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## ENTIRE SCHOOL-BUILDING PROGRAM OF COUNTY GETS O. K. OF PWA AUTHORITIES

### Understood Work To Begin at Once Under Supervision of PWA

### Program Calls For Eight Buildings or Additions At Six County Schools

Martin County's \$100,000 school building program, after hanging in the balance for several months, and at one time facing almost certain rejection, has at last been approved by federal authorities, it was learned this week, but the terms and conditions under which the program was passed were not definitely set out in a telegram from State Engineer Baity to Superintendent of County Schools J. C. Manning. It is understood that the projects are to get underway immediately or on a schedule drawn by PWA officials.

Just when bids will be called for could not be learned yesterday, the county officials awaiting more direct information from the state engineer for the Public Works program. The architects has been instructed to make complete drawings and plans for the eight projects immediately and probably bids will be asked for some if not all the buildings within the next week or two.

Work on the foundation for the Bear Grass teacherage was started this week, but further activity will be delayed to await the completion of the PWA building program plans, it is understood.

The proposed program calls for an expenditure of \$100,273, the Public Works Administration granting \$50,850 as its part, the differential going to the purchase of equipment, it was stated.

Two units, a high school building and a gymnasium, will be constructed at Jamesville separate and apart from the present building and each other. The high school will cost around \$19,618 and the gymnasium approximately \$6,132. The high school will be of brick, while the gymnasium will be a frame structure.

A one-story addition will be made to the Farm Life Building at an estimated cost of \$14,605.

The Bear Grass' teacherage, a frame structure, will cost around \$6,036, patrons of the school already having donated the lumber material for the building.

A primary unit for the Williamston school, to be located apart from the elementary unit but on the same grounds, will cost around \$14,000, the building to have four rooms and be of brick construction.

A new eight-room building costing \$17,670, will be built at Robertsonville to house the colored school. The structure will be one story and of frame construction with brick veneering.

At Oak City two new units will be added to the plant, each constituting a separate unit. The proposed unit for the primary grades will be similar to the one at Williamston and is to cost approximately \$15,892. A gymnasium for the Oak City plant will cost \$6,132.

Approval of the projects took county school officials by surprise, for they had been disheartened some time ago after pushing to the limit the application for the funds. Details of the program are yet to be worked out, but the approval of the projects by federal authorities virtually assures the beginning and completion of all the buildings included in the program.

## Singing Class at County Church

Free Will Baptist singing class from the orphanage at Middlesex will appear in a special program at the Ross of Sharon church, one and one-half miles from Bear Grass on Saturday night of this week. Despite hardships resulting from depressed conditions during the past few years, the institution has struggled to carry on its noble work, and the officers of the church appeal to all members and friends of all other denominations and creeds to attend the concert and aid the worthwhile work. A cordial welcome is extended to all to attend.

The following night, October 6, the Rev. J. H. Edwards, of Mount Olive, will start a series of revival services. The public is cordially invited to attend each evening.

## Annual Sessions of Kekukee Association at Bear Grass

Preparations are under way in the Bear Grass community for one of the largest annual association meetings there this week in years, a prominent member of the Primitive Baptist church said yesterday. In addition to numerous visitors from the 33 others churches in the Kekukee Association, hundreds of friends from all denominations and in nearly every walk of life will accept the genuine welcome that always awaits everyone in that and other communities where the annual events are held. Officials of the highway patrol have assigned several patrolmen the task of aiding traffic during Sunday, the big day

## Trying County Man for Buying Scrap Tobacco

### FALL WEATHER

Starting by the calendar the 23rd of last month, the fall season was trailed by fall weather by just one week, the activities of the thermometer yesterday morning, and this morning, too, clearly reminding one that old summer had just about petered out for another six or eight months. The mercury dropped to 40 degrees yesterday morning here but advanced to about 70 before the shadows began to fall in the afternoon.

No frost has fallen, so the very early risers say, and none is expected right away, or until the nights become a little longer. However, if the mercury keeps hanging around and dropping below 40 degrees, a light frost will be in order most any old time.

## Main Street Store of Pender Is Robbed of \$400 in Cash Sunday

### Robbers Fail In Attempt To Enter Two Other Stores Nearby at Same Time

D. Pender Grocery Company's Main Street store here was robbed of approximately \$400 some time during the day Sunday, according to a report filed by the manager with local police last Sunday evening. Officer J. H. Allsbrooks stated this morning that the case had been investigated and that around a dozen young colored boys seen playing near the store Sunday had been questioned at length, but no information even indicating guilt had been gained from any of them. The store was said to have been entered through a back window, where a small wire screen was torn off, the iron bars over the opening being of such size as to permit a small person to crawl through.

Before leaving the store at the close of business late Saturday night the manager stated he hid the money in three different places near the iron safe. Before leaving at 8:30 Sunday morning for a meeting of store managers in Raleigh that day, the manager explained that he visited the store and saw that everything was all right before he left. Upon his return that evening, he again visited the store and, finding the money gone and a few other articles missing, he reported the robbery to the police.

An attempt to enter the stores of Harrison Brothers and Company and the Sanitary Grocery Company was made about the same time, an investigation shows. Part of the door trimmings were torn away at the Harrison store, and a lock on the grocery back door was almost torn off.

## Start Work on New Home For Mr. and Mrs. Frank

Construction work on a new home for Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Frank was started on the corner of Haughton Extended and Warren Streets here yesterday. The building will be of wood construction and its two stories will have eight rooms.

## LOST IN SWAMP 31 DAYS, MAN FOUND BY CCC WORKERS

### Recovering Rapidly Under Care of Washington Police Force

Lost in the old Jamesville-Washington pocosin, about 4 miles from the old railroad right-of-way in this county 31 days ago, Alston Kimbrell, white man from Kennsburg, Illinois, was found there nearly starved to death yesterday by CCC surveyors. Removed to police headquarters in Washington, the man was said to have been so weak he could hardly talk, other than give his name, his home address and tell how long he had been in the woods. At noon today he was reported able to be up and had visited the barber shop for a shave and willingly returned to police headquarters, where he is being extended a welcome for the present.

Kimbrell said the last thing he remembers was crossing the river bridge at Washington, that he was unable to explain how he reached the swamp of thousands of acres.

Kimbrell, who said he was 48 years old, told his rescuers, who were attracted by his cries, that he had been lost in the swamp for 31 days and that during the entire time he had been without food except for berries he found in the woods. Saffron-colored skin stretched tightly across sunken jaws bore mute testimony to the man's starving condition. Weighing 110 pounds, Kimbrell said he tipped the scales at 169 pounds when he came to this section a month ago.

The man was found lying near an uprooted tree which had formed a gurgut, in which Kimbrell said he slept during his stay in the woods.

Kimbrell told officers that he has a sister and a daughter living in Mount Carmel, Ill. He did not tell anyone what he was doing in this section when he became lost.

## Colored Woman Is Shot by Paramour Here Early Sunday

### Reconciliation Attempted When Victim Visited Jail Unannounced

Marthina Chesson, local colored woman, was painfully but not badly shot early last Sunday morning by Claude Matthews, colored, officers stating that Matthews claimed another man had entered into the illicit love affair of his. Matthews, who lives in a small house at the foot of the river hill on East Main Street here, is said to have chased the woman from his home after he broke down a door and fired a load of gunshot into her back, the shot tearing a sizeable hole just between her shoulders. The woman was said to have been literally flying along the spur track of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad when Matthews fired, and that the shot was "cold" when they reached her.

Chief W. B. Daniel and Officer Allsbrooks were called, and Matthews, said to have been drinking when the trouble started, surrendered without any trouble. He is being held in the county jail and a hearing will likely be set within the next day or two before Justice J. L. Hassell.

The Chesson woman is able to be out, and was seen near the jail yesterday afternoon trying to talk to the man who shot her.

## Minister Begins New Work Here

Rev. James H. Smith entered up on his new duties as pastor of the Williamston Memorial Baptist church last Sunday morning when he preached on the topic, "Not Forsaking the Assembling of Ourselves Together." That evening all the other churches of the town suspended their services to worship with the Baptists and to hear the recently called minister. Both sermons were well received by large congregations.

Mr. Smith, just shortly out of the seminary but who is a man of several years' experience in the ministry, enters upon his new work here with much zeal and interest and brings to the religious field—not to the Baptist congregation alone—a new vigor and determination in carrying on the work in that field. He is at home in the parsonage on Church Street.

## Entire Sale Here Monday Brings Average of \$21.98

### Lindsay Warren Is Expected To Fight for Potato Control

Representative Lindsay Warren left Monday for Washington to attend the potato hearing before the AAA on Wednesday so as to have a preliminary meeting with growers from all sections of the country before the hearing takes place. From present indications, at least 300 growers will be present from North Carolina and Virginia alone, and wires received here today state that growers from all of the principal potato states will be present.

Mr. Warren still refuses to make any statement about the attitude of the department of agriculture toward his bill and says he will say nothing until the day of the meeting. It is generally understood that the meeting will be full of fireworks, especially if the Agricultural Adjustment Administration tries to sidestep or evade putting into effect what is now the land of the land and a plain mandate from Congress. It is not believed that North Carolina or Virginia growers will ever approve marketing agreements, which seem to be desired by Secretary Wallace, and the sentiment in those two states is almost unanimous that the control plan as passed by Congress is the only salvation for the potato farmer. Mr. Warren has received telegrams from 20 states stating that there was no opposition from the growers, but that it was coming from the unfriendly newspapers, chain stores and middle men.

## Additional Teachers For County Refused

### 4 Schools Had Valid Claims Backed by Attendance Figures

### Officials Planning to Direct Another Plea to State School Commission

Martin County's valid claims for an additional teacher in each of four schools were apparently denied by the state authorities this week, according to unofficial information received here.

Hamilton, with what appeared to be the most valid claim, was turned back when the state authorities pointed out that some of the children in that district could be transferred to the Oak City unit. The school has an average of 42 pupils for each of its five teachers, the teacher load fixed by the state standing at 38. It will be difficult to transfer the pupils to reduce the load in the Hamilton school, and it is believed that the overcrowded conditions, however deplorable they may be, are better than the remedy proposed by the state school commission. The same conditions existed in the school last year.

Williamston, with an average daily attendance of slightly more than 38 pupils for each teacher in the elementary school, was refused an additional teacher on some ground or other that is a bit difficult to understand. The large number of repeaters apparently had something to do with the denial of the request for another teacher.

Robersonville, badly in need of an additional teacher in its high school, was right on the line where the number of pupils is too great for efficiency and where the commission can squeeze through a denial of a claim.

Regardless of any well-founded claim to, an additional teacher that Jamesville may have had, the school there stood chance of decreasing its teacher unit load because there isn't another available room in the present building.

According to reports heard today, direct pleas will be made to the commission by local school officials for consideration of claims for additional teachers needed in the several schools.

## Bishop Kern To Preach Here Thursday Evening

Bishop Paul B. Kern, of the tenth Episcopal district of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will preach in the Methodist church in Williamston next Thursday night, October 3, at 7:30 p. m.

Bishop Kern is a good preacher. We most cordially invited the people of Williamston and surrounding country to hear him.—Pastor.

## Local Juniors Choose Class Officers at Recent Meeting

In a recent meeting of their class, local high school juniors elected the following officers for the year, as follows: E. G. Wynne, president; Whit Purvis, vice president; Mary Helen Boykin, treasurer, and J. F. Thigpen, reporter.

## Tax Collection Officials Meet Here Tomorrow

northeastern Carolina counties and towns are expected here tomorrow at one o'clock to attend a meeting of taxing authorities and collectors. No large number is expected, but nearly all the counties in the district are planning to be represented, according to information received here today.

The meeting will discuss pressing problems involved in tax collections and foreclosures, it was announced by Albert Coates, director of the Institute of Government. Mr. Coates is expected here and to lead the discussions, it is understood.

## Green Wave Begins Season With 25 To 0 Win Over Windsor

### Youngsters in Last Minutes Of Play Entertain Spectators

Williamston's high school Green Wave waved the Windsor Lions back here last Friday afternoon by a count of 25 to 0. Coach Peters' boys showing up mighty well for the weather, which was decidedly more favorable for a diamond contest than for gridiron activities. While not up to mid-season form, the locals showed up well in their first game, the visitors offering some strong opposition on both defense and offense at times.

Roberson and Cook, in the backfield, proved the mainstay, while Harrison and Williams showed up well as regulars. The line held its own on defense and functioned well in the driving end.

Roberson made several of his usual spectacular runs to score three touchdowns. Harrison scored once on a 20-yard run around right end, Holloman adding an extra point from placement.

The high spot of the game came in the last few minutes of play, when the tiny tots took over the work. Generalized by Cone, the young fellows held their own. The subs included Russell, P. Hardison, Daniels, Andrews, Goodman, Moore, Critcher, Chesson, Sullivan, Everett, Cunningham, Peel, Dunn, Jenkins and Bill Holloman. The local regular line-up included Hardison, A. Gurganus, Summerlin, Ramey, Holloman, Manning, R. Gurganus, Crook, Roberson, Harrison, and Williams.

## Unusual Picture Bobk At Oak City School Thursday

"The King of Kings," a reverent portrayal of the life, betrayal, crucifixion, and resurrection of Christ, will be shown in the Oak City school auditorium Thursday evening of this week at 7:45 o'clock for the benefit of the school library, Principal H. M. Ainsley announced yesterday. The picture, produced at a cost of two and a half million dollars, will be handled on modern reproduction equipment, and splendid entertainment is assured, Mr. Ainsley added.

## Over Four Million Pounds Sold So Far; Season Price \$18.34

### Farmers Declare Tobacco Selling Just As High Here As Anywhere

A new price record for the season was established on the local market yesterday, when 213,824 pounds of tobacco were sold for \$46,978.08, or for an average of nearly 22 cents a pound. The officials average was \$21.98 the hundred pounds observers stating the improve quality of the offerings accounted for the price increase rather than a strengthening of the price itself. However, greater satisfaction was expressed yesterday and today on the local market than at any time this season, and reports direct from the farmers, who, after all, keep pretty well posted on the activities of the markets by personal visits, clearly indicate that tobacco is selling, grade for grade, just as high and even higher in many cases, on the local market than on any other one in the belt.

A farmer from Northampton County was on the market today with a considerable poundage, and he volunteered that he had made money by selling here, adding that he was coming back just as soon as he could.

Up to today the market here had sold 4,122,466 pounds for \$75,959.94, a resulting average of \$18.34, and this figure includes every grade. Supervisor McFarland pointed out that the market has paid out \$71,544.55 more so far this season than it did for the whole of the 1933 season.

It is estimated that the offerings today will total around 100,000 pounds with little or no change in the price.

## Leens Man Hurt in Auto Accident Near Everetts Saturday

### Small Child Uninjured As Car Leaves Road and Hits Tobacco Barn

Robert Edmonds, 29-year-old white man of Leens, Pitt County, suffered a broken arm, a bad cut on his forehead, and internal injuries last Saturday evening about 6 o'clock when he drove his car into a tobacco curing barn on a curve a short distance from Everetts on Highway 64. His 12-months-old baby, riding with him, escaped with only a small scratch on its forehead. Even the little tot's milk bottle was not broken, but the car was demolished, according to reports heard here.

Traveling toward Everetts from Robertsonville, Edmonds was apparently driving rapidly, too rapidly, in fact, to keep the car from leaving the highway. No fire was in the tobacco barn, but the reports indicate the driver was cured of fast driving.

About two weeks ago the owner of the car, Arthur Dahi, wrecked the machine within 100 yards of the place where Edmonds drove from the highway. The machine had just been repaired, and Edmonds, a brother-in-law of the owner, borrowed it, reports stated.

## Attendance at Local School Is Increasing

Attendance figures for the first two weeks of the new term show some little increase over the same period of the 1934-35 term, both enrollment and attendance being better than was expected. Total enrollment in the elementary and high schools reached the high of 802, while the average daily attendance for the period was 766. Enrollment and attendance for the same period last year were 783 and 713, respectively. High school enrollment this year has been increased by 29, while the elementary school has shown a decrease of 10; however, there are enough children yet to enroll to bring this figure up to the figure for last year.

Comparative figures follow:

	1934-35	1935-36
Enrollment	783	802
Attendance	713	766