

## CHURCH WOMEN TO HOLD MEET HERE TOMORROW

### Edenton Convocation Will Convene In The Church Of The Advent

The Edenton Convocation convened in the Church of the Advent here on November 17, 1910, during the rectorship of Rev. William J. Gordon, and comes to the parish for the first time since that date on tomorrow, Wednesday, October 28.

It is interesting to note that the Edenton Convocation was the first formed in the Diocese, and embraces the northeastern counties, many of which border on Virginia. The first auxiliaries organized were those at Edenton, Woodville, and Windsor. In 1908, there were three convocations, namely, Edenton, New Bern, and Wilmington. A change was made so that only Edenton and Wilmington remain, and these two cover the entire Diocese. For many years the meetings were held every fifth Sunday in the year in one of the parishes, but later only two meetings were scheduled to be held.

The late Rev. Nathaniel Harding was the first dean, and he was succeeded at his death by Dr. R. B. Drane. The present dean is Rev. Stephen Gardner, rector of St. Peter's church at Washington. Mrs. Victor Shelburne, of Washington, is president, and will preside over the meeting here tomorrow. She will use a gavel made of oak secured by Dr. Drane from Roanoke Island, where Virginia Dare was born and baptized. It was fashioned by Tiffany, of New York, and on it are inscribed the names of all the presidents of the convocation. It was the gift of Mrs. J. G. Stator, who for many years was Diocesan President of the Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. C. J. Sawyer, of Windsor, treasurer of the United Thank Offering, will be present at the meeting, as will Miss Mae Wood Winslow, of Hertford, educational secretary, whose address on India has been very interesting and instructive this year.

Bishop Thomas C. Darst, who is at New Bern today, will deliver an address during the morning session.

## UNIQUE TOPIC AT BAPTIST CHURCH

### Pastor Will Talk on Grand Opera Stars Who Came From Church Choirs

A unique service is announced for the Sunday evening hour at the Baptist church next Sunday evening. Working upon the idea that nearly all grand opera, grand concert, and oratorio singers, who have thrilled the heart of the musical world, have come out of the churches and church choirs, the pastor of the church has made a study of this matter, and is prepared to speak upon it at that hour.

The study has brought out the information that nearly all the world's great singers have come that way. They were first discovered in church choirs, popular attention was focused upon them in that way; and from the sympathetic hearings given them by groups of church people, they got their first impetus to go on in the pursuit of their work.

Such familiar names as those of Melba, Schumann-Heink, and Marion Talley, and literally dozens of others, have sung themselves to fame over this route. It is thought that all music lovers in particular and church people in general will enjoy this unique service.

## Al Capone Gets 11-Year Sentence in Leavenworth

Found guilty of evading the income tax laws, Alphonse Capone, notorious gangster and underworld dog, was last week sentenced by Judge James H. Wilkerson to serve 11 years in Leavenworth Prison and pay a fine of \$50,000.

Capone, the king of beer, liquor, and gambling rackets in Chicago, was found guilty after a long and expensive drive by the Federal government.

## Skewerke Masons Will Meet Here Tonight, 7:30

It was announced yesterday by officials of Skewerke lodge of Masons that a regular meeting would be held tonight at 7:30 in the lodge hall. All members are urged to be present and visitors are cordially invited. Particular attention is called to the change in time of meeting, 7:30, instead of 8 o'clock as in the past. There will be work in the second degree.

## Margolis Firm Offering Unusual Hose Bargains

Sizeable savings are being made possible in the hose purchases at Margolis Brothers' here this week, the firm offering Gold Stripe "Adjustables" for \$1.65 a pair. It is Gold Stripe Fashion week throughout the country, hence the savings to the public.

## CHURCH OF THE ADVENT



Where the Edenton Convocation will convene here tomorrow for the first time in nearly twenty-one years. Prominent church leaders, including Bishop Thomas C. Darst, and speakers will take part in the program.

## County Harvesting Large Potato Crop

### TOBACCO MARKET

The Williamston tobacco market had another large sale of the season yesterday when 256,793 pounds of the golden leaf were sold with the price average little changed from previous sales. It was late afternoon, almost sunset, when the sales were completed, many thinking that the market would block at 5 o'clock.

Sales today were less than 100,000 pounds with the prices no higher than they were yesterday, early estimates indicated.

## HOOVER TALKS TO METHODISTS

### Attacks Increased Armament Programs of Many World Powers

It was with an appealing voice that President Herbert Hoover addressed the world-wide Methodist conference in Atlanta from the Cabinet room in Washington last Sunday afternoon. "Be thy brother's keeper and help in this world-wide depression," the President pleaded, pointing out that the depression was in every land.

In many of his late speeches, the Chief Executive has urged the people to aid the unemployed. The President, in his Sunday afternoon address to the Methodists, struck at increasing armament among nations and said such material manifestations of a fear of war adversely affected economic conditions.

"It seems strange and incredible that after all the centuries of man's experience with war, we still have to discuss it and to argue against it. It seems even more strange that with all the crushing burdens resting upon every nation because of wars we still make progress against them at snail's pace. The nations groan under taxation, people in all lands suffer daily from economic depression, governments are perplexed—and yet we go on using incalculable sums in evident dread of those that may come upon us. A new mind must be made in the world on this subject; a new spirit must be created within the nations and between the nations. And I appeal to you as representatives of Methodists everywhere to unite with all other lovers of good will and followers of the Prince of Peace for the making of human brotherhood, in which the peace of God shall prevail in the lives of men."

## CONNER RITES SET FOR TODAY

### Rich Square Editor Died In Rocky Mount Hospital Last Sunday, 7 P. M.

Rich Square, Oct. 27.—Funeral services for Andrew J. Conner, editor of the Roanoke-Chowan Times, will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 from the Methodist church here and will be conducted by the pastor, Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald.

Mr. Conner died Sunday night at 7 o'clock in Park View hospital, in Rocky Mount, where he had undergone an operation several days before in an effort to save his life. He was in his seventy-second year. He is survived by his wife, who was, before marriage, Miss Ella Parker, of Rich Square, and several children.

Mr. Conner was an outstanding citizen of his community and county and section. He had edited the Rich Square paper for 40 years, making it one of the best and most influential weeklies in the State, noted particularly for its able and fearless editorial policies.

## THIRTY CURING HOUSES WILL BE USED THIS YEAR

### Price Very Low at Present, But Is Expected To Be Better in Spring

Martin County farmers are now harvesting their largest sweet potato crop in the history of agriculture, some of the larger farm owners harvesting the tubers from 100 acres and more. While the crop is the largest on record, it is still not a large crop, many farmers raising only their own requirements.

Up until late last Saturday, J. G. Stator had stored approximately 13,000 bushels of the tubers in his curing house here. Two rooms are already under steam, and several more will be made ready for the curing process with in the next few days.

Approximately 30 curing houses will be in operation in the county this season, but with three or four exceptions the capacity of the houses is limited to a few hundred bushels.

The price of the potatoes is unusually low, but in the spring more remunerative prices are expected. Reports from Currituck and other far eastern counties state that prices are as low as 20 cents a bushel on the farms. Maryland growers, raising a potato slightly different from the one cultivated in this section, are said to be selling their crop as low as 10 cents a bushel at the present time. These potatoes are not cured, but are dumped on the market before freezing weather comes.

The Station curing house here is believed to be the largest in this part of the country, and will hold approximately 30,000 bushels of the tubers.

In addition to curing the potatoes grown on his own farms, Mr. Stator is in a position to handle about 5,000 bushels for other farmers, it was said yesterday.

## HONOR ROLL AT HAMILTON

### Names of Twenty-one Pupils Appear on First Month Honor Roll

Twenty-one pupils in the Hamilton school met all requirements to have their names appear on the scholastic honor roll for the first month, it was reported yesterday by Principal W. E. Plyler. The roll:

First grade: Erma Lee Dail and Warren Robbins.

Second grade: Julia Scott, Cindy Scott, Beulah Silverthorne.

Third grade: Iris Ewell, Beatrice Girvin, Mildred Dail, Elizabeth Girvin, William Beach.

Fourth grade: Mary Slade, Alma Ewell, Lillian Robbins, Richard Salisbury, Jimmy Deal.

Fifth grade: Sadie Butler.

Sixth grade: Elsie Davis, Elizabeth Haislip, Maggie Jutry Cox.

Seventh grade: Robert Davis, Dolly Myers.

## Everett High School Pupils Reorganize Glee Club There

Everetts, Oct. 27.—The students of Everetts High School met in the school auditorium Friday morning, October 23, and reorganized the Everetts Glee Club for the year of 1931-32.

The officers elected for the year are the following: President, Hilton Forbes; vice president, Gentry Mills; secretary and treasurer, Sadie Mallory; marshalls, Janie Biggs and Eula Mae Bailey; pianist, Helen Keel; news reporter, Hazel Faulkner; club leader, Miss Ina Mae Williams.

## ASKS NO PLEDGE FROM MEMBERS OF LEGISLATURE

### Solons Will Be At Liberty To Act As They Please If Session Is Called

Raleigh, Oct. 27.—Issuing his first formal statement on the question of acreage reduction since his exchange of telegrams with Governor Sterling, of Texas, before the passage of the Texas cotton curtailment law, Governor O. Max Gardner yesterday declared that if he calls a special session of the North Carolina Legislature he will not seek a pledge from members to consider no other legislation, "because to undertake to do so would, in my opinion, indicate a lack of faith and confidence in the patriotism of the General Assembly itself."

The Governor did not, in his statement, commit himself as to calling the session, but said that he was giving serious consideration to every phase of the question. He states twice as many members of the General Assembly had asked that there be no session as had asked for one, but that the latter group had been more outspoken in their views.

Of perhaps more significance was the failure of the Governor to mention the request that has been made that as the Governor of the largest tobacco-growing state he call a conference of the Governors of Virginia, South Carolina, and Georgia to consider uniform legislation for the reduction of tobacco. The Governor, who has been urged to take this action on the ground that it was in line with his own suggestion to the Governor of Texas, had previously stated he was giving the matter serious consideration.

"There is nothing ready for publication about the matter yet," was his reply yesterday, when asked as to the omission of this matter from his statement.

While the Governor declined to elaborate this reply or to say whether or not negotiations are now under way with the other Governors, it is assumed that a definite statement on the matter will be forthcoming shortly.

## HONOR ROLL AT EVERETTS

### Names of Seventeen Pupils Appear on Roll for The First Month

The names of 17 pupils appear on the scholastic honor roll of the Everetts school for the first month of the 1931-32 term, Principal Hix announced last night. The list:

First grade: Dora O'Neil Bailey, William Mallory, Reuben Bailey, Leonard Harrison.

Second grade: Florine Clark, Pattie Etheridge.

Third grade: Ruth Evelyn Forbes, Agnes Hopkins.

Fourth grade: Mary Ruth Mallory, Eula Mae Leggett, Jesse Rawls.

Fifth grade: Mattie Louise Keel.

Seventh grade: Anna Louise Taylor, W. E. Grimes.

Tenth grade: Helen Keel, Hazel Faulkner.

Eleventh grade: Glenn Grimes.

## COUNTY COUNCIL NAMES OFFICERS

### Mrs. W. L. Taylor Heads Home Demonstration Clubs This Year

At the regular business meeting of the county council of home demonstration clubs held at the Woman's Club room October 22, Mrs. Will Taylor was elected president; Mrs. A. B. Rogerson, vice president; Mrs. T. M. Woodburn, secretary; and Mrs. Effie Whitehurst, treasurer.

Owing to the shortness of the business session, it was impossible to elect all the officers necessary for this year. All clubs will be urged to elect a welfare chairman in each club and cooperate with all county organizations assisting with welfare work in any way. The State-wide plan for aiding the unemployed and for relief will be given at all club meetings in the near future. Sewing circles are urged in clubs where clothing is necessary in the communities.

## BEAR GRASS P. T. A.

The Bear Grass Parent-Teacher Association will hold its first meeting of the current term in the school building there Thursday night of this week, it was announced by Mrs. Knezer Harrison, president of the organization.

All members of the association and patrons of the school who have not joined are urged to be present for the meeting this week.

## Bankers From Dozen Eastern Counties To Meet Here Friday

### STOLEN CAR IS RECOVERED IN SELMA FRIDAY

#### Coupe Belonging to Leslie Fowden Had Been Driven Over 1,500 Miles

The Ford coupe belonging to Mr. Leslie T. Fowden, stolen from his home here last Tuesday morning, was recovered in Selma last Friday, the thief escaping arrest.

During the four days the car was in the hands of the thief, it had been driven between 1,500 and 2,000 miles, local garage men estimating the damage at \$150.

Soon after the car was stolen, the thief painted over the green spokes in the wheels and marked out the green decorative stripes on the body. The several indentions on the top and fenders made by hail stones in a storm several months ago were still there, and identification was easy.

When Messrs. Jesse and Julian Harrell, representing the car owner, called for the Ford at Selma last Saturday they were advised that the police chief there was out of town and would not be back until late that night. The assistant chief refused to let it go, and a visit to each of the councilmen was useless. Locating the town attorney there, the representatives told him their story, and he made it possible for them to get the car. He talked with the policeman, while Jesse and Jule went to the car, opened the locked door with a wire pushed through the floor boards and towed it away.

## COURT UPHOLDS CHAIN STORE TAX

### North Carolina Given Authority To Collect \$50 From Each Unit

Washington, Oct. 26.—North Carolina's chain store tax was stamped "constitutional" today by the Supreme Court.

The decision was the second of recent months in which the tribunal has upheld the authority of the States to impose a special levy upon this type of merchandising establishment.

Late last spring, the court sustained such a tax as levied by Indiana, in one of the five-to-four decisions that served to bring into prominence a new alignment of fundamental opinion among the members of the bench.

The division on the North Carolina tax, although announced as seven to two, was in effect another five-to-four verdict. Associate Justices Van Devanter and Sutherland, who voted against the Indiana levy, felt that the decision in that case should rule today and so joined the majority. Today's dissenters were Associate Justices Butler and McReynolds.

The chains said that not only was the State authorized to collect \$50 on each unit but that the town in which the store was located might also collect an equal tax.

The North Carolina tax was passed in 1929 before the court had decided the Indiana case.

## Former Martin County Man Is Hurt in Norfolk

J. S. Jones, a native of Martin County and a former resident of Jamesville, was seriously hurt in Norfolk last week when he was run down by an automobile. He suffered two breaks in one leg, a break in one arm, a dislocated ankle and lacerations about the face.

Mr. Jones, just off a street car, was waiting for several automobiles, in a line, to pass, when a young man, apparently in much haste, drove out of the line and struck him.

There were no internal injuries, and Mr. Jones is expected to recover.

Mr. Jones moved to Norfolk more than 20 years ago, and has many relatives now residing in this county.

## Benefit Picture Show Thursday and Friday

In an effort to procure funds for use in building up a library in the third grade here, the grade teachers have made arrangements with the management of the Watts theatre to handle the ticket sale to the pictures Thursday and Friday nights of this week. Miss Beatty Harrell, teacher, said yesterday. The pupils of the grade will canvass the town, and tickets will be on sale each day at Clark's Drug Store until 6 p. m. The grade will receive 50 per cent of the receipts from sales made by the children.

Regular prices will be charged, and the program, "Ina Claire in 'Rebound,'" is an unusually good one.

## Think You're Not Lucky? Look at This

Coming into this section last Friday, to buy chickens and eggs, O. G. Loftin, Portsmouth produce man, met with a series of adverse circumstances. The man had loaded his small truck with chickens and was several miles out of Washington when he saw a new Ford car, driven by the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hardison, of Williams Township, turn over. The car was resting bottom side up with the radiator and front wheels just off the concrete roadway headed toward the woods. Mr. Loftin drove up close to the overturned machine, but did not drive off the hard surface, later stating that he stopped his car on the road so the lights would shine on the wrecked car and its four occupants, all young people of this county.

Mr. Loftin, with several other travelers, righted the car after the young people crawled out, and was returning to his small truck when J. R. Campbell, of Jamesville Township, drove his Essex car with full force into the rear of the small truck, sending it down the road 50 or 75 yards. Mr. Loftin was making ready to get in his truck when the car struck it, knocking him down and breaking his arm.

Luck was against him from then on. A coop of chickens was stolen. At a Washington hospital he was charged \$55. During the night he declared some one removed \$85 from his pockets. Leaving the hospital late Saturday afternoon, Loftin was stopped here and relieved of his chickens under papers issued by Campbell in an effort to recover damages to his Essex car.

Mr. Loftin was here yesterday with his attorney to arrange bond and recover his chickens.

None of the occupants in the Hardison car was hurt and Mr. Campbell escaped unhurt. His Essex radiator was removed and other damages resulted in the crash.

## LITERARY GROUP IS REORGANIZED

### Wilsonian Literary Society Will Function Again in The Everetts School

Everetts, Oct. 26.—The Wilsonian Literary Society of Everetts High School was reorganized Wednesday morning, October 21, in the school auditorium.

The following officers were elected for the 1931-32 term: President, Sidney Mallory; vice president, Gentry Mills; secretary and treasurer, Ilene Wynne; critic, Miss Alma Baker; chaplain, Hilton Forbes; pianist, Helen Keel; chorister, Beatrice Roebuck; news reporter, Ella Cherry; marshal, Dalburgh Riddick.

It was decided that there would be two meetings held each month. The first meeting will be held Friday afternoon, October 30.

## WALTER GLASS DIES IN PARMELE

### Fatally Hurt When Struck by Hit-and-Run Driver Early Last Week

Walter Glass, the 50-year-old negro who was struck by a hit and run driver, near Robersonville, on the night of October 18, died at his home in Parmele last night.

Glass was paralyzed and was never able to use his body, although he was conscious and able to talk. He was apparently without feeling for some time after he was hit, but he regained his feeling a few days before he died. No x-ray picture was made, the attending physician expressing the belief that the trouble came from an injury to the spine near the base of the brain.

The driver of the car striking the man was never apprehended, although officers made diligent inquiry in an effort to locate the killer.

Glass is the second man to have been fatally hurt on the road within a distance of three miles of each other.

## Starts Suit for Divorce In Martin Superior Court

Mrs. Kathleen Wallace Lilley, of Jamesville, applied for a complete divorce from Herbert Lilley here last Saturday, the answer being returnable before the clerk of the Martin County Superior court the 24th of next month.

## HOOVERS CREDIT PLAN TO BE MAIN TOPIC DISCUSSED

### Visitors Will Probably Be Entertained at Hall of Woman's Club

Preparations are being made this week to entertain Group 1 bankers here next Friday evening, when they come here from a dozen counties to discuss President Hoover's National Credit Corporation. No details have been announced at this time, but it is understood that the visitors will be entertained at the Woman's Club hall.

The National Credit Corporation, around which the discussions will center at the meeting here Friday evening is recognized as a powerful force directed at the heart of the depression. From one end of the country to the other, bankers are pledging their support to the corporation. This general plan was made public October 6 at the White House conference of that date, and has since been under development. It consists of three main parts:

First—In order to get the funds of the people more promptly out of failed, or closed banks, the President suggested a plan for the collaboration of banks in various parts of the country in buying up and paying for the assets of such failed banks so that those who had claims against such failed banks might receive some portion of what was due them without longer awaiting the slow machinery of receiverships.

Second—In order to supply funds for assistance to banks not failed, but suffering from drains at the hands of active depositors, the President suggested a National Credit Corporation to aid such banks.

### Would Modify Reserve Act

Third—In order to bring the resources of the Reserve banks into use to their full extent, the President urged the modification of the Federal Reserve Act so as to allow banks to take to these reserve institutions their own "straight" notes, with bonds as collateral, and to receive the proceeds of the discount of such notes either in currency issued by the reserve banks or in credit on their books.

The National Credit Corporation has received the largest amount of attention among these various projects, but it has been subject to misunderstanding. As it has grown in detail, it calls for the organization of an enterprise with a nominal capital formed by representative bankers for the general relief of institutions in need of assistance in order to meet depositors' demands.

The concern would obtain its funds from all the banks of the nation willing to subscribe. Each bank has been asked to subscribe 2 per cent of its outstanding deposits, the funds, however, not to be called in except as asked for. The estimated total of such deposits is \$42,000,000,000. Each bank subscribing in this way would be entitled to accommodation from the corporation, when needed, up to the amount it subscribed whether that amount had been paid in or not.

For example, if Bank A, in, say, Ohio, had subscribed the sum of \$20,000, and having paid in \$5,000, should have need of aid, it could apply for funds up to \$20,000. It could, moreover, accept from other banks in its neighborhood allotments from their permitted allowances—if granted by the other banks.

## CLOSE SCHOOLS IN PERQUIMANS

### Action Taken In An Effort To Check Threatening Diphtheria Epidemic

Hertford, Oct. 26.—In order to prevent a possibly threatened epidemic of diphtheria, the Board of Health of Perquimans county, in a special session called this morning, ordered that all the schools in the county be closed for the period of one week; that Sunday schools be requested not to meet next Sunday; that drug stores and all soda fountains and dispensers of soft drinks be ordered not to serve drinks in other than paper cups; that parents of school children and children under school age be urged to request to keep such children from attending the picture show and all other public places during the period of one week, and a further resolution was passed warning all persons under quarantine, that upon conviction of violation of quarantine laws, any person will be fined \$50.

Scarlet fever is prevalent in many sections of the State, and in one or two towns in the western part of the State, schools have been closed.