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## PRESBYTERIANS DEDICATE BEAR GRASS CHURCH

### Service Sunday Marks the Cancellation of Debt On \$5,000 Brick Building

By Z. T. PIEPHOFF  
In the fall of 1928, Rev. J. L. Yandell, a Presbyterian evangelist began services in the schoolhouse auditorium at Bear Grass. Following his sudden and tragic death by accident, Rev. Z. T. Piephoff continued the services weekly until the fall of 1930, at which time the local people expressed a desire for a church building of their own, even though there was but one member of the church in Bear Grass at that time, and the whole community backed the movement from the start. The men of the community dug 30 cubic yards of sand from beneath the trees, hauled 30,000 brick 7 miles from Everetts, dug the foundation ditches, and did some of the carpenter work. The ladies by solicitation secured a substantial sum of money, Presbyterian friends from all over the Southland assisted in the building, and as a consequence a pretty \$5,000 brick veneer church was built. \$500 was borrowed from the building and loan association.

Last fall the members of the church, at the suggestion of the men of the church, raised \$275 and paid off the whole indebtedness. Since that time plans have been under way to dedicate the church. On Sunday, October 25, a two-week meeting was begun, with Rev. H. M. Wilson, of Farmville, preaching. This meeting came to a close last Sunday, November 8, at 7:30 p. m. In the morning at the 11 o'clock hour, practically all of the Presbyterians in the county, who worship at Williamston, Roberson's Chapel, Poplar Point, and Bear Grass, were present to hear Rev. E. C. Lynch, of Wilson, deliver the dedicatory sermon. This message was one of the best sermons delivered in the church in all its history. Following the sermon, the elders of the church, A. Bennett Rogerson, John H. Roberson and E. P. Cunningham were called forward. The paper symbolizing the mortgage was torn into three parts, and the Rev. E. C. Lynch struck the match and set on fire the mortgage which was burned in the presence of the congregation as everyone sang, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." After the dedication of the church, the reading of the history of the church, and the roll of members, the congregation was dismissed to enjoy an hour of fellowship and food. A bountiful and delicious picnic dinner was enjoyed by about 300 people.

During the meeting a number of young people and adults made a profession of their faith in Jesus Christ and are to unite with the church. A number of parents also are to present their children for baptism. Scores of people rededicated their lives to the Master. The baptismal service will be held Sunday night, November 22.

## County Teachers Get Pay This Week

Nearly \$16,500 in salaries is being paid Martin County teachers this week for services during the second month just ended. The amount is greater by about \$1,000 than the pay roll a year ago, and is more than \$4,000 greater than the monthly pay roll two years ago. The \$16,411 is being paid as follows: White elementary teachers, \$6,754.50; white high school teachers, \$2,160; principals, \$1,078; colored elementary teachers, \$5,635.50; colored high school teachers, \$492.50 and principals, \$292.

## Farmer Grows Potato Weighing Eight Pounds

The sweet potato growing record was wrested from Farmer G. D. Grimes last week, when Leman Bowen, colored farmer living near here, dug one of the tubers weighing 8 pounds. Bowen says he dug around 300 bushels of the sweets from about one acre.

## Alleged Murderers Trained To This County Yesterday

John Phillips and his wife, Alice, charged with the murder of James Pitt, colored man, in Bethel last Saturday night, were traced to this county yesterday by Pitt-Martin officers, but the trail was lost in a wooded area in the Parmelee section. Phillips, colored, is said to have shot and robbed Pitt and escaped with his wife.

## Local Tobacco Market Sales For Season Close Next Week

Although the season is fast drawing to a close, sales on the local tobacco market are holding up well, the supervisor of sales reporting 115,334 pounds sold yesterday for \$27,727.79, a result indicating average of \$24.04. Sales for the season stand at 4,600,972 pounds, the supervisor stating that the market will fall short of 5,000,000 pounds by a narrow margin. The Planters Warehouse will

close the season on Friday of this week, but sales will be continued on the market through next Tuesday. There is very little tobacco left in this section, and it is believed that the crop can be marketed in its entirety during the remaining few days the market will continue operations. The sales, while comparatively short, are brisk on the market, with the prices holding up well.

## Red Cross Drive Is To Begin Here Tomorrow

### 28 LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED IN PAST MONTH

### Issuance Reported for Past Month Sets New Record For The Year

Issuing 28 licenses last month the Martin County marriage license bureau set a new record for the year, the issuance being one of the largest for October in several years. In October a year ago the bureau issued 16 licenses, the number last month showing an increase of 4 over the issuance in July, the largest up to last month.

The licenses were issued, 11 to white and 17 to colored couples last month, as follows:

- White**
- William Conmstock, of Creswell, and Beatrice Whitfield, of Martin County.
  - Carlos Sawyer and Katie Olivia Smith, both of Washington.
  - Colon Perry and Anna Hardison Phelps, both of Martin County.
  - Dannie E. Mobley and Beatrice Manning, both of Martin County.
  - Rudolph Goff and Marie Beacham, Williamston.
  - William Stroud, of Palmyra, and Kathryn Edmondson, of Tarboro.
  - Sherman Purser and Augusta Lewis, both of Vanceboro.
  - Gillie H. Huges and Dora Mae Stalls, both of Williamston.
  - Bruce Coltrain and Virginia Corey, both of Jamesville; Jammie Lee and Mary Lee Hardison, both of Martin County.
  - Leslie S. Hart, of Ayden, and Victoria Vincent, of Greenville.
- Colored**
- Joe David Johnson and Lela Brown, both of Martin County.
  - Ernest Purvis and Ethel Mae Smith, both of Martin County.
  - LeRoy Roberson, of Williamston, and Annie Bell Roberson, of Robersonville.
  - Robert Lee Gray and May Bettie Bryant, of Goose Nest.
  - Robert Lee Howell and Nannie Mae Savage, both of Martin County.
  - Lawrence D. Teel and Ida Latham, both of Martin County.
  - Willie Highsmith, of Oak City, and Nancy Nelson, of Parmelee.
  - Louis Smallwood, of Bear Grass, and Elizabeth Latham, of Williamston.
  - John Latham and Anna V. Rhodes, both of Williamston.
  - Theodore Watson and Mary Mandy Wiggins, both of Williamston.
  - Curtis James and Mary Jane Williams, both of Robersonville.
  - Oscar Little and Irene Bridgers, both of Robersonville.
  - Biscoe Wynne, of Robersonville, and Ella Howell, of Rocky Mount.
  - James Perkins and Ada Pearl Moore, both of Martin County.
  - Zebedee Everett and Virginia Cromwell, both of Martin County.
  - Clinton Clarke, of Martin County, and Katie Jane Bell, of Kinston.
  - Willie Speller and Rosa Bell Johnson, both of Williamston.

## Plans Complete for Campaign in Every Section This County

The annual Red Cross membership roll call gets underway on Wednesday of this week throughout the nation, Harry A. Biggs, chairman of the Martin County unit, announcing today that plans were complete for the drive in all the county districts. This county has a quota of 200 members outside the special charter district in Robersonville, and the drive is scheduled to close on Thanksgiving Day. While the county has contributed more than its quota, including donations in emergencies, such as the Greensboro tornado last April and the extensive floods in the north the quota has never been subscribed in a regular roll call campaign, the county chairman pointed out.

Fourteen canvassers have been assigned to the town of Williamston, and the heads of the several schools, not including those at Robersonville, have been called upon to carry the drive into all sections of the county. The names of the local canvassers are: Mesdames A. R. Dunning, James E. King, C. A. Harrison, John A. Manning, Hugh G. Horton, Sebastian Macon, Iversen Skinner, E. P. Cunningham, Rush Bondurant, Charles Herriott, Marion Cobb, J. F. Thigpen, and Miss Jane Moore. Professors L. W. Anderson, Williamston; H. Bruce Russell, Everetts; H. M. Ainsley, Oak City; C. B. Martin, Farm Life; Jim Uzzle, Jamesville; B. B. Castellio, Hamilton; and George Haislip, Hassell; are asked to head the campaign in their respective school districts.

## Young Man To Face Court On Alleged Assault Charge

Waiving preliminary examination before Justice J. L. Hassell here last evening, H. L. Hardison, young Williams Township white man, was bound over to the superior court for an alleged attack upon a female, the case to come up in the higher tribunal the second Monday in next month. The defendant raised bond in the sum of \$1,000.

## Local Debating Club Holds Regular Meeting Thursday

The regular meeting of the debating club in the high school here was held in the auditorium last Thursday evening. A short debate featured the program. Jerry Clark, representing the affirmative, won the decision over Junie Peel on the topic, "Automobiles Are More Dangerous than Airplanes."

## Chapter Asked To Raise \$200 Between Now and Thanksgiving Day

A helpful criticism was offered by Mrs. L. W. Anderson after which a few pages of a debating manual were read. The club is to begin work soon on material for the triangular debates to be held in the spring—Reporter.

## Mrs. Kader Gardner Dies in Washington Hospital Yesterday

### Funeral Service Conducted In Maple Grove Church This Afternoon

Mrs. Lela Mae Gardner, wife of Kader Gardner, of Williams Township, died in a Washington hospital yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, following an illness of about four months duration. She was removed to the hospital about nine weeks ago, at which time she was suffering with pneumonia and phlebitis. Her condition gradually grew worse, and several weeks ago one of her legs was amputated in an effort to save her life. Her condition was little improved, and within a short time the trouble was detected in the other limb. In the meantime she suffered untold pain, but through it all she battled strongly for life.

Mrs. Gardner, the daughter of C. C. Coltrain, of Griffins Township, was youthful, vigorous, and enjoyed splendid health until she was taken ill about four months ago. She possessed a kindly disposition and enjoyed a large friendship throughout her native section and in her late home community. She would have been 20 years old next February. Three years ago tomorrow she was married to Kader Gardner, Williams Township farmer who survives, with two little boys, the youngest just a few months old. Besides her father she also leaves one sister, Mrs. J. G. Corey, of Williamston; and five brothers, C. B. Garland, Albert, Justus, and Carroll Coltrain. Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock by her late pastor, Rev. D. W. Arnold, in the Maple Grove Christian church, where she was a member since childhood. Interment followed in the family plot in the Manning Cemetery in Griffins Township, near the home of her father.

## Locals Drop Close One in Tarboro, 12-6

By JACK BAKER SAUNDERS  
The Williamston Green Wave lost a tough one Monday afternoon in Tarboro when the Edgecombe boys took them by a score of 12-6. Williamston scored early in the first quarter on a pass from Fred Sumnerlin to Ray Goodmon that was good for about 50 yards. An attempted pass for the point failed.

In the second period a series of penalties took the ball to Williamston's 10-yard line, where Tarboro put it over on a pass. The try for point failed. A Tarboro drive was stopped on the Williamston 25 by the half-time whistle.

In the third period Tarboro again scored on a pass. Once again Tarboro drove deep into Green Wave territory, but the Williamston boys held and took the ball on downs. After that neither team threatened seriously. Williamston racked up 8 first downs while Tarboro was getting 9. Penalties proved costly to both teams, Tarboro getting 40 yards and Williamston 55.

## Farmer Booked for Attempted Forgery

Howard Marriner, white farmer living near here, is in the county jail awaiting trial in the superior court next month for alleged attempted forgery. Henry Thomas, charged with aiding and abetting the attempt, is also being held, the two men failing to raise bond in the sum of \$200 each, following a preliminary hearing held before Justice J. L. Hassell yesterday morning.

## Cross Roads Pastor Dies in Washington

Rev. Warren A. Davis, pastor of the Cross Roads Christian church, died at his home in Washington this morning following an illness of several months' duration. He suffered an attack of pneumonia some time ago, and had been in ill health since that time.

## Site for Pulp Mill Has Not Been Chosen, Reports State

According to unofficial reports received here today, the Keckert Container Company of New Jersey had taken an option or was considering taking an option on a site near Plymouth for locating a large pulp mill. The reports could not be verified, late information coming from an official source stating that no location had been selected, but that a site would be chosen "soon."

## Armistice Day Is Not To Be Observed as Holiday Locally

No celebration will mark the observance of Armistice Day here tomorrow, and very few business houses will suspend operations, it was learned. Mail deliveries will be handled as usual, but the local post office, following its regular weekly schedule, will suspend window service that afternoon. The banks and tobacco market as well as other business houses will continue operations as usual. A holiday has been declared for all state employees, however, and activities in the various departments will be suspended. The county liquor stores will also observe the day as a holiday.

## Diversion Program for Peanuts Is Considered

### Hope To Stabilize Current Crop Price Around Four Cents

### Farm Bureau Organization In Four States Pushing Adjustment Plans

While a bullish trend was reported in the local peanut market yesterday, when prices ranged from 3-1-2 cents for bunch to 3-3-4 for jumbos, the attention of growers and cleaners is being centered in Washington, where negotiations are under way for a diversion of a part of the current crop into oil. Sponsored by the Federal Farm Bureau Federation, a movement was started several days ago for the government to aid the peanut grower, a price of 4 cents having been generally agreed upon. Plans of marketing and price stabilization advanced by the Virginia Farm Bureau were given careful consideration, and some action on the problem is expected today or within the next two or three days. The plans for maintaining a fair market as advanced by the Virginia farm organization were carried in this paper immediately they were drawn a few weeks ago.

Action in the matter at Washington has been delayed during the past several days, pending the release of a government report on the peanut crop this season. It is believed that a favorable report will probably stabilize the price at about 4 cents and no diversion will be necessary. In the event the report shows a substantial increase some diversion program may be necessary. As to the report itself, it is agreed, in short, that the current crop is short and the quality better, compared with those two factors a year ago. While the acreage has been increased, the bag yield per acre is considerably less than it was a year ago.

The slight increase in local market prices over those of a few days ago are attributed to several factors. One of these is the interruption in marketing by rains. Another center around a determined storage program, the farmers holding their pickings off the market for 4 cents a pound.

## ACCEPTS POSITION

Resigning last week as a special judge of the North Carolina Superior court, Judge Clayton Moore has accepted a position in the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company legal department with headquarters in Winston-Salem. Attorney Moore plans to enter upon his new duties the early part of next week. His family plans to continue residence here until the current school term closes, it was said.

## Member of Social Security Board To Speak Here on 20th

### Several Hundred Expected To Attend Northeast District Conference

By MISS MARY TAYLOR  
(Head Martin County Welfare)  
Miss Lavinia Engle, of the Social Security Board, Washington City, will be the luncheon speaker at the northeastern district welfare conference to be held in Williamston on November 20. She will discuss the Social Security Act. Secretary of State, Thad Eure, will preside over the luncheon.



The conference theme is "Next Steps—Toward Social Security in North Carolina." Mrs. W. T. East, State Commissioner of Public Welfare, will discuss the State's responsibility in social legislation. Dr. Howard Odum, president of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service and dean of the School of Public Administration, University of North Carolina, will have as his subject, "Next Steps Towards State Planning," and Miss Mary Labaree, Children's Bureau, Washington, D. C., "Services to Children Through the Social Security Act." "The Responsibility of the Local Community in the Coming Social Security Legislation," will be discussed by Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, chairman of Pitt County Welfare Board.

Mrs. Blanche Carr Steine, of Greensboro, president of the State Association of County Superintendents of Public Welfare, will bring the annual message. An open forum on problems of the county welfare departments will be held immediately after the luncheon program.

Miss Mary W. Taylor, Superintendent of Welfare for Martin County, is president of the district, and will preside over the meeting. Mrs. I. F. Snipes, superintendent of welfare for Hertford County is secretary of the district.

## Skewarkey Masons Hold Regular Meeting Tonight

Skewarkey Masons will hold a regular meeting here this evening at 7:30 o'clock. All Masons are urged to be present, and visitors are welcome.

## NUMBER INJURED IN AUTO CRASHES OVER WEEK-END

### Everetts Woman Painfully But Not Seriously Hurt By Car on Street Here

Several automobile accidents were reported in this immediate section over the week-end, the crashes causing no loss of life, but painful injury to at least one person. The property damage was considerable, reports state.

The first of the accidents took place last Friday just before dark when Mrs. S. S. Bailey, of Everetts, was run down on Main Street here in front of the Dunning home by a car driven by Berry Thompson, traveling salesman-out of Suffolk. Mrs. Bailey, 62 years old, was painfully but not seriously hurt and is reported getting along very well in a Washington hospital, where she was carried for treatment. One leg was injured, and she was hurt on the head.

Mrs. Bailey explained that she waited on the sidewalk for two cars to pass, that she then looked up an down Main Street and seeing no car in sight, she started across the street. She was almost to the other side when struck, it is understood. Thompson said he was running about 15 miles an hour, but admitted he had traveled the road from Everetts but one time before, and it is believed he was looking at the road signs for direction and failed to see Mrs. Bailey. The man stopped his car quickly and carried Mrs. Bailey to the offices of Drs. Rhodes, Eason and Winn, where she was given first-aid treatment before her removal to the hospital.

Later that night a car driven by C. B. Riddick, of Everetts, and another driven by a man named White from Bertie, crashed on the Everetts road, near here. No one was hurt, but both cars were badly damaged.

Sunday night, Lewis Cuthrell and his wife, of Swan Quarter and Norfolk, escaped injury when their car, a roadster, turned over as Cuthrell attempted to pass another car on the curve just this side of the river bridge. The machine did not go over the embankment, but it tore down the fence. Cuthrell was arrested and booked for trial in the county court for alleged drunken driving.

## Mrs. Gardner Dies At Bear Grass Home

Mrs. Mozella Gardner died at her home in Bear Grass Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. Suffering a stroke of paralysis last Thursday morning Mrs. Gardner never regained consciousness. She had suffered two light strokes some time ago.

The daughter of the late Noah Webb and wife, Mrs. Gardner was born in Bear Grass Township about 59 years ago. She first married J. E. Moore, and one daughter, Mrs. Frank Barber, of Williams Township, survives that union. She later married Thomas Gardner who died about three years ago. Three children, Noah and Simon Gardner, of Bear Grass, and Mrs. Vance Fleming, of Stokes, survive that union.

Mrs. Gardner, a member of the old school, worked long and hard for her family, and succeeded despite many handicaps. She was a member of the Presbyterian church at Bear Grass, and was highly regarded by all who knew her. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, her pastor, and interment was in the family plot in Williams Township.

## County Veteran Entered In Hospital at Roanoke

Clyde Silverthorne, local man and World War veteran, was entered in a veterans' hospital at Roanoke, Va., Sunday. A defendant in the Martin Superior Court last September, Silverthorne pleaded guilty of trespass, and he was ordered entered in the hospital for treatment by Judge Grady. The man was delivered to the institution by S. H. Grimes.

## Bear Grass Wins Opener With Jamesville Team

The Bear Grass boys' basketball team won its opening game of the season last Friday evening, turning back the Jamesville five by a 20 to 18 score. Chesson led the scoring for Bear Grass, and Martin featured around the basket for Jamesville. The two teams will meet in a second game here next Friday evening in the gymnasium.