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## WM. E. DANIEL, 74, DIES AT HOME OF SON SATURDAY

### Had Been in Feeble Health For Several Years: Final Rites Held Sunday

William Ed Daniel, 74 years old, died at the home of his son, Mr. W. B. Daniel, here last Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock of pneumonia. He had been in feeble health for several years, having suffered a stroke of paralysis some time ago. He hurt himself in a fall a few days ago, and that, it is believed, hastened the end.

Born in Pitt County December 8, 1857, Mr. Daniel moved to Martin when a small boy. In early manhood he married Miss Sarah Short, four children, Mrs. J. R. Bobbitt, of Rocky Mount; Mrs. J. R. White, of Abbeville, S. C.; and Messrs. W. B. Daniel and Charles L. Daniel, of Williamston, surviving the union. He was later married to Miss Lula Keel, and she, with four children, Messrs. Edgar Daniel, of Norfolk; Darrell Daniel, of Cape May, N. J.; Ben Daniel, of Plymouth; and Jack Daniel, of Williamston, survives. Until his health failed him several years ago, Mr. Daniel was a successful farmer.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. T. Rogers, Methodist minister, in the Holly Springs church, near here, Sunday afternoon. Interment was in the family grave yard at the old home place, in Williams Township.

Those attending the last rites from out of town include the following: Mrs. W. H. Yabe and son, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Langley, Mrs. J. G. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Williams and son, Messrs. Bill and Joe Bobbitt, C. L. Ivey, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Daniel and son, Fred, all of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Daniel and children, of Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bobbitt and 3 sons; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Boyd and Mrs. L. E. Hart, all of Rocky Mount; Mr. and Mrs. John White, of Abbeville, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Keel, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Keel, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bunting and Mr. Larry Bunting, of Robersonville.

## HEALTH REPORT NOT SO GOOD

### Typhoid Fever Makes Appearance With Two Cases Reported

The health report for the county was not so good last month, according to records found in the county health officer's office this week. Typhoid fever made its appearance during the period, and the summer is still ahead of us, a time in past years when many cases of the disease were reported throughout the county. Two cases were reported among white subjects last month. No public campaign against the disease has been planned in the county this year, the next schedule calling for a drive in 1933.

Whooping cough continues in Bear Grass Township, 14 cases having been reported there during April. There were four chickenpox cases, one case of German measles and one of scarlet fever.

Even though the report is not such a good one, health conditions in the county, as a whole, were favorable, it is understood.

## NAME MARSHALS AT SCHOOL HERE

### Selection of Marshals Made as Recognition of Work Done in School

School marshals for the year beginning April 15, 1932, were selected here this week, the selections being based upon scholarship records attained during the first seven months of the term. In announcing the marshals this year, Principal William R. Watson said:

"Selection as a school marshal is a school honor that is made in recognition of excellent scholastic work. The student having the highest scholarship average in the junior class is designated as chief marshal. Assistant marshals are selected as follows: Two juniors, two sophomores, two freshmen (one from each section)."

"School marshals are selected to serve for one year, and they are expected to serve at all public school functions.

"Marshals for the year beginning April 15, 1932, are: Chief, Jennie Green Taylor; juniors, Russell Roebuck and Marjorie Moore; sophomore, Olive McCabe and Jessie Mae Anderson; freshmen, Grace Manning (A) and Christine Jenkins (B).

## 64 Per Cent County Tax Levy Has Been Collected To Date

That Martin County property owners have accepted their tax responsibilities with a marked seriousness this year is indicated in a report released yesterday by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck. While comparative records are not available for the past month and for the same period last year, reliable estimates indicate that the percentage of taxes collected so far this year is greater than for last year. Sixty-four per cent, or \$147,202.13, have been collected to date on the 1931 levy, leaving \$86,078.27 unpaid.

When taxes were advertised for

sale last October, six months later than the scheduled advertised time, there were 882 unpaid accounts representing unpaid taxes in the sum of \$51,821.48. If collections hold up as well, and if the sales are postponed as long this year as they were last, it is believed that the unpaid accounts next October will be less than \$51,821.48, and the number of unpaid accounts will be smaller.

However, the postponement of the sale longer than a month is pending, and it might be that the sale will be ordered at the next regular meeting of the board.

## FRANCIS WINSTON



The grand old man from Bertie and champion speech maker, who will address the district home demonstration clubs in the Baptist church here tomorrow.

## 5 LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED

### Is Second Smallest Number Issued in One Month for Many Years

Five marriage licenses were issued in this county last month, two to white and three to colored couples. For the first time in almost a year has the number of licenses issued in the county been so small, the last July number being two less, or the smallest in many years.

Licenses were recorded as follows:

**White**  
Jasper Rogerson and Jennie Gray Beacham, both of Martin County.

**Colored**  
Joseph Caldwell Bond and Laura Watson, both of Bertie County.

Charlie Wallace and Lunette Slade, Martin County.

Major Carr and Verna May Purvis, Martin County.

## Tyrrell Farmers Ship Soybeans Cooperatively

The best way to dispose of surplus seed soybeans is to make up a cooperative carlot shipment, find growers of Tyrrell County, who recently made such a shipment at a profit above local prices.

## Seeks Specimens of Seventeen-Year Locusts

Dr. Z. P. Metcalf, entomologist at State College, has asked for specimens of the 17-year locust to be sent him when the insects appear in late May or early June, with data as to the place and time of securing the specimens.

## "Old Gray Mare Ain't What She Used To Be?"

Although the motor truck which hit an old gray mare attached to a milk wagon in Pottstown, Pa., had to be towed to a garage, the old gray mare, after shaking herself, resumed her regular route.

## TRIP FOR BOYS

A free trip to Washington City in a parlor car bus, under competent care, is being arranged by this newspaper in cooperation with several other papers in this section and will be given to any young boy in this section who will get out and sell a few subscriptions to The Enterprise during the next six weeks.

The offer is not a speculative one, for remuneration awaits every one taking an interest in the trip. Read the details in a display advertisement carried in this paper today.

Remember, the trip is free and gives you six days travel and includes on its program ball games and all points of interest in the nation's capital.

## DEMONSTRATION CLUBS TO MEET HERE TOMORROW

### Annual Session of Fifteenth District Clubs Will Be Held in Church

The fifteenth district meeting of the home demonstration club members of Tyrrell, Washington, Pitt, Beaufort and Martin Counties will be held in the Baptist church here tomorrow, Miss Lora E. Sleeper, agent for this county, announcing this morning that large delegations are expected to attend from each of the counties.

The gathering of club members here at 10 o'clock in the morning has been referred to as a "cotton district meeting," Miss Sleeper stating that a goodly number of the Martin club women had made print, gingham and cotton dresses for display during the day.

Judge Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, is scheduled to make the main address of the day. Mrs. O. H. Jackson, district chairman of Winterville, will preside over the sessions, it was announced. Mrs. A. B. Rogerson, of the Bear Grass Club, will make the address of welcome, and Mrs. W. C. Owens, of Tyrrell County, is scheduled to make the response. Mrs. Louie P. Martin will extend greetings from the Williamston Woman's Club. Other speakers include Mrs. T. M. Woodburn, of Eastern and Miss Mildred Ives, of Palestine Carolina Teachers' College, no subjects having been announced for several of the talks.

A luncheon will be served at the Woman's Club rooms immediately after the morning session, and in the afternoon a recreational program has been planned. Miss Sleeper is urging all county club members to attend, and extends a cordial invitation to any others interested to visit the meeting and make the district club members feel at home while here.

## JURY LIST FOR COURT IN JUNE

### Session Will Begin June 20 and Last One Week; 36 Jurors Drawn

With the April term of Martin County Superior Court still fresh in the minds of the people, the county commissioners yesterday made arrangements for holding the regular June term by selecting 36 jurors. The lawyers and sheriff will have the rest of the folks here for the mixed term beginning June 20 and continuing for one week only. Judge J. Paul Frizelle is scheduled to preside over the term.

The list:  
Jamesville Township: F. W. Holliday, Kader Godard, L. C. Brown, J. M. Hassell, R. O. Mobley.  
Griffins Township: Perlie Roberson, J. R. Coltrain, N. D. Griffin, J. A. Roberson, J. Ed Corey, C. F. Perry, N. T. Daniel.  
Bear Grass Township: Calvin Ayers, W. P. Harris, W. S. Gurganus.  
Williamston Township: W. J. Hodges, C. B. Hassell, F. U. Barnes, Henry D. Harrison.  
Cross Roads: Charles Beach, J. M. Griffin, D. A. Ausban, W. S. Bailey.  
Robersonville Township: J. H. Roberson, Sr., Eli Rogers, J. G. Everett, S. T. Everett, Walter Beach, M. M. Everett.  
Poplar Point Township: W. S. White.  
Hamilton Township: J. W. Eubanks.  
Goose Nest Township: E. T. Smith, W. W. Casper, N. C. Hyman.

## New and Better Mail Schedule Is Planned

A new and better mail schedule for local postal patrons is being studied by Postmaster Jesse T. Price and officials of the government in Rocky Mount today. The nature of the proposed service change has not been announced, but Mr. Price said he believed a better service can be expected if the new arrangements planned are completed.

## TOWN TAX SALE IS POSTPONED AT MEET LAST NIGHT

### Delay Is Only Temporary, However, As Sale Will Be Made in July

Meeting in regular session here last night, the town commissioners passed an order directing postponement of the sale of taxes one month, the initial advertising to appear the first of June. Realizing conditions are not very favorable, the commissioners personally stated they were in favor of postponing the sales longer, but the town's finances virtually made it necessary to defer the sale only one month. The drive for personal property taxes was ordered continued, and seizure in some cases was mentioned.

Messrs. E. P. Cunningham and B. S. Courtney, representing the religious bodies to the town, appeared before the board and asked that the churches and certain other church properties be relieved of the payment of 1931 and subsequent sidewalk and street paving assessments. Mr. Cunningham pointing out that the organizations were the town's greatest asset. Following the request of the churches, Mr. Wm. R. Watson, an official in the local Masonic lodge, appeared in behalf of that organization asking that it be relieved of the assessments if the churches are favored. While the matter was deferred along with the tax sales, it was pointed out by the mayor that the budget for this year included the anticipated payment of the assessments by the churches, and that if the town accepted the assessments a deficit would be the result.

Going before the board, Mrs. J. B. H. Knight wanted to deed about 200 feet of property just back of her home on Watts Street to the town, provided she was relieved of all paving assessments for the year, it was understood. Upon investigation, it was learned that the board had no right to enter into the proposed agreement, but it was agreed that paving assessments and general taxes on any and all property deemed to the town would be automatically lifted.

Reporting much unnecessary trespassing on the high school grounds, Principal Wm. R. Watson, appearing for the local committee, asked that a street light be installed near the building in an effort to prevent the practice. Approximately 200 gallons of gasoline were removed from the school tank there last week, and degrading acts have been reported from time to time, the principal said.

## Thieves Enter Home Here Early Sunday

The home of Mr. Reuben Harris on Main Street here, was entered about 3 o'clock last Sunday morning, the intruder removing a screen from a window opening into the hall. He was walking toward Mr. Harris' room when he was heard and frightened away. Nothing was missed as the man's presence was discovered before he could start a search.

## Cadillac Car Turned Over Near Here This Afternoon

A big Cadillac automobile, said to have belonged to Mrs. Chas. Robinson, of Elizabeth City, and occupied by her and three other women was turned over twice between here and Windsor this afternoon. None of the occupants was badly hurt, but other travelers had to break the glass of the car to get the four women out of the overturned car.

## SEED FUND

With a \$5 donation coming in from the local Kiwanis club, receipts for the seed fund advanced rapidly over the week-end. Approximately \$10 have been contributed, and Mr. Joshua L. Coltrain, county commissioner, left two and one-half bushels of field peas with the Enterprise for distribution.

Several dollars have been used for the purchase of seed and many of the field peas have been given to worthy applicants. The following contributions were reported over the week-end: Kiwanis Club, \$5; H. J. Shaw, 50 cents; \$4 having been previously reported.

Calls for seed are increasing steadily, and it is hoped that a profitable work can be carried on this summer in aiding the unfortunate to feed themselves.

## Large Crowd Gathers Here To Urge Postponement Tax Sales

### COUNTY BOARD HOLDS REGULAR MEET MONDAY

#### Tax Adjustments and Appeals for Aid Constitute Principal Business

Aside from the semi-radical meeting held by nearly two hundred Martin taxpayers in the courthouse auditorium, the county commissioners' first Monday program was patterned after past meetings, the board acting upon appeals of the poor and tax adjustments. A schedule of costs to be maintained in handling the 1929 tax certificates was established, the expense being from \$4 to \$7 below the schedule set up by the State. To handle a certificate not in excess of \$15, a fee of \$3 will be charged; to handle a certificate over \$15 and not in excess of \$50, a fee of \$6 will be charged; all certificates over \$50 will carry a fee of \$10.

Gracy Smithwick was relieved of special school tax on 75 acres of land valued at \$911 in the Sandy Ridge School district, Williams Township.

J. F. Padgett was relieved of 1931 poll tax in Jamesville Township on account of blindness.

J. R. Roebuck, white of Robersonville Township, was allowed \$2 a month.

An error in the valuation of T. J. Roberson's property in Robersonville Township was corrected, the value being reduced from \$2,375 to \$2,000.

Pompey Williams, 85 years old and a former slave of this township, was allowed \$2 a month.

Mrs. Margaret Simpson, of Jamesville Township, was allowed \$2 a month.

Alton Keel, Cross Roads, was relieved of 1931 dog tax, listed through error.

Property values of W. L. Everett, Cross Roads, was reduced from \$700 to \$500, an error appearing in the listing.

On account of his physical disability, Fred Everett, white of Robersonville Township, was exempted from poll tax.

Mrs. Gussie Strickland, Williamston Township was allowed \$2 a month for a period of five months.

Adjustments in the values of the J. Z. Brown estate lands were ordered, relief to be given accordingly on 1931 taxes.

T. G. Manning, Poplar Point Township, was relieved of \$2 poll tax, listed in error.

J. W. Pugh, Hamilton Township, was relieved of \$1 dog tax.

The board ordered the land sale and tax certificates on building in Goose Nest Township valued at \$600 and belonging to Mamie Green and H. Bryant cancelled as the property was listed to N. B. Green.

## SCHOOL FINALS AT HAMILTON

### Closing Exercises Will Be Held There Thursday Night at 8 O'clock

The Hamilton School will close the current term Wednesday and Thursday nights of this week when appropriate exercises will be held each evening. Principal W. E. Plyler announced yesterday.

Declaration and expression contests will feature the Wednesday evening program, beginning at 8 o'clock and lasting about one hour.

Graduation exercises will be held on Thursday night at the same hour, the seventh graders receiving their certificates at that time. Attendance awards will also be made with playlets, songs, drills, dialogues and recitations as added features, Professor Plyler said.

The public is cordially invited to attend each of the exercises, the school principal stating that no admission fee would be charged.

## Farmers Now Busy with Tobacco Transplanting

Tobacco transplanting was reported underway in all sections of the county yesterday, following a heavy rain late Saturday night and Sunday. The outcome of the work is said to be uncertain, many farmers stating that they believe the plants can hardly live under the existing blue mold conditions.

"Beds unsprayed in our section of the county suffered much following the rain," Mr. Herbert Roebuck, of Cross Roads Township, said yesterday. He added that those beds carefully sprayed were doing nicely and that arrangements for transplanting were complete.

## J. L. MEMORY, JR.



Wake Forest professor who will deliver the commencement address here next Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

## PLENTY OF HOGS IN COUNTY SAYS AGENT'S REPORT

### Advices Farmers To Continue Spraying Tobacco Plant Beds

The blue mold might kill the tobacco plants and prices for farm products might be low next fall, but Martin County farmers are planning to care for themselves this year, according to County Agent Tom B. Brandon. In his report, prepared monthly for the county commissioners, Mr. Brandon says, "Martin County has plenty of hogs, every farmer having more than he had last year, and I judge that the county will live at home or at least its people will have to buy very little pork."

Nearly 200 calls were received from farmers whose beds were attacked by the blue mold during the month, giving the agent probably his most active visiting month. In connection with the blue mold, the agent said in his report, "At present the farmers who followed the schedule of spraying closely have the best plants. Blue mold is harder to control because it is a fungus growth, and lives under the leaves and it is difficult to administer a thorough spraying. Farmers are advised to continue to spray their plant beds every two days."

The flea beetle was also active in the county during the month, the agent stating that he directed and assisted 78 farmers in their war on the insects. Warm weather was given as one of the main causes for the increased number and damage by the beetle this season.

The campaign against hog cholera was an intensive one, the agent treating 856 of the animals for 28 farm owners and 28 tenants during the period.

Other activities reported by the agent: Twenty days spent in field, 6 days spent in office, 162 office conferences, 204 telephone calls, 177 letters written, 44 farms visited, 28 tenant farms visited, 1,026 miles traveled on official duties, 4 articles written for local papers.

## Six Pupils on Honor Roll At Macedonia

The names of six pupils appear on the Macedonia School honor roll for the sixth and last month recently ended, Miss Irene Tetterton, teacher, reporting them as follows:  
First grade: Sybil Peele, Susie Revels.  
Fourth grade: J. D. Ausborne, Mary Revels.  
Fifth grade: Clarence Revels, Mildred Ward.

## KIWANIS TONIGHT

The local Kiwanis Club is holding its regular weekly luncheon in the Woman's Club room this evening at 7 o'clock, instead of at its regular time of meeting.

A delegation of Kiwanians from the Tarboro club is coming down for this meeting. It is understood that the Tarboro club is coming prepared to entertain the local group with a musical program.

It is advisable for the membership to turn out. Miss Florence Overton and Mr. Russell Roebuck will render some musical selections and Mrs. William Manning will be an accompanist for the evening.

## WARM SESSION IS HELD IN COURT HOUSE MONDAY

### Expenses of Government Denounced by Several Speakers

Meeting impromptu in the courthouse here yesterday morning, nearly two hundred Martin property owners and taxpayers urged the county commissioners to postpone the 1931 tax sales, and at the same time directing all kinds of strong protests against unfair property values that are being maintained, expenses of government, and everything else under the sun except their individual expenditures.

The meeting, as a whole, was purely radical, Attorney A. R. Dunning, G. H. Cox, and others suggesting that the sales be postponed regardless of the law. "The attorney," in a warm speech lasting nearly an hour, went on to say that the county recorder's court was not worth a "continental damn" and should be abolished, that if he was a member of the board of education he would limit the next school term to six months, and that all salaries should be reduced, not 10 per cent, but 50 per cent. The radical spirit into flame once it was started, and the meeting nearly forgot its designed purpose— that of urging the commissioners to postpone the sale.

Maintenance cost of the county home was declared too high by Taxpayer J. G. Stator, Commissioner T. C. Griffin answering that the records were open. Continuing Mr. Griffin said, "The trouble is, a hole was dug back yonder and we are yelling because it is to be filled up now." Commissioner Everett showed that of the \$1.29 county-wide rate, only 29 cents was for the running expenses of the county, including all salaries, poor, health, etc.

The \$140 paid a stenographer at a recent term of superior court held in the county was mentioned as very extravagant, and Mr. G. H. Cox, of Robersonville, was of the opinion that \$8,000 annual salary for a judge was too much, that \$3,000 would be enough. "Start at Washington and cut everything and everybody," the body almost unanimously agreed.

"You could lift every cent of taxes, and we would be but very little better off financially," Editor J. C. Manning said in urging the body to use reason. "I am in favor of the postponement of sales if it will help and if it can be done, but we must remember that taxation is not the sole cause of our troubles today. We have squandered and thrown away double the amount of the taxes. We have forgotten the principles of honesty and destroyed trust, and now we are cursing and abusing taxes because they are the nearest for us to curse and abuse. We have the task before us to start at the bottom and come up, not by practicing false economy but by economizing where it is needed."

Continuing, the editor said that we have more to show for our tax money than for money thrown away and literally squandered during the hey-day period not so long past. He strongly opposed the suggestion that public educational advantages be limited. It was pointed out that the wealth of the country rejoiced when educational advantages were limited, that the great powers would much prefer ignorant and untrained hands, which they could control with a lash. Continuing, he said that he was glad to see the interest shown in governmental activities, but warned against the mob spirit and suggested that sane and honest thought be employed in working ourselves out of this, a bad situation.

The meeting yesterday was an interesting one, not a soul offering to present the side, including more than half the taxpayers—63 per cent, to be exact—who have paid their taxes, but the spirit in the meeting of the nearly 200 property owners would have probably offset any and all argument, and it is was the general belief when the body left the courtroom that the commissioners would postpone the sale until a later date.

Following the noon-day recess, the board upon the motion of Commissioner Joshua L. Coltrain, deferred the sales thirty days, future action pending upon developments reported in other counties.

## Ladies of Baptist Church Serve Supper Thursday

The ladies of the Baptist church will serve a supper at the Woman's Club Thursday, May 5, beginning at 6 o'clock. The public is invited. The menu will include chicken salad, crackers, potato chips, deviled eggs, pickles, tea, strawberry shortcake.