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## CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE IS MAKING FINE PROGRESS

2,500 Stickers Sold Up To Yesterday Reports Mrs. L. B. Harrison

Williamston's Christmas seal sale, started recently, is progressing rapidly, Mrs. L. B. Harrison, chairman, said yesterday. Approximately 2,500 of the attractive stickers had been sold up to that time, and the campaigners are anticipating the sale of at least 1,500 additional ones between now and Christmas. Mrs. L. H. Gurganus, Mrs. J. W. Watts, Jr., and Mrs. E. P. Cunningham are assisting Mrs. Harrison in the sale of the seals in the business and residential sections, and Miss Ruth Manning is handling the sale in the schools.

Advanced for combatting tuberculosis, the sale of Christmas seals has proved of untold benefit each year for years. Locally the proceeds from the sale have been used to a marked advantage in aiding undernourished children. The remaining amount goes to those victims who need treatment but who are unable to meet the costs.

Tuberculosis continues on the decline in North Carolina notwithstanding the depression, though this may not continue unless we press our fight against this dreadful disease on every sector and every front, and the "front" in this instance is in every person's own home, and every person, therefore, should "do his part."

There were 99 fewer deaths in our state in 1932 (last statistics available) than the preceding year. Ordinarily a life is considered worth ten thousand, and we would probably price it much higher if it were you or I, or your child or mine. Anyway at that low figure for a life it means a saving in one year of \$990,000 or in round numbers one million dollars saved in 1932 over 1931. The saving in 1932 over 1910 would amount to twenty-six million dollars, and that does not take into account the infection of other people, particularly the children that would have been infected by these people.

The elimination of tuberculosis is a winning fight. We now have sufficient knowledge to make this an accomplished fact, all we need is sufficient funds. The Tuberculosis Christmas seal has led us thus far and will lead us on.

## Everetts School To Have A "Womanless Wedding"

The Everetts school will sponsor a womanless wedding in the auditorium there Thursday night of this week, headed by Professor Russell as radio announcer. Proceeds from the small admission charge will go to the school, it was announced.

- Names of the cast members:
- Minister, Will Crawford.
  - Groom, Sam Keel.
  - Bride, Ben Riddick.
  - Father, Paul Bailey.
  - Mother, Oscar Daniels.
  - Children, Herman Williams, George Taylor, Jr.
  - Ringbearer, Buck Ayers.
  - Trainbearer, Dick Cherry.
  - Flower girls, Dillon Peel, James Oscar Daniels.
  - Dame of honor, Meber Baker.
  - Maid of honor, Clarence Faulkner.
  - Bridesmaids, Elbert Bailey, James Stator Ayers, Dalburgh Riddick, Latham James.
  - Ushers, Ashley Wynne, Jr., Tom Barnhill, Nathan Mobley, Irvin Bullock.
  - Best man, Elmer James.
  - Pianist, Delmer Rogers.
  - Soloist, Monnie Mobley, Hilton Forbes.

## Aged Colored Woman Accidentally Killed

Courtney Spruill, aged colored woman, was accidentally and fatally shot in her home on the W. A. Beach farm in Hamilton Township last Friday afternoon by Wilbur Hooker, colored man. Following an investigation by Coroner S. R. Biggs and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and later by the Martin County grand jury, Hooker was released.

The accident occurred when Hooker and Pete Spruill, the old woman's son, returned from rabbit hunting. Hooker went to the room where the Spruill woman was separating rags on the floor and started to put the gun away. He removed one shell from the gun and as he closed it the load of shot was fired into the head of the woman, killing her instantly. Several witnesses were examined, the testimony of each indicating that the shooting was accidental.

## PARKING REQUEST

While no official action has been taken, the town authorities are urging local auto owners to keep their cars at home during next week that visitors might find it more convenient to park their cars. The request is directed directly to those owners who drive to work and leave their cars parked all day in the business section. Many towns are enforcing the one-hour parking system during the holiday season, but with a desire to interfere as little as possible with the car owners the officials here have made no parking laws. It is hoped, however, that local car owners will be considerate and make available all the parking space possible for visitors next week.

One of the busiest weeks in years is predicted for this little community next week, and the observance of the request will be of much convenience to out-of-town visitors.

## MR. GLADSTONE DIES AT HOME IN HAMILTON

Prominent County Citizen Passes Saturday After Long Illness

Frank L. Gladstone, prominent county citizen, died at his home in Hamilton last Saturday morning at 11 o'clock following a long illness. He had been in declining health for several years, but he was able to be up most of the time until about a month ago when he was forced to his bed. He suffered a complication of diseases. The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Gladstone, he was born in Hamilton 62 years ago. In early life he was married to Miss Mollie Cloman, who died a number of years ago. He later married Mrs. Gattie Cloman Gladstone, who survives him. No children were born to either union.

For a number of years, Mr. Gladstone was in the mercantile business in Hamilton, retiring some time ago to give his attention to farming and other business activities. In late years he was recognized as a financier, and became a man of means. His life was not a pretentious one, and he never hesitated to assist a friend. Funeral services were conducted from his late home Sunday afternoon by Rev. E. F. Moseley, Episcopal minister. Interment followed in the Hamilton cemetery.

## Mrs. Coburn, Former Resident, Dies In Raleigh

Mrs. Rosina Dowell Coburn, a resident of Williamston for a number of years, died at her home in Raleigh last Friday afternoon, following an illness of about four months duration.

She was a daughter of Mrs. George J. Dowell and the late Rev. Dowell, who was a pastor of the local Baptist church for a number of years. In 1910 she was married to Mr. Rufus T. Coburn here, later moving to Raleigh, where Mr. Coburn became prominent in business circles. Mr. Coburn survives with four children.

## Movement Started To Alter Meat Market Regulations

A movement is underway to have the town commissioners lift certain market regulations, making it unlawful for any and all stores to sell fresh meats. Mrs. J. G. Stator, president of the local Woman's Club, said yesterday that she had received many requests urging the support of the organization in having the present meat market regulations altered.

This question has been discussed by the board on many occasions, the board retaining its regulations as a precaution against the opening of unsanitary meat markets. It is understood the matter will be placed before the authorities for consideration within the next few weeks.

## First Snow Of Season Reported Last Saturday

The first snow of the season fell here last Saturday morning. The flurry was hardly recognized, but keen observers saw the few flakes and the first fall of the season was recorded. The mercury dropped from around 65 degrees Friday to below 40 Saturday, preparing the setting for a big fall. The flakes petered out, however, and the world moved on in a slow, drizzling rain.

## MANY PRESENT AT MEETING OF WOMAN'S CLUB

Local Women Taking Active Part In Community Affairs

The local Woman's Club held its regular meeting last Thursday with 21 members and five officers present. Mrs. Jim Stator, president, presided, and Mrs. J. A. Ward, in the absence of the recording secretary, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, read the minutes.

Following the report of the treasurer, Mrs. G. H. Harrison, showing a cash balance of \$112.56, the club listened to a committee from the Kiwanis Club in connection with the construction of a swimming pool and the establishment of a county library. Messrs. R. H. Goodman, C. H. Dickey and W. C. Manning presented the project plans, and a resolution, offered by Mrs. R. H. Goodman and seconded by Mrs. J. W. Watts, Jr., was passed by the club endorsing the two projects.

Mrs. Warren Biggs, chairman of fine arts, gave a most interesting report of the progress which the Williamston Choral Club is making, asking for five dollars to buy music. On motion of Mrs. Wig Watts, seconded by Mrs. Frank Margolis, the club voted to give this sum from its treasury.

The club talked of the town parking situation but offered no resolutions at this meeting. Many members felt that the time had arrived when town cars should be limited in the time allowed for parking on Main street in the long block between Houghton and Smithwick, that no parking should be allowed before the movie theatre during show hours and some consideration should be given those persons living in the Tar Heel Apartments. Mention was made of the past request that white lines be marked on the street to show pedestrians where to walk for safety and that all cars be required by law to go slowly at these lines.

The school awards as requested by Mr. Hix were discussed and the club, on motion of Mrs. Margolis, seconded by Mrs. Myrtle Brown, voted to take suggestion No. 6, two civic awards, presenting to the school at commencement two silver loving cups.

The president stated that the Jim Stators had taken Mr. Hix's suggestion for No. 3 award, best all-round student in grades 8 to 11. This award means that the students striving to win this silver drinking goblet must have the best home training record, good behavior at all times and good lessons.

Mrs. George Harrison reported that the city fathers would furnish greens to decorate the business portion of Main and Washington streets, the Virginia Electric and Power Company furnishing the "juice" and the membership of the club was asked to assist in this decoration work. This the members voted to do, under the direction of the garden-department.

The hour for the club dances was lengthened to 1:30. The club stated that any criticism of the management or conduct of these dances be reported to the social committee, the critic being required to give his name.

Mrs. George Harrison and Mrs. Piephoff with the club president were elected a committee to confer with the Kiwanis committee regarding the proposed swimming pool and county library.

Dr. Larkin W. Glazebrook, a Washington, D. C. physician now doing evangelistic work for the Episcopal church addressed the membership and pleaded with the mothers to tell their boys and girls the facts of life that they might be safeguarded against wrong companions and formation of bad habits. At the close of this address the president appointed the wives of the ministers of the town as a committee to take up this education, Mrs. Piephoff being chairman, Mrs. Moseley, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Dickey members.

## Accident Reported Due To Christmas Fireworks

Although Christmas is almost two weeks away, one minor accident has been reported. Junie Peel suffered a painful but not serious injury to his right hand when he shot a fire-cracker after the Roman-candle-style. He failed to release the "salute" in time, and now he is carrying his hand in bandages. The boy was not daunted by the accident and he is now hoping to recover in time to shoot the remainder of his fireworks by Christmas.

## COLLECTION OF TAXES BETTER FOR THIS YEAR

1932 Tax Books Turned Over To County Attorney By Sheriff Roebuck

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck completed his work as collector of 1932 taxes for the county yesterday when the commissioners, in special session, accepted the audit for the period.

The collector reported a \$6,071.62 insolvent list which the authorities turned over for collection to S. Harcum Grimes. Approximately \$30,294.93 was accounted for in land sales made on Monday of last week, the report showing total collections of \$179,937.50.

When compared with collections last year and the year before, the report this year shows a marked improvement. The insolvent list is smaller and the sales were far below those for the year 1931.

The tax books for the year 1932 will be turned over to the county attorney for collections for legal handling. During the meantime, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck is already far ahead with collections for the year 1933.

## LAND VALUED AT \$17 PER ACRE

Valuation Decreased Compared With Figures For 1932

The average value this year of the 275,200 acres of farm land in this county is placed at approximately \$17 an acre, a decided decrease as compared with the 1932 values. The 12,270 acres of timberlands were valued at \$58,224, or about \$4.74 an acre. While the total value of farm land, \$4,714,902, is far greater than any other one taxable item in the county, town lots lead the list as far as individual values are concerned. The 1,886 town lots in this county are valued at \$1,590,877 or an average of about \$844.30 a lot. The 1,886 lots are valued at about one-third the entire amount for 275,200 acres of farm land.

Three years ago there were 283,911 acres of land in cultivation in this county.

## "Deacon Dubbs" Very Successful Friday Night

"Deacon Dubbs," farce comedy, was successfully presented under the auspices of the Church of the Advent in the high school auditorium here last Friday evening. The cast was well chosen, and the assigned parts were handled in a masterly way by the amateur actors.

Approximately \$75 was raised for the Parish House fund, it was announced.

## To Give Old Kentucky Minstrel At Bear Grass

Pupils of the Bear Grass school will appear in an old Kentucky Negro minstrel Thursday of this week at 7:30 p. m. Proceeds from the small admission charge will be used for the school, it was announced.

## Philathea Class To Meet With Mrs. Warren Biggs

The Philathea class of the Baptist church will meet at the home of Mrs. Warren Biggs Friday at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present and bring calendars.

## Roll Call Of Red Cross Reported Very Successful

The Red Cross annual roll call, recently completed here, was one of the most successful ever reported, Mrs. A. R. Dugning, chapter chairman, said this morning. A total of \$148.22 was collected this year as compared with about \$75 last year. The amount reported this morning is in addition to liberal donations made during the late summer to storm sufferers in nearby counties.

## Apparently More Than Five Jackasses In County

Humorously speaking, a huge error was made in the listing of various property for taxes in this county last April. Five jackasses were listed, but most everyone will agree that there are more of such animals roaming the streets and roads in this county than the number indicated by the tax list. But the variation in the number listed and the number unlisted does not mean a whole lot for the taxable value count for little.

## CWA Pay Roll in County Totals Over \$3,000 Week

The payroll of the Civil Works Administration continued to climb in this county last week when 334 men were paid \$3,310. It is now believed that the payroll will reach the maximum this week when the quota of 442 men is reached.

Projects are being handled in Griffin's, Hamilton, Cross Roads, Robersonville and Williamston townships, furnishing men work from every nook and corner in the county. Additional projects are being prepared for consideration by the authorities in Raleigh, and others will likely be approved the latter part of this week.

Plans for the construction of a swimming pool 105 by 45 feet here are advancing rapidly, and by the latter part of next week the fate of the proposed project will likely be determined. Approximately \$4,000 of the project cost will be financed locally, but just how it will be done no one apparently knows at the present time.

Engineers and Mr. George, head of the employment activities in the State, were here last week aiding local authorities in speeding up the works program, and it is believed now that the activities will be fully underway by the latter part of next week.

## NOT MANY CASES ON DOCKET FOR SUPERIOR COURT

Jones Murder Case Causes Delay In Activities Of Grand Jury

One of the smallest criminal dockets in many months was placed before the Martin County Superior Court here yesterday for disposition, but much time and discussion were necessary and the tribunal failed to complete its work that day. Fair-sized crowds were in attendance upon the proceedings, but the cases were hardly of more than passing importance. Judge M. V. Barnhill, of Rocky Mount, is presiding, and it is likely that the court will complete its work and adjourn shortly.

A delay was reported in the grand jury activities when that body waited the return of certain witnesses in the Jones murder case. The jury will hardly complete its work before some time tomorrow.

Six months sentences were common in the court Monday, Judge Barnhill sending four defendants to the roads for one-half a year and two others for nine months.

Tobie Barber, adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to the roads for six months. Frank Wells, a witness in the case, was jailed for ten days for contempt of court. Wells was said to have been slightly intoxicated.

Pete Hassell was sentenced to the roads for six months on an assault and robbery charge.

Azariah Williams drew six months on a larceny and receiving charge.

Buck Eborn, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to the roads for six months.

John Gray and Butcher Corey, charged with housebreaking, were each sentenced to the roads for nine months. James Gray, facing the same charge, was found not guilty.

The case charging L. H. Peel with forgery, was continued for the term. Several other minor civil actions were also continued.

## LARGER NUMBER COWS IN COUNTY

But Still Martin Is Inadequately Supplied To Meet Needs Of Milk Products

During the last six years, the number of milk cows in this county has been increased nearly 100 per cent. According to the last tax figures there are now more than 800 milk cows in this county. The number, however, is still considered inadequate to meet the real needs of growing children and supply the family table with milk products.

The number of beef cattle has also been materially increased. In 1930 there were only 767 as compared with 1,296 listed last April.

While a goodly number of families has added milk cows to their stock, the largest increase in milk cows is traceable to dairies located near the larger towns in the county.

## Automobile License Tags Being Obtained Slowly

While there have been a greater number of automobile license plates sold this year than up until the same time last year, the sale continues slowly, Assistant Bureau Manager Corey said yesterday afternoon. So far 170 plates have been sold at the local bureau.

## ONLY 10 MORE DAYS

There are just 10 more shopping days before Christmas. Williamston merchants are better prepared to serve their patrons than ever before with appropriate gifts and merchandise of all kinds for the season.

Make your plans to visit Williamston merchants now. You'll find valuable bargains in the advertisements carried by the leading merchants. And a ready welcome awaits you.

## DECIDED THAT JOBLESS WOMEN CAN GET WORK

Must Show, However, That They Need Work And Are Unemployed

Raleigh.—It is not necessary that women who seek employment in work relief projects must have been on relief rolls, but only that they need work and are unemployed, it was announced by Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state civil works and emergency relief administrator. The opinion prevailed in some quarters that only those women who have already been receiving relief would be eligible for employment on the work projects for women which are to be organized as soon as possible. But instead, any women who are unemployed and who can show that they actually need employment, even though they may not be entirely destitute, will be eligible for jobs with these projects.

"There are thousands of women who have not applied for direct relief, and who still have families or relatives who have been partially supporting them, who at the same time are in real need," Mrs. O'Berry pointed out. "Of course, no jobs will be given to women whose husbands or families are entirely able to support them, nor will jobs be given to any who quit regular jobs hoping to get relief jobs at higher pay."

"But we do intend to do everything possible to provide employment for the thousands of women who have been and still are in real need, but who have been unwilling to apply for direct relief."

Thus the employment of school teachers on special teaching projects will not be limited only to those teachers who have been on the relief rolls, as was believed for a while. For any unemployed teacher who can show that she is eligible for this employment and has the necessary training, can get a chance at any of these special teaching jobs.

"If a teacher is unemployed and living with her family and that family entirely able to support her, she cannot expect a relief job," it was pointed out. "But if she can show that she is being only partially supported by her family or relatives and that such support is burdensome upon them, and that such support is inadequate, she will of course be eligible for employment on a relief work project."

## Large Numbers See New Ford Displayed

The initial showing of Ford's newest car attracted large numbers to the show room of the Williamston Motor Company here last Saturday and yesterday. While the appearance of the car has not been greatly changed, it carries a number of improvements over previous models.

Several orders have been placed with the Ford dealers here since the car was first displayed, and deliveries will probably be made the latter part of this or early next week.

## JUDGE BARNHILL PRESIDING OVER COURT SESSION

Jurist Gives One Of Shortest Charges Heard Here In Some Time

In one of the shortest charges heard here in some time, Judge M. V. Barnhill, presiding over the regular term of Martin County Superior Court, yesterday instructed the members of the grand jury to investigate all county affairs and inspect the various school properties.

Headed by Mr. J. E. Harrison, Jr., the jury is scheduled to visit all the school property for an investigation. The jurist stressed the importance of sanitary conditions and fire portance of protecting the children from disease and eliminating fire hazards. The jurors are to see that all county property is protected by insurance, and the bonds of all county officers will be reviewed, the judge instructing the jury members to require bonds furnished by surety companies.

After explaining to the foreman that he could excuse a few members when reasons for dismissal were considered worthy, the jury repaired to its room down stairs to consider a few bills of indictment and carry out the judge's orders.

Names of the citizens chosen for grand jury duty are as follows:

- S. B. Everett, Jasper Johnson, G. Dallas Keel, E. E. Glover, J. R. Rawls, T. J. Roberson, W. E. Early, W. T. Bunting, L. L. Keel, J. E. Harrison, Jr., C. H. Godwin, Jr., J. A. Haislip, J. A. Ross, Calvin Ayers, H. S. Harris, Jos. S. Griffin, Percy Cherry and W. H. Hardison.

## A. C. L. Materially Cuts Passenger Fares On Road

Passenger fares on Coast Line trains have been materially reduced by the A. C. L. company recently, the decrease amounting to almost half the old charges.

Fares to Norfolk have been reduced from \$4.45 to \$2.48; to Richmond from \$5.44 to \$3.03 and so on.

## Two Applications For Caswell Training School

Martin County had nine girls and boys in the Caswell Training School, near Kinston, and two applications are before the institution for the entrance of two more from this county.

## Sheep Raising In County Appears To Be Increasing

Martin County's tax listers in the last round-up of property values gathered into the fold ninety and nine sheep, leaving everyone to guess where the wanderer from the fold can be found.

While sheep raising in this county amounts to very little, the number is gradually increasing. Three years ago there were only 52 sheep listed on the tax books in this county.

## Good Cattle Bring More Than Scrub Animals

Fifty herd of young Hereford and Shorthorn steers, paid F. W. Von Cannon of Avery County 1 1/2 cents a pound more than other farmers received for scrub beef animals last week.

## A. C. L. To Pay Expenses To National 4-H Camp

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company has offered to defray the expenses of one boy and one girl to the national 4-H club camp in Washington next summer provided the successful person is selected from one of the counties served by the railroad.

## Dogs Of Martin County Are Valued At \$1,518

There are 1,138 males and 190 female dogs of common stock in this county, according to latest figures gained from the tax books. The group of dogs are allegedly worth \$1,518.

Twenty-three dogs, apparently bred in a higher strata of society, were listed and valued at \$440.

## Proper Fertilizer Mixtures Increases Values \$50 Acre

Where Caswell County tobacco growers used the fertilizer mixtures recommended by the Extension Service this past year, an increase in value of about \$50 an acre has been secured, reports the County agent.