

## LICENSE BUREAU HERE WILL OPEN ON DECEMBER 15

### Two Thousand Plates Are Delivered to Williamston Motor Company

Time rolls on, and in just a little more than a month from now North Carolina car owners will either have to purchase new license plates or park their machines. The expiration of the 1931 tags will bring to an abrupt end many joyrides, many business and pleasure trips, but time and the license tax collector must exact their toll.

In preparation for the rush for 1933 plates, the Carolina Motor Club has established a distributing branch here and in 49 other centers of the state. Two thousand plates have been delivered to the Williamston Motor Company here for sale to automobile owners in this section beginning the 15th of next month. During the remainder of December and through January 15, the local bureau will sell the little tin plates with white numerals surrounded by a blue background.

Class "1" licenses for the smaller and more popular cars start with the number 315,001 and run to 317,400. There are 400 class "2" tags and class "3" plates here for sale.

In making arrangements for the handling of license plates here, Mr. A. M. Huggins, manager of branches for the motor club, said:

"Prior to 1924 North Carolina motor vehicle owners were required to remit to the state capital for their license tags. Title applications and supporting and supporting papers were often incomplete, requiring long-drawn-out correspondence to correct. In the spring of 1924 the Carolina Motor Club contracted with the state to issue these licenses through club offices. Branch offices were set up in a number of cities and license service brought to the doors brought to the motor vehicle owners, so to speak.

"The number of offices has increased steadily from year to year until the club now maintains 27 license-issuing offices throughout the year. In December and January of each year this number is augmented by temporary offices. Last season 23 temporary offices were operated, making a total of 50 during the rush season. These offices are located at convenient centers throughout the state.

**Over 2,000,000 Plates Sold**  
The club has issued over 2,000,000 sets of license plates, handled thousands of titles and collected nearly a half billion dollars for the state. Of the total issue of 1,900,776 sets of plates in 1928, 1929, 1930, and 1931, club offices issued 1,270,030, or 67.3 per cent. About 70 per cent of all plates issued by the club are handled in December and January, and 30 per cent during the other 10 months.

"Under this arrangement the club brings this convenient service to car and truck owners at no extra cost to the taxpayers. In fact, it is handled for less than the postage alone would cost to order and mail the plates direct from Raleigh to individual motor vehicle owners, not to mention the jam and resultant delay which is avoided by having wide distribution.

"Not only is it convenient for citizens to step into a local office and get their plates, but there is a lot of worth while service rendered by the club through its branch managers in helping applicants straighten out tangles in their titles. It is surprising how many different things can get wrong with a title, and how much explaining and work is necessary to get these troubles cleared. Branch managers are trained and are familiar with the motor vehicle bureau's requirements and are able to handle papers at once and issue the desired license. This work is closely supervised by the club.

## NOTE APPEAL IN JOHNSON CASE

### Judge Daniels Signs Judgment in Tarboro Last Friday

Notice of appeal to the supreme court was given in the Johnson vs. Boney-Hoffler Transfer Company case in Tarboro last Friday, when Judge Frank A. Daniels signed a judgment granting the plaintiff, Edgar Johnson, of Robersonville, the \$13,400 allowed by a Martin County jury last September.

The defendants, through their attorneys, had made a motion to set aside the jury's verdict immediately following the trial, Judge Daniels taking the motion under advisement. Losing the right to gain a new trial when the judge refused to set the verdict aside, the defendants gave notice of their appeal to the higher court.

It is understood the case will be carried before the supreme court next February.

## Lumber Firm Starts Work On Big Project in County

Preliminary work on what is believed to be one of the largest timbering projects undertaken in this section in some time was started at Jamesville yesterday, when the Foreman and Blades Lumber Company unloaded logging equipment there. Only a few men were given employment yesterday, but a considerable number will be given work by the company within the next few weeks, it is understood.

According to information received here, the company is making arrangements to build a tram road from Jamesville to the Dymond

City section of Griffins Township, several miles from Jamesville. The road will follow the old Jamesville and Washington rail route. Thousands of acres of timberlands bought several years ago by the Montgomery Lumber Company are now in the hands of the Foreman and Blades Company, it is understood.

It could not be learned just how the operations would be carried on. However, it is believed the company will haul the logs over the tram road to Jamesville, where they will be reloaded on barges and carried to the mills in Elizabeth City.

## CURB MARKET

Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home agent, reported this morning that sellers on the curb market here were bringing in large supplies of produce for the Thanksgiving trade tomorrow. The agent solicits a large patronage between 8:30 and 9:30 tomorrow (Wednesday) morning.

## SEVERAL HURT IN WRECK NEAR ROBERSONVILLE

### Local People Have Narrow Escape As Car Burns After Accident

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hardison, Mrs. Bettie Griffin, Mrs. George Williams, and three children narrowly escaped being burned to death last Friday afternoon, when their car turned over and caught fire three miles out from Robersonville on Highway No. 90. Travelers reaching the scene shortly after the accident helped the wreck victims from the overturned car as the flames spread, and it is believed that some of the car's occupants would have been seriously, if not fatally, burned had no immediate aid been given them.

Mrs. Williams is believed to have suffered a punctured lung, and her condition was said to be serious a day or two after the accident. Mrs. Griffin, mother of T. C. Griffin, chairman of the board of county commissioners, suffered painful injuries to her shoulder, but it was said that she was not seriously hurt. Other occupants of the car were badly bruised and scratched, but their injuries were only minor.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardison and party were on their way to Florida to visit friends and relatives for a few days. Rain earlier in the day had made driving dangerous, and as Mr. Hardison, driver of the car, met another one coming around a curve, he applied the brakes, causing his car to skid and turn over, the machine catching fire by the time it had landed. The car was destroyed along with much baggage and other traveling equipment. The victims of the wreck were given medical attention at Robersonville and were later removed to their respective homes in Williams and Griffins Townships.

## THREE HELD FOR SHOOTING AGENT

### Assailants of C. S. Coats Are Given Preliminary Hearing Friday

Mack Jennings, Wayland and Grady McPherson, charged with the shooting of Federal Agent C. S. Coats near Elizabeth City the latter part of last month, were bound over to the next term of Federal court by United States Commissioner Thompson in Elizabeth City last Friday.

Jennings and Grady McPherson were required to give bond in the sum of \$3,500 each. The other McPherson was released under a \$1,000 bond.

The three men are said to have attacked Agents Coats and Hughes when the officers were raiding a liquor still near Elizabeth City last month. Coats was painfully shot in the hip and struck over the head by one of the trio. Since that time, Agent Hughes resigned, declaring he had had enough after being attacked on several different occasions before the attack made upon him at Elizabeth City.

## Starts Revival at Bethany Church Here Next Week

Rev. Mr. Dickens, Holiness minister of Tarboro, will start a series of revival services at Bethany church, near here, next Monday. The meeting will continue for two weeks, it was announced. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## FEW INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS TAKE PLACE IN COUNTY

### Last Fiscal Year Shows Drop in Number From 65 To 49

Martin County reported 49 industrial accidents during the year from June 30, 1931, to June 30, 1932, according to a recent report released by the Industrial Commission, Raleigh. The victims, two of whom were partially but permanently injured during the period, received a total compensation of \$1,814. In addition to that amount, \$1,190 were paid to doctors and for medicine, the report shows. In the preceding year, there were 65 industrial accidents reported to the commission, the accident victims receiving \$2,876 as compensation. Approximately \$2,525 were paid to doctors and for medicine during that time.

The decrease in accidents is probably the result of less employment and the introduction of better safety measures.

The compensation act is justified, it is pointed out, in that the several counties of the State are relieved of many charity case heretofore resulting from industrial accidents—that many civil terms of the courts, with attendant costs paid from county funds it is claimed, have been saved. The physically handicapped worker now receives 60 per cent of his average wage for varying periods of time commensurate with his disability, permitting him to carry on while readjusting himself to his changed condition. To assist him in this rehabilitation these cases are followed up by the vocational training board. During disability the very best medical and hospital care is furnished. Thus the overburdened charitable organizations of the counties during the depression have been relieved of the care of the worker injured in industrial accidents. The total compensation paid or approved for the year 1930-31 was \$979,078.00 and for 1931-32 was \$710,849.00.

The medical profession and hospitals have not had the "charity charges" and both the doctor and the hospitals receive prompt cash payment for services, which it is pointed out was not the practice before the act was adopted. They do not have to await the "settlement" or the obtaining of a judgment by the worker from his employer, with attendant delay and the possibility of charging the bill up to charity. The medical and hospital costs for the year 1930-31 was \$532,728 and for 1931-32 was \$431,653.

## STEALS \$100 FROM BOSS; IS CAUGHT

### Driver Parks Oyster Truck Here and Skips; Caught in South Carolina

Parking an oyster truck here early Saturday morning, Mack Brinn skipped with approximately \$100 paid him for oysters, but when entering Charleston, S. C., that night he was arrested.

An employee of George N. Baker, Belhaven oyster dealer, Brinn had sold most of the load and returned this far to leave the truck. He asked a worker in the cafe here to call the owner and tell him where the truck was. Receiving word late that afternoon about his truck, Mr. Baker came here and learned that Brinn bought a ticket to Charleston, S. C., and had boarded the 10:30 train here that morning. He got in touch with Charleston officers and when Brinn got off the train he was placed under arrest and is being held until extradition papers can be obtained.

A new driver was on the truck yesterday.

## Found Not Guilty Of Hunting Out of Season

Charged with hunting quail out of season, John and Jim Gurkin and John Weir, sr., and John Weir, jr., were found not guilty at a hearing held before Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell here yesterday morning.

## GOES OFF GOLD

The subscription department of The Enterprise went off the gold standard temporarily today, when it announced acceptance of peanuts in exchange for subscriptions. A two-year subscription, worth \$3.00 is being offered for one bag of peanuts weighing approximately 100 pounds and of fairly good quality.

Several hundred bags were accepted by the company last season, and it is hoped the subscribers and others will take advantage of the offer when the peanuts get dry.

## District Meeting of Juniors To Be Held Here Next Week

### KIWANIS MAKES BIG PLANS FOR LADIES' NIGHT

#### Old-fashioned Box Supper Will Feature Meeting December 1st

An old-fashioned box supper, so old that it's new to most of us now, is going to be held as the feature of Ladies' Night program which the local Kiwanis group is putting on at the Woman's Club here on Thursday evening, December 1.

Each year it has been the practice of the members of this organization to have a ladies' night program, at which time each member has been bringing along his wife or friend. That's what they're doing this time, but the program is going to be so different!

For this time when the wives and young women friends of the Kiwanis boys started out for this occasion, they will not be going down to the club rooms to be served a supper—they themselves will be carrying along their supper (and some man's) under their top coats, in a beautiful box, neatly done up with ribbons 'n' everything. For this is to be a box supper. And whenever there's a box supper it means that the women attending must fix these boxes.

Once the group gets together at their meeting place, one of two courses of procedure will be put up on the boxes, one at a time, the ladies have brought and sell them off to the highest bidder—the man buying a box in this way eating supper with the lady whose box it is; or, as has been suggested, the auctioneer may follow the course of selling the woman to the highest bidder, the lucky purchaser eating the box lunch with her, of course. If this course is followed out (and who can tell what they'll do on such a night) the method of auctioneering off a lady would be this: A great white sheet would be properly placed in the room, and the women, one at a time, marched across the room behind it, only her shadow or silhouette showing on the improvised screen. Thus the man would buy, or not buy, depending upon the impression he formed of the shadow she cast, not being able to actually recognize the identity of the woman bought.

One imagines that this would give Bill Peel a nervous fit, for if he accidentally bid off the wrong woman it would cause a revolution. Norman Harrison will have to watch his p's and q's, too. And C. D. Carstarphen. To say nothing of Bill Spivey. For it would be hard to imagine their consternation should they pay a particularly high price for a box or a lady, then have it turn out to be what they weren't expecting. And, too, it is guessed that under the above procedure, many a man will see his wife dining with some one else on that first evening in December.

It is believed by the membership of the club that this is going to be one of the most popular get-togethers held in Williamston in a long time. The boys in the club are all worked up over it. Even Percy Cone was for it. John Pope is not expected to get around to the supper, but he'll be for it, all right. And if there isn't a night football game somewhere, Gus Harrison is sure to be on hand. It is heard on good authority, that Harrell Everton is renewing his membership in the club for the occasion. And it has been reported over Kiwanis grape-vine system that a number of the teachers at the schools have already postponed out-of-town visits for that night.

In addition to the box supper sale, with auctioneer and everything, there will be a lightweight program. Just how light the program will be will be determined by how heavy the supper turns out to be. More details about this open-house program of Kiwanis members will be announced in an early issue. In the meantime, those who are concerned will bear in mind the date, Thursday night, December 1.

## Many Seeking Job of Postmaster J. T. Price

More than a dozen local people have their eye on the postmaster's job here, according to rumors circulated about the streets. While the present term of Postmaster J. T. Price does not expire until March, 1934, already solicitations for support are being made. It is not known just when an appointment will be made, as the time for a change in the office is more than a year away.

Six Edgecombe farmers sold 130 fat hogs in a cooperative shipment for \$790.18. The hogs weighed 25,085 pounds.

## THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day will be closely observed in this little community Thursday, when all business, with a mighty few exceptions, will suspend operations that owners, employees, and others might enjoy the holiday and take part in the programs of thanks planned for the occasion.

The public schools of the county will close Wednesday afternoon, and they will not reopen until the following Monday morning. The post office will observe the day as a holiday, no rural or village deliveries being scheduled that day. No window service will be offered at the offices. County offices will be closed, and the day will be another Sunday for stores and other business houses.

## PEANUT PLANT RESUMES WORK HERE MONDAY

### Around 120 Are Employed; Fully That Many More Turned Away

After a short period of inactivity, the plant of the Columbian Peanut Company began operations here yesterday morning, Captain Pritchard stating that they did not know just how long operations would be under way, as uncertainty surrounded the peanut crop just at this time.

Employing nearly 100 women and 17 men yesterday morning, Mr. Pritchard stated that they were forced to turn away nearly that many more. When the first whistle sounded at 6:30 yesterday morning, the many jobless here jumped from their beds and started running to the factory, forgetting all about breakfast and hardly before they could get all their clothes on. Some are said to have actually reached the factory before the last buttons were fastened.

The plant will likely run through Thursday, continued operations depending upon the weather and the condition of the crop. At the present time the cleaners are urging the farmers to hold their peanuts until they are dry. Immediate delivery, under present weather conditions, is believed to be very detrimental to the market, and it is hardly expected that there will be any market until the crop is sufficiently dry so as not to rot in storage.

The manager of the plant here yesterday displayed a quantity of new stock that had just been milled, and many of the kernels were apparently too soft to keep.

## HOTEL MAN HERE IS HURT IN AUTO WRECK FRIDAY

### A. R. Moseley and H. V. Staton, of Bethel, Are Seriously Injured

A. R. Moseley, local hotel manager, suffered a broken leg and other injuries and H. V. Staton, Bethel man, was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Bethel last Friday afternoon. Vance Bunting, a third party in the Moseley car, was slightly injured when the automobile turned over. According to latest reports, it was feared that Mr. Staton would develop pneumonia and that his chances for recovery were not very encouraging.

Mr. Moseley was removed to a Wilson hospital, where it is reported he is getting along very well.

The three men were on their way to a football game in Wilson when the accident occurred. It was raining and the party met a model T Ford. Both cars were fighting to hold their positions without driving off the pavement. The drivers miscalculated the positions of their cars, they side-swiped, and a general smash-up took place. None of the occupants of the Ford car was seriously hurt.

## Poplar Point Farmer Grows Big Potatoes

Among the Martin County farmers reporting unusually large yields of sweet potatoes is J. P. Harris, of Poplar Point. Mr. Harris exhibited one here last Saturday weighing 6 1/4 pounds, and said he had many more about that size. Cultivating three-quarters of an acre, Mr. Harris harvested 200 bushels of the sweets, about 130 being of the number one grade.

## PROGRAM IS NOW IN PREPARATION; MANY EXPECTED

### Field Secretary E. V. Harris and District Deputy To Be Here

Plans are nearing completion for a district meeting of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics here Friday night of next week, according to information just received from District Deputy S. L. Roberson, of Robersonville. The district, comprising four counties, with about 18 councils, has a membership of about 900, and many of them are expected here for the meeting, it was stated.

The business meeting will be held in the council hall at 3 p. m., at which time the business of the various councils will be discussed. It will be of much importance to most Juniors to know that E. V. Harris, of Tarboro, N. C., field secretary of Eastern Carolina, will be the presiding officer.

The public meeting will be held in the school building at 7 p. m., with S. L. Roberson, district deputy, of Robersonville, presiding. The speakers for this occasion will be men who are representing the national council, names of which will be announced in this paper later. The complete program will be finished soon and made public, it was stated by B. S. Courtney, chairman of the program committee.

Added feature for the night program will be a moving picture, giving the main work, benefits, and progress of this noble order. Plans are also under way to have special music, both vocal and instrumental, for the night program.

The following committees have been appointed to serve in connection with this meeting:

Parade committee: H. D. Harrison, J. H. Allsbrooks, L. H. Gurganus. Publicity committee: W. H. Harrison, J. Sam Gotsinger, T. M. Britton, V. D. Godwin.

Preparation committee (for supper): John A. Ward, R. D. Gurganus, W. D. Mishore, W. T. Harrison.

Entertainment committee: Julian Harrell, Marvin Britton.

With this meeting following a big class initiation in Washington tonight, it is believed that the Junior spirit will be so high that there will be more than 300 present for both meetings.

An appeal to all business enterprises and the citizens of the town is being made for their full cooperation in making this meeting a great success.

## Thanksgiving Service At Methodist Church

The annual Thanksgiving service, always of a community service nature, will be held in the local Methodist church on Thanksgiving morning at 10 o'clock, the Rev. J. M. Perry, Christian preacher, delivering the sermon.

So far as is known, this will be the only service held in town that morning. The general public is cordially invited to assemble in the House of God at this hour for a service befitting the occasion.

## HONOR ROLL AT EVERETTS

### Girls Attend School More Regularly Than Boys Do, Report Shows

That girls attend school more regularly than boys is indicated in a report released by Principal D. N. Hix of the Everetts school this week. During the second month 150 of the 186 boys enrolled attended regularly on an average, leaving 36 on the outside. Of the 155 girls enrolled, 134 attended regularly, leaving 21 on the outside.

Nineteen pupils in the school there were listed in the honor group during the second month, recently ended. Their names:

- First grade, Billy Clark.
- Second grade, Dora Bailey.
- Third grade, Susie Ausbon, Fabian Barnhill, Charles Coltrain, Florine Clark, Agnes Mayton, Louise Mobley, Slade White.
- Fourth grade, Grace Clark, Ruth Forbes.
- Fifth grade, Mary Mallory.
- Sixth grade, Ernestine Forbes, Gladys Leggett.
- Eighth grade, Loyce Cullipher, Densel Simpson, Annie Louise Taylor.
- Tenth grade, Roy Harrell.
- Eleventh grade, Hazel Faulkner, Ella Cherry, Helen Keel.

Granville County farmers have started an onion-growing project as a source of cash for the coming year.