located, a location where danger does not present itself on every turn," Mayor Coburn remarked this morning.

Mass meetings have been held on different occasions, and a marked interest has been displayed by the colored citizens in locating the building. Yet very little has been heard from them, other than pleas for the adoption of some other site than the one on the Washington road.

PISTOL TOTER IS ARRESTED HERE

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck Trails Down Linwood Roberson To Find Weapon

The Washington Street business section was temporarily interrupted early yesterday morning when Sheriff Roebuck trailed down Linwood Roberson, young white boy, under the suspicion that he was carrying a pistol. He was cornered in the J. L. Peel jewelry store, where the weapon was found.

It was learned from Mr. Peel that the boy had carried the pistol there for repairs. It was with hesitancy that the boy admitted ownership of the weapon. He was placed in jail and later released when it was learned he was under bond for his appearance before Judge Meekins in the Federal court where the crime will be considered.

Young Roberson was arrested on June 23 by Federal agents in connection with a liquor raid.

Program of Services at the Local Baptist Church

Last Sunday there were 182 in attendance at the sessions of the Sunday school. Mr. Bryce Little, of Wilson, delivered a very acceptable address before the morning congregation.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the pastor will deliver his last sermon before going with his family on a three-week's vacation. The Sunday school and Young People's groups will meet as usual.

Mr. Sam Andrews Suffers Severe Cut On His Arm

Mr. Sam Andrews, farmer of near here on the Jamesville road, suffered a severe cut on his arm while working at a wood saw Wednesday afternoon. The saw is said to have cut its way through the flesh and partly through the bone at the elbow before Mr. Andrews could clear himself.

While the outcome of the wound is doubtful, attending physicians consider it a very serious one.

Holy Communion Church of the Advent Sunday

Rev. A. H. Marshall, rector. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Holy Communion and sermon at 11 a. m.

You are cordially invited to attend these services, as they will be the last until the first of next month, as the rector will be away on his vacation. The Sunday school will continue as usual, but the Church services will be discontinued.

Program of Services At St. Martin's Church

Rev. A. H. Marshall, Rector. Holy Communion and sermon, at 9 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

The service at 9 o'clock next Sunday morning will be the only service for the rest of this month on account of the rector being away on his vacation. All the members of the congregation and friends are urged to come to this service.

Number of Watches Stolen From Local Jewelry Store Are Recovered This Week

\$75 TIMEPIECES ON SALE FOR AS LITTLE AS \$1.75

Sheriff and Chief of Police Run Down Quantity of Stolen Goods

TWO ARE ARRESTED Enter Rear Door of Peele Jewelry Store and Steal Goods While Owner's Back Is Turned

Jake Edwards, 16 years old, and Major Latham, 23 years old, both colored, were placed in the local jail this week in connection with an estimated \$500 robbery of the Peele jewelry store here on July 19. Young Edwards admitted his part in the robbery when Chief of Police W. B. Daniel and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck established sufficient evidence to warrant the arrests. Latham denied having entered the store.

Facts relative to the robbery and the recovery of the goods have been closely guarded during the past several days while officers investigated the case, and up until yesterday knowledge of the happening was limited to only a few parties.

Taking the case early last Tuesday morning, when the owner of the store, detected the robbery, Officers Roebuck and Daniel have already effected the recovery of practically all the goods removed. The recovery was not made complete, however, until the several watches had changed hands several times, one of the watches even wandering into the hands of the law two weeks before the robbery was reported by the store owner.

With meager information at their command, the officers started the search last Tuesday morning, soon after the stealing had been reported. James Wiggins, colored, when questioned as to the ownership of the watch in his possession, stated that he purchased it from the Latham boy for \$2.50. Other than the evidence embraced in the story offered by the Edwards boy, this is the only direct proof connecting Latham with the crime up to this time. Other developments involving him to a greater extent are expected shortly, it was learned in the office of the sheriff yesterday.

The climax to the officers' search came when reports carried them into "the islands," about seven miles from here. Walking up to Sam Cason, colored, Sheriff Roebuck inquired after the time of day. Cason jumped hurriedly from his seat on a log wagon and gazed longingly at the sun, apparently praying as he held his eyes toward the heavens that the action would prevent further questioning. Although he guessed within a few minutes of the right time, the camouflage, so well directed, failed him, and when the officers mentioned possible arrest he pulled the \$75 watch from his pocket. Developing the case further the officers learned that Cason had purchased the costly watch from Hamp Edwards for the measly sum of \$1.75. Hamp Edwards, when questioned, stated that he took the watch from his son, Jake.

The next watch was found in the possession of Office Allbrooks, of the local police force. Jake sold it to King David, colored boy, for \$1. King David sold it to "Shorty" Brown, another colored boy, making on the deal the handsome profit of 25 cents. Brown owned Officer Allbrooks some money, but as Brown was without funds he offered the watch to the officer as security. The robbery had not been reported at that time, and as no sale price had been mentioned, Officer Allbrooks suspected nothing.

The big deals were about over with the recovery of the third new watch, and the officers centered their activities on second-hand material. Base prices suffered a marked decline along with the decrease in value of the goods, as it was learned that R. D. Spruill, colored, had purchased a watch from Edwards for 20 cents.

Apparently Jake reintroduced the old barter system, for the next transaction was in the form of a trade of a watch to James Crew, colored, for a ride to a swimming hole.

The rogues apparently had a large clientele as the next of the stolen goods, a white gold watch case, was found in the hands of Harry Clinton Slade.

In describing the robbery, the young Edwards boy stated that he and Latham caught the store owner in the front of the store and slipped in the back door and removed the goods from an open safe, that Latham watched for him and he watched for Latham.

Sheriff Roebuck and Chief Daniel are continuing their work in the case, and no hearing will be held until present clues have been thoroughly investigated.

CASE MENINGITIS AGAIN REPORTED

7-Year-Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bland in Serious Condition

John H., the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bland, of near here, fell ill with meningitis the early part of this week, attending physicians yesterday stating that his condition was very serious. Hospital surgeons were summoned to the little fellow's bedside yesterday in an attempt to check the disease, but recovery was considered doubtful at that time.

According to the father, the child was slightly hurt Sunday afternoon while playing with a small coaster wagon. The bruise was located on the side, but the boy complained very little. Early Monday he reported a bad ache and was forced to his bed.

Several cases of the disease have been reported in this county during the past several months, but that of the little Bland child is the first that has been called to the attention of physicians recently.

Methodists Announce Program of Services

Sunday school at 9:45—Wm. H. Harrison, supervising.

Morning service at 11. Sermon by Rev. L. C. Larkin, pastor Branson Methodist Church, Durham.

Union service at 8 o'clock in charge of the local ministers, the Methodist Orphanage Singing Class rendering a musical program.

Senior League, Monday evening at 8. Hi-League, Tuesday evening at 8. Prayer service, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Training class, Thursday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

Program of Services At Christian Church

The Christian Church will hold its regular services Sunday morning. Bible school meets at 9:45 and church service at 11. The subject for the morning sermon will be "The Closed Door."

There will be no evening service, and the people are urged to attend the service at the Methodist Church under the auspices of the orphanage.

There will be a meeting of the young people at 7 p. m. for the purpose of organizing a Christian Endeavor Society.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ASA BIGGS

Former Congressman, United States District Court Judge, and United States Senator; Material Used Herein Was First Published in 1915 By The North Carolina Historical Commission

United States Senator

The session of 1852 was the regular period for the election of one Senator of the United States and the session of 1854 of the other. In consequence of the nearly equal division of parties in 1852 a contest arose between Mr. Dobbin, who was the regularly nominated candidate of the Democratic party, and Judge Saunders, who opposed him! and the session terminated without an election. The election of two Senators was therefore thrown upon the legislature of 1854, and of course excited much feeling and interest. Many names of high prominence were canvassed in the newspapers, and among a large number my name was mentioned; but I can with sincerity say to you that while it was gratifying to my ambition, I certainly felt no confidence or expectation that I would stand prominent (ly) for the position.

I did not reach Raleigh until the night before the session was to open; and then I ascertained that an active canvassing had been going on for a week by aspirants for these distinguished positions; and that my name was generally discussed. It was soon evidently the desire of the members to decide these elections as early as practicable, and to that end a caucus of the Democratic party was held on Tuesday night. I did not attend, although urged by some of my friends to do so; nor would I visit the members, as customary with others, concluding that it was a position not to be attained by personal solicitation. The session of the caucus was protracted, but the result was that I was nominated for the six-year term and Gov. Reid (then governor) was nominated for the short term of four years. On Thursday the election was held by the General Assembly and Governor Reid and myself were elected according to the nominations, which placed me as the successor of Mr. Badger (George Edmund Badger, Whig, had been Senator since 1846). Thus, unsolicited on my part, I was elevated to one of the most distinguished places in the gift of the State; and certainly enough to gratify the highest laudable ambition. I received this distinction with great diffidence, and a feeling sense of my deficiencies, but as a great honor to my county and family. With a firm resolution I determined to devote myself unreservedly to the best interests of my native State and if possible reflect credit upon my constituents and myself. Upon a review of all my surroundings, I strongly impressed upon my young friends that the great element of my success was a firm but temperate maintenance of principles, pursued with energy and a settled conviction of their truth. It was a remarkable success of one, unaided for family or fortune, with all the disadvantages of early life and a limited education, emphatically "the architect of his own

SEVEN SCHOOLS IN COUNTY GET SHARE IN FUND

County Will Get \$10,379.51 From State Board's Tax Reduction Fund

THIRD OF TOTAL COST Estimated Budget Call for \$25,457.59 To Operate Seven Schools Extra Two Months

The seven schools in this county enjoying extended terms will receive collectively \$10,379.51 from the State as their share in the tax reduction fund for the 1930-31 term, it was learned this week. The sum allotted this county is slightly more than one-third of the estimated cost for operating the seven schools for the extra two months. As compared with the allotment made the seven schools last year the \$10,379.51 fund is larger by only \$847.56.

To operate the schools in question during the seventh and eighth months, it is estimated that \$25,457.59 will be required, leaving the special districts to raise \$15,078.08. The small increase will be of little value in effecting a reduction in tax rates as compared with the rate levied by the special districts last year, it is thought. It is understood that the salary increments in some of the districts will exceed the small increase by several times.

The eighth district, Bear Grass, enjoying an eight-months term, was not included in the list of schools receiving funds. However, special requests have been entered and it is thought that the district's allotment will be made known by the officials in Raleigh within the next few days or weeks. The Bear Grass district only recently voted the extra tax, the action coming too late to have its name entered in the large group.

CURING TOBACCO

Martin County Farmers Approaching Height of Their Busy Season

Farmers throughout Martin and the other counties in the bright leaf tobacco belt are now approaching the height of their curing season, with little prospect for very much rest for another month. Farmers generally seem to be satisfied with their crop, most of them reporting that the leaf is "curing out" better so far than they expected.

Orphans To Sing at Union Service Here Sunday at 8

In the place of the union worship service Sunday evening, the Orphanage Singing Class from Raleigh will sing at the Methodist church. There are three hundred and thirty-three children at the institution and it has developed a singing class of a very high order.

Boards Will Meet Tonight To Consider School Budget

Board of Education Suggests Schools Open September 15th

Due to many requests that the opening date for schools of the county be postponed, the Board of Education in session here this week named the 15th day of September as the opening date. In order to give elasticity to this ruling, the members suggested that objectors to this date might open their schools at any subsequent time which was four weeks later than the 15th, but not later than the 10th of the November.

It was pointed out that under this plan payrolls would come due concurrently, and that reasonable time after the close of school would

be allowed the office in which to make up the statistical report which must go to the State Department before the close of the fiscal year. This is also done, according to the officials, to enable the farmer to have his children longer during the tobacco harvesting and grading season, preferably taking the vacation period in the fall rather than in the spring.

Along with this suggestion, the board thought it wise to recommend only one week for Christmas holidays, dating from December 24th until the 1st of January, or beginning December 20th and opening the 29th.

DIFFICULT TASK FACES MEMBERS OF TWO BOARDS

Facts and Figures Will Be Presented As To Costs Last Year

TOWNSHIP RANKINGS

Average Per Pupil Cost In Martin County Last Year Was From \$26.92 To \$52.86

The adoption of the 1930-31 school budget for this county will be considered at a joint meeting of the county board of education and county commissioners in a meeting here tonight, the commissioners meeting this afternoon for a preliminary discussion. The task is apparently the most difficult in the list of duties. With a plea for education on the one hand and a cry for lower taxes on the other, the officials are facing tonight the most difficult task of the year, it is believed.

Facts and figures have been prepared by the county superintendent showing the last year's operation costs, and the estimated costs for the coming term. Aside from salary increments, which are more or less necessary under the State system, and the increase in the number of teachers, costs would be about the same if not lower.

The average cost per pupil in each of the districts last term has been determined, Williams Township ranking lowest with a cost of \$26.92 for 79 pupils during the six months term.

It cost \$45.74 for each pupil in Jamesville last term; 420 pupils costing \$19,210.80. Approximately 380 attended for 8 months, the remainder attending for six months only.

The cost in Griffins was \$28.95 for each of the 210 pupils attending in that district.

Bear Grass reported a cost of \$39.05 per pupil for 265 pupils, 225 of the number for seven months.

The average cost per pupil in Williams was \$41.68 for the 617 attending the full eight months.

In Cross Roads the cost was \$34.16 for each of the pupils enrolled.

The per-pupil cost in Robersonville was \$43.71, there being 640 enrolled; most of the number attending the full eight months term.

Hamilton reported a \$43.06 per pupil cost and Goose Nest \$52.86.

The proposed budget for the coming term calls for ten additional white teachers, six for the elementary grades and four for the high schools. As the budget now stands, the teaching load in the various schools will be as follows during the coming term:

Jamesville, 15 teachers (same as last year), 28 pupils to each teacher; Williams will have three teachers, or a load of 26 1-2 pupils per teacher; Griffins remains the same, with 7 teachers having 30 pupils each; Bear Grass will get an additional high school teacher, giving each teacher an average of 29 8-9 pupils; Williamston gets one additional elementary teacher and two high school teachers, resulting in an average of 30 17-20 pupils per teacher; two additional teachers will be in the Cross Roads district, making a total of ten teachers with 26 pupils each; Robersonville gets an additional teacher, bringing the list to 22, and each having an average of 29 1-11 pupils; Hamilton gets an additional teacher, bringing the list to 9, with a teaching load of 29 8-9 pupils; Goose Nest will get one more teacher, the eleven in the faculty having a teaching load of 30 9-11 pupils.

The proposed budget will effect the following increases and consequently a greater per pupil cost:

	Budget Increase	Pupil Cost
Jamesville	\$3,385.23	\$53.80
Williams	622.14	34.82
Griffins	1,208.09	34.69
Bear Grass	3,274.38	51.40
Williamston	2,787.01	46.19
Cross Roads	2,766.07	44.81
Robersonville	2,394.30	47.44
Hamilton	1,513.54	48.62
Goose Nest	17.93	52.86

Former Pastor To Preach Here Sunday Morning

Rev. L. C. Larkin, a former pastor of the local Methodist Church, will exchange pulpits with Rev. D. A. Petty Sunday, and will preach at the 11 o'clock hour. Mr. Larkin is pastor of Branson Church, Durham, one of the beautiful churches of that city.

Mr. Larkin made many friends during his pastorate here and it is predicted that a large congregation will hear him.

Mr. Petty will preach at Branson Church, Durham, where both he and his wife were members from childhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Godwin left this morning for Asheville where they will visit several days.

STOLEN PAPERS ARE RECOVERED

After Searching Boxes and Finding No Money Thief Reutns Mortgages

The several deeds, notes, and mortgages removed from the home of Mr. Alonza Allen, near Everetts, last Friday night, were found in Mr. Allen's tobacco field early this week. As far as it could be determined, the papers had been searched, but were not damaged in the search.

Apparently the thief or thieves thought the papers in the cigar boxes were greenbacks, as they carried the boxes away and returned them later after making the search. After finding the trunk, Mr. Allen stated that a careful search of the field was made when the tobacco was suckered, but the boxes containing the notes were not seen. Early this week when laborers were harvesting the tobacco, they found the notes and other papers.

To Cut Off Water Unless Bills Are Paid Promptly

at their last regular session, authorized the superintendent of the water department to cut off all connections to the city system unless the water bills were paid by the 16th of each month.

The town treasurer claims that the water department, in recent months, has been changed to a collecting agency, and because of the extra trouble and expense in making collections the board has asked that no further extensions be made, regardless of who the customer may be.

GEORGE HEATH STILL AT LARGE

Continue Efforts To Arrest Man Who Attempted Criminal Assault

Although every effort is being made to effect his capture, George Heath, charged with attempted criminal assault upon Miss Frances Jenkins, of near Oak City, early last Sunday morning, continues at large. The colored man is said to have attempted to attack the girl as she slept at a tobacco barn during the absence of her father who had left a few minutes before to care for a near-by tobacco barn.

The man was frightened away and is believed to have made his escape on a freight train running through Hobgood a short while after the attempted assault.

According to information received from the sheriff's office this morning, no clues leading to the man's arrest had been established at that time. However, a search for the negro continues in a number of towns.

SAYS TOBACCO IS LOW ON BORDER

Unofficial Average Opening Day Said To Be Not Over Seven Cents

"The farmers patronizing the border markets are in such a helpless state that they are complaining but very little at the low prices they are receiving for their tobacco," remarked Mr. S. C. Griffin upon his return from a trip in the border belt this week. "Tobacco is cheap, cheap," Mr. Griffin continued, "however, the common grades are selling as well as they did last year."

"Sixteen- and 18-cent tobacco is selling for around six and seven cents as compared with the sale last year," it was stated. The average unofficially reported on several of the markets was given at around seven cents.

Former Martin Citizen Dies in Chowan County

James J. Bembridge, resident of this county for about thirty years, died at his home in the Cowpen Neck section of Chowan County last week. He was about eighty years old. Interment was made in the Beaver Hill Cemetery, Chowan County.

When a young man, Mr. Bembridge moved to Martin from Tyrrell County and married Miss Cottie Hardison, of Williams Township. After living in that district for several years, they moved to Williamston, where they resided for a number of years before going to a farm in Chowan County.

County Baptists Announce Three Church Services

The Rev. W. B. Harrington will conduct three preaching services tomorrow night and Sunday, it was announced yesterday. Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock he preaches at Piney Grove and Sunday morning at 11 he will conduct a service in the Farm Life School auditorium. Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock he will occupy the pulpit in the Riddick's Grove Church.

Important Meeting of the American Legion Monday

There will be a special meeting of the American Legion at Legion Headquarters in the city hall next Monday evening at 8 o'clock when officers will be elected in accordance with Legion rules, after which the new law affecting the pension and disability compensation of veterans will be discussed.

All ex-service men of the county are urged to be present and especially the legion men as the meeting is a very important one.

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