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## KIWANIANS HEAR ALBERT COATES LAST WEDNESDAY

### Importance of Institute of Government Stressed By Speaker

The importance and great possibilities of North Carolina's Institute of Government were vividly outlined by Albert Coates, head of the institute and professor of law in the State University, in an interesting address before the Kiwanis Club here last Wednesday noon. The work of the Institute was reviewed and the program of future activity was explained, clearly indicating that a valuable service can be expected of the organization in bridging the gaps between the citizens and their governmental units.

There are wide gaps between the schools and the people, between the government and the citizens, and between the college and the commonwealth, Mr. Coates pointing out that the Institute of Government was created with the expressed aim of bridging these gaps and establishing a governmental laboratory. There are nearly 20,000 pupils leaving the North Carolina high schools annually who possess little knowledge of government and who hardly know how to find their way around a courthouse, he said. The situation exists not because of any fault upon the pupils but because there is a gap between the tradition of government through books and tradition as handed down by word of mouth. The two methods are parallel, affording no definite foundation for textbooks in the schools, and leaving all incoming officials to trace back and follow the systems of their predecessors. The man of books needs to know the practical side of government and the practical man needs to know books, the professor explained.

Back in 1935, State, county and city officials met and took the first step to coordinate the activities of all officers working on the same problems. From this beginning the Institute of Government was developed, and it is that organization that is trying to bridge the gap between the citizens and their government.

In bridging the gap the institute has already started preparing guide books having to do with the various governmental departments. From these books can be drawn supplementary texts for schools. The governmental laboratory is gathering information from the 100 counties and the 400 cities and towns for demonstrations before officers, pupils, and the public, the speaker explained. Already the new Institute of Government is running a new trail in the State and nation, in maintaining an information bureau for handling governmental questions and problems, and Mr. Coates created a greater value for those services in the minds of his listeners here Wednesday.

## Program of Closing Events at Jamesville School Are Outlined

### Music Recital To Be Given By Miss Glasgow's Class Wednesday Evening

Opening with a music recital under the direction of Miss Annie Glasgow, the Jamesville commencement program gets underway in the school auditorium next Wednesday evening. Next Friday a high school play, "Light House Nan," directed by Miss Roselyn Satterwhite, will be presented at 8 o'clock.

Rev. J. M. Perry, of Robersonville, will preach the commencement sermon Sunday morning, May 12, the class day exercises following the next evening at 8 o'clock. The grammar and primary grades will appear in an operetta Tuesday evening at the 8 o'clock hour.

## Senior Play Last Tuesday Success

Seniors of the local high school successfully presented, "A Little Coddle-hopper," in the school auditorium last Tuesday night. A large and appreciative audience saw the play which brought the senior class approximately \$55 in revenue. While there were probably a few "stand-outs" among the players, the entire cast performed exceptionally well. The play was coached by Misses VanDyke and Riddick, high school teachers, Mrs. James Peters assisting with the dances.

## Robersonville Colored School Totally Destroyed by Fire Tuesday Afternoon

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Robersonville colored school building about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, burning nearly all the furniture and fixtures with the exception of a piano and a few seats. Starting in a closet, the fire spread rapidly over the building, destroying the dry timbers in short order.

The fire company was called out, but was unable to cope with the fire, as the nearest water hydrant was about a half mile away.

School had been dismissed about 15 minutes, and a few people were in the auditorium practicing at the time. When they discovered the fire, it was burning rapidly and efforts to check the blaze proved useless and the group then started moving the piano.

The building was partially covered by insurance, it was learned from the office of the superintendent of county schools.

Arrangements have been made to complete the term by holding classes in the Henry Moore building on Railroad Street. Commencement exercises will be held Friday evening of this week.

No plans for the immediate replacement of the structure will be considered just now, reports from the office of the superintendent stating that housing facilities would be provided in time for the reopening of the school next fall.

## Discuss Allotment Courthouse Space

### ROOM "SWIPED"

The need for additional room in the Martin County courthouse reached a climax last Tuesday afternoon when a joint meeting of the board of commissioners and board of health literally "swiped" the courtroom from Judge H. O. Peel and his court.

## Condition of Potato Crop Good; Outlook For Prices Gloomy

### County Farmer Eats New Irish Potatoes for Noon Meal Last Saturday

Prospects are bright for a good Irish potato crop in this section this season, according to the latest data released by the State and Federal Crop Reporting Service. That the crop is well advanced in this section is evidenced by a report coming from Farmer Hyman Warren who served new potatoes grown in his field near Robersonville last Saturday. Digging time is yet several weeks away, the main shipping season falling in the early part of June.

The condition of the early potato crop recently was given as 86 percent, compared with a condition of 75 percent at the same time last year and a ten-year average of 83 percent.

While the crop prospects are good, the price outlook is not so encouraging, says a recent report.

Irish potatoes are a problem to growers this spring. Last fall's crop has sold as low as 10 cents per bushel to growers. This accounts for the slightly decreased acreage in the South this spring. Seed were cheap.

The stands of the commercial crop in this State are unusually good. The frost and cold period in mid-April is said to have done considerable damage in spotted areas.

Feed crops appear to be on the increase. The unfavorable weather conditions, activity of growers in the crop control programs, local shortages and high costs of seeds, reduction in livestock feed requirements, and drought area conditions, each are having their effect in holding down general crop acreages.

"Cash" crops are showing the effect of the control programs, although increases over last year are generally permitted. The farmers' part of the average dollar spent by the average consumer for the ten principal foods is now 45 percent as compared with 36 percent average for the last three years. A pertinent question is whether the costs of production and marketing these foods (by farmers) are only 45 percent of the reasonable cost of handling between the producer and consumer?

## Methodists To Hold Church Conference Sunday Evening

At the Methodist church next Sunday: Church school, 9:45 a. m. Regular worship service at 11 o'clock.

There will be a church conference at 8 o'clock instead of the regular service.

Service at Holly Springs, 3:30.

## NUMBER CASES DISPOSED OF IN COUNTY COURT

### Many Cases Are Continued On Account of Absence Of Two Attorneys

Holding its first session since April 9, the county recorder's court last Tuesday started grinding out justice on its weekly schedule. Many of the 23 cases on the docket were continued on account of the absence of attorneys who are in the legislature.

Minor violations of the motor vehicle laws accounted for seven of the cases carried into court by Patrolman Hunt. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the cases charging James Speller, Charlie Bellamy, William Riddick, Milton Roberson, and Mayo Modlin and R. A. Critcher and Brother with operating vehicles with improper brakes.

Two cases charging R. H. Reid and Ernest Lassiter and Gaston Rogers with similar offenses were continued.

Grady T. Davis, charged with operating a car while intoxicated, was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost.

The Mobley was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost for drunken and reckless driving.

Continuances were granted in the cases charging James Biggs, Bernice Brown and Columbus Brown with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case charging Rick Carson with violating the prohibition laws. Carson pleaded guilty of the illegal possession of a quantity of bottle in bond liquor.

Charged with perjury, Johnnie White and Johnnie Johnson waived preliminary examination, and the case was ordered docketed for trial in the superior court with the defendants under \$200 bonds.

Mahala Smallwood was found not guilty of violating the prohibition laws. The cases charging Hubert Bunting with operating an automobile while intoxicated and T. W. Holliday with cruelty to animals were continued.

## Town Board Will Be Asked To Open New Street in New Town

### Regular Meeting of Town Commissioners Will Be Held Monday Night

A regular meeting of the local board of commissioners will be held in the City Hall office next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, when a joint development of the Godard property is scheduled to be considered. According to reliable reports, the town will be asked to open a street from a point near the W. B. Watts home on Haughton Street, extended, to Watts Street, near the home of S. Collin Peel.

The construction of a number of homes is being considered in that section if the street is opened, it is understood.

As far as it could be learned, the property development is the only business tentatively scheduled for consideration at the meeting next Monday night. The officials will meet at 8 o'clock.

## Enlarge Grandstand At Local Ball Park

### Lumber Placed on Grounds To Close In Baseball Park Shortly

Making ready for what promises to be an interesting baseball season beginning here next month, the Messrs. Lilley Brothers are completing today a 40-foot addition to the grandstand in the high school ball park. Sixteen feet have been added to the length of the grandstand on the third-base line and 24 feet to the stand on the first-base line, increasing the seating capacity to about 600 fans, it was stated.

Lumber for fencing the park has been placed, and work on the project will get underway shortly.

## Warm Election for Town of Jamesville Is Forecast There Tuesday of Next Week

Following a long period of inactivity, politics down at Jamesville broke forth to new life at a nominating convention last Tuesday night, and a hot municipal election is predicted by some for next Tuesday. While the situation is said to be far from personal discord, rumors have it that there will be an independent ticket before the approximately 100 eligible voters next Tuesday.

A registration provided by a special act of the legislature has just been closed, nearly 100 citizens having registered, it is understood.

At the well-attended convention this week, Mr. C. B. Martin was nominated for mayor and Messrs. Luther Harrison, Clarence Sexton, and C. A. Askew were selected as nominees for commissioners. Differences developed in the convention, it was unofficially reported, and it now looks as if the election will be the main deciding event in Jamesville's politics during the next two years.

## Chief Daniel Not Getting Along Well In Hospital

Undergoing an operation on his eyes in a Richmond hospital several days ago, Williamston's chief of police, W. B. Daniel, was said a day or two ago not to be getting along very well. It could not be learned when he expects to return home.

## Health Program Is Considered At Session Held Here Tuesday

### Quiet and Uneventful Election Here Is Forecast for Tuesday of Next Week

An unusually quiet and uneventful time is expected next Tuesday, when local citizens ballot for a mayor and five commissioners for the two-year term beginning the first Monday in next month. The election will be held in the City Hall, Messrs. R. T. Griffin, Theodore Hassell, and J. E. Pope serving as officials.

Only 24 new names have been added to the registration books, and present indications point to one of the smallest votes cast in a municipal election here in years.

Mayor J. L. Hassell and Commissioners N. C. Green, Luther Peel, G. H. Harrison, V. D. Godwin, and L. P. Linsley are up for reelection.

The election, it is believed, has been mentioned by less than a dozen people during the past few days, and, realizing there is no apparent interest in the event, a large majority of voters will not participate.

## High School Band Will Give Concert Sunday Afternoon

### Band Members To Appear In New Uniforms for the First Time Locally

The Williamston High School band will give a concert in the school auditorium next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. This program is arranged in celebration of National Music Week. The entire band will appear dressed in new uniforms, giving local people an opportunity to see how well the boys look.

Thirty-nine capes were completed recently by the home economics department of the high school at a total cost of \$67.19. The benefit performance held several weeks ago brought a profit of \$57.85, and the Woman's Club has agreed to provide the balance due on the uniforms. The girls in the home economics department, under the direction of their teacher, Miss Pauline Lentz, did excellent work on the capes, providing at low cost capes which would have cost at least \$200 if purchased from a manufacturer.

## Two Young Men Charged With Breaking Into Home

Chester Terry and Lester Whitaker, young white men, were arrested last Wednesday by Robersonville's chief of police, William Gray, for the alleged robbery of the Kan Manning home near Robersonville several days before. A stand of lard and a few household articles were found in the Terry home, reports stating they were taken from the Manning home. At a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Hurst, Terry was released under bond. Whitaker is in jail here awaiting trial.

## Jamesville Fishery Is Again Operating

After a long period of inactivity caused by high waters, fishing operations were resumed at the Fleming Fishery, Jamesville, this week, reports stating yesterday that the fish were being taken in comparatively large numbers. While the herring were numerous, very few shad and rock were being taken. Of the several rockfish caught yesterday, one weighed about 30 pounds, it was stated.

## New Store Ready for Big Opening Here Tomorrow

Williamston's newest business establishment, Bounds' 5 and 10 Cent to \$1 Store, opens tomorrow in the building formerly occupied by the A. and P. store next to Clark's Drug Store on Main Street. Large stocks of merchandise have been arranged in the renovated building, and a very successful opening has been predicted for tomorrow. Exceptional values are being offered tomorrow and during the sale lasting through Saturday of next week.

## VanDyke's Offering Free Tickets to Furniture Show

Through the courtesy of the VanDyke Furniture Company here, the people of this section have been invited to a showing of fine furniture by Tomlinson in High Point next Friday. Four main floors of the large Tomlinson building will be opened to the public that day, Mr. Garland Woolard, manager of VanDyke's, said, and he will be glad to issue tickets to the people of this section who care to attend the show.

## COUNTY BOARD, HEALTH BOARD IN JOINT MEET

### Action Is Deferred Until June Meeting of County Commissioners

A five-piece unit public health service for Martin County was considered at length at a joint meeting of the county commissioners and county board of health in the courthouse Tuesday afternoon, when Dr. Fox, of the State Board of Health, outlined what is recognized as a logical and conservative program for advancing the public health of Martin County people.

Opened by J. E. Pope, chairman of the board of commissioners and health, the meeting was attended by interested representatives from nearly every section of the county. Dr. Fox was immediately asked to outline a proposed health program, the outgrowth of which is the result of requests from many parent-teacher association members to the county commissioners for the services of a health nurse.

Explaining that the one-nurse health service was considered inadequate, that it was not a very economical plan, Mr. Fox stated that the state had withdrawn all aid from such programs. The present program, known as the five-piece unit, advanced by the state, calls for the services of an all-time health officer, sanitary inspector, nurse, office secretary and dental facilities during a certain number of weeks each year. The county board of health elects the health officer, and the officer appoints his assistants, all of whom are under direct supervision of the State Board of Health, Dr. Fox explained.

The State Board representative explained that the work of the health unit would center around the control of communicable diseases, while the program would carry the health workers into the schools, private homes, provide for complete sanitary inspections of sewer systems, water and milk supplies, and immunization. Dental services will be available during about 20 weeks each year.

The five-piece program handled in cooperation with another nearby county will cost Martin approximately \$4,000.

## Legislature Hopes To Finish Up Its Work Next Week

### Liquor Bill Providing For Referendum in June Is Killed by Senate

After wrangling much about nothing for four months, the North Carolina Legislature settled down to business recently, handled its work rapidly and made adjournment possible and likely some time next week.

The liquor question was settled, for the time at least, yesterday, when the Senate refused to support a house bill calling for a referendum to be held the 7th of next month. The action came as a surprise to many, as it was generally thought the main strength of the wets rested in the Senate. Senators Coburn and Bailey, representing this district, favored the proposed bill in the roll call yesterday. Many of the wets voted dry and a few of the dries voted wet, Sheriff Charlie Roebuck and Gus Harrison, who were in Raleigh yesterday, said upon their return home today.

## Bishop Darst To Be Here Sunday Night

The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, Bishop of East Carolina, will preach at the Church of the Advent Sunday night, and will confirm a class of several persons. The members of those churches which do not have a service Sunday night are cordially invited to attend this service.

## Oxford Orphanage Singing Class Coming Here May 14

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class will appear in a concert in the high school auditorium here Tuesday evening, May 14, it was announced today. The class is composed of 14 boys and girls this year, and members of the Masonic lodge here are hopeful the public will strongly support the entertainment. There will be no admission charge made, but a free-will offering will be taken.

## BLUE MOLD

Continuing to spread rapidly and causing greater damage as it spreads, the blue mold is now being considered with serious alarm in this section. That the mold will effect a decrease in the crop is expected, but not certain just now in this county. Transplanting operations are being delayed considerably, some farmers finding it difficult to secure enough plants to transplant more than four or five medium length rows at a time. Reliable reports from one or two counties indicate that the allotments in many sections of those counties will not be reached as a result of damage to plants that is caused by blue mold.

## Young Bear Grass Couple Badly Hurt In Auto Accident

### Mrs. J. Rawls Suffers Skull Fracture When Auto Hits Tree On Stokes Road

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rawls, young married couple of Bear Grass, were badly hurt when the car in which they were riding sideswiped another on the Stokes-Robersonville highway last Wednesday night and crashed head-on into a big pine tree. Mrs. Rawls suffered a fractured skull when her head was thrown against the car dashboard. Mr. Rawls was bruised and cut about the shoulder, arms and face, it was reported. Willie Bunn, occupant of the other car, had his leg badly hurt.

Bunn, a colored man of near Robersonville, had car trouble and had stopped to his side of the road on a curve, it was said. The car driven by Rawls, but owned by Herman Rogers, just did strike the Bunn machine and went out of control, stopping against the big tree about 150 feet down the road.

The accident was described by Patrolman Hunt as one of the worst occurring on the highways of this county so far this year.

## Abandon Hope for Plan of Townsend

### State Manager Fisher Says Bill Will Be Changed at Next Session

The Townsend \$200 monthly pension plan for all people over 60 years of age is not progressing very rapidly in the legislative halls of the United States Congress, W. B. Fisher, state manager for the proposed bill, stating this week, "We are not expecting now to get the bill passed at this session of Congress, but we will try again next session."

Several months ago the manager for the plan stirred up bright hopes for hundreds of old people in this county. As the weeks passed and they received no money they gradually forgot all about what now seems hardly more than a dream. A few of the petition signers have passed on to their reward, and very little hope for great wealth in their declining years is held by nearly all the remaining old folks.