

## Missionary Talks About India Here Last Friday Night

### British Rule In India Is Mutually Helpful, Dr. Miller Says

"While it has not always been that way, British rule in India is proving mutually advantageous to both the British and the Indians," Dr. George E. Miller, medical missionary to India for thirty-nine years, explained in a talk in the local Christian church last Friday night.

Dwelling at length on the geography and topography, the missionary declared that India was one of the key countries in the world, but it is apparent, according to Dr. Miller that much is to be done to bring that nation out of its present troubles.

While the missionary movement in India apparently has made no great outward progress, Christian religion is having its influence. "And now is the time for the Christian world to build good will there. It is now time for the Church to strike while the iron is hot. While the Indian looks upon the missionary as a proselyte, he, nevertheless, appreciates the help offered and is grateful for the support given the movement to elevate woman in that country. The Indian professing Christianity is considered no longer an Indian because he is said to be under the influence of foreigners.

"However, many leaders there have been influenced by the Christian religion and even Gandhi says he has been motivated by the Sermon on the Mount," Dr. Miller said.

The missionary offered no encouraging picture of the racial situation there, and advanced the opinion that it would take a long time to educate the people and have them divorce politics from religion. "There are 279 million Hindus and 91 million Moslems. The Moslems are suspicious of the Hindus and the Hindus have not forgotten the Moslem invasion and the desecration of their temples.

"Who holds India will hold the Far and Near East," Dr. Miller continued. "And the white man has much to account for," he said, referring to Vasco da Gama's visit there in the early fifteenth century and his trade agreements. The Portuguese took land. They were ousted by the Dutch who were followed by the French and English with the English finally taking control. Misrule by the East India Company was cited and imperialism was ranked.

Asked if Britain had exploited India, Dr. Miller answered "yes and no." "At one time," he explained, Britain's imperialistic policy exploited the country, but in later years its rule there has been mutually advantageous. Britain has gotten much from India, but she has left much in India. And, he believe Britain is right in staying there, at least until something is worked out." The missionary declared that India up to a certain extent has been ruled

## Drives By School Bus And Is Fined

Charged with passing a school bus while passengers were being loaded, Clifton Little of near Oak City was carried into Justice J. B. Whitfield's court there Monday night and was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost. It was quick justice for Little who allegedly violated the law that morning and received a call to appear in court and have his case aired within twelve hours.

The violation was one of three alleged ones of that type in the Oak City-Hamilton district within the past few days. A driver of Clyde Moore's truck of Windsor is to appear before the trial justice on Thursday of this week, and another case against the driver of a 1946 Oldsmobile belonging to the Allsbrooks Motor Company of Scotland Neck is being investigated. Patrolman W. E. Saunders said.

In his court this week Justice Whitfield bound Charlie Whitaker, colored, over to the county court for alleged drunken driving. Bond was required in the sum of \$150.

## Work of Local Young Artist



Painted in oil, the above picture of a cocker spaniel brings out the unusual abilities of Miss Rose Leggett as a promising young artist. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Leggett, the young artist was studying under Emile Roure, well-known artist, when the painting was done. Miss Leggett has made a study of dogs and at the present time is painting animals at the Ringling School of Art, Sarasota, Florida, where she is privileged to paint the circus animals in their winter quarters there.

The painting was displayed along with others equally as good in local show windows recently and was photographed by "Dr." Eugene Rice. Miss Leggett is planning to exhibit a sketch of one of the Ringling show horses soon.

### IN THE MAGAZINES

Williamston is well represented in the nation's current press with the publication of Master Dickie Clayton's picture on the front cover of the State Magazine and Bill Ellison's picture and an account of his work with a filleting machine in the Saturday Evening Post.

With a plaster on his face, topped with a straw hat, the Clayton lad exemplifies the typical American boy. Gene Rice took the picture which reflects real art and it was forwarded to the magazine by Ernest Mears.

There's an interesting story about Bill Ellison and more will be said about him and his work following his return from a special mission to England.

## Road Programs In Nearby Counties

While Martin County is supposed to be content with an 18-mile road improvement schedule in 1947, neighboring counties are talking about extensive paving and improvement projects, according to unofficial but reliable reports reaching here recently.

The "little" county of Washington over in the adjoining highway district has been allotted over a third of a million dollars for its road improvement projects this year.

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This is especially true in the clothing field. Several merchants said they had received notices of larger allotments of better quality merchandise, but the prices are about the same or slightly higher than ever, and they are not getting the goods, only promises of more when they are shipped.

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## Funeral Held For Mrs. M. W. Ballard Sunday Afternoon

### Member of a Prominent Family In County Died Last Friday Morning

Funeral services were conducted at her late home in Hamilton Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Henric Waldo Ballard who died in a local hospital last Friday morning at 11:30 o'clock. Her pastor, Rev. Sidney Boone, conducted the last rites and interment was in the family plot in Hamilton's cemetery.

Mrs. Ballard had been in declining health for several years, but was getting along as well as usual until last Monday morning when she suffered a stroke of apoplexy while attending to a few light duties at her home. She was removed to the hospital here a short time later, but little hope was held for her recovery following the attack.

She was born in Hamilton, the daughter of the late Joseph T. and Mary Mitchell Waldo, and was a descendant of Ralph Waldo Emerson. She was married on February 16, 1909 to Mark W. Ballard, prominent county citizen and a leading farmer of Poplar Point Township. She lived for several years in that section, but spent most of her life in Hamilton. Mrs. Ballard was a member of the Methodist church in Hamilton for a long number of years, and was active in its affairs. Her grandfather migrated to this county from New England and figured in the early history of education here. Her father was a member of the Martin County Board of Education during the greater part of a quarter century, and served the county in the State Legislature several terms.

She was the last of several children and is survived only by several nieces and nephews.

## Big Farm Program Here Next Friday

Extensive arrangements are about completed for a big farmers' day at the high school here next Friday afternoon, Mr. Lynnwood Taylor, Lindsley Ice Company manager, said today. Held in cooperation with the John Deere Company, the event is expected to attract 800 or more farmers and special guests. The public is invited, but everyone is asked to call by the Lindsley Ice Company store and get tickets, the management explaining that the tickets are being distributed at that source so preparations can be handled to accommodate the crowd.

Prizes valued at approximately \$150 will be awarded to holders of lucky numbers to be distributed between the shows and special events.

Following the main show beginning at 2:00 o'clock in the high school auditorium, the company will provide sandwiches and coffee to be served by the home economics department in the gymnasium.

Special displays of merchandise are being arranged, and representatives from the John Deere factories will explain new innovations and appliances and other items.

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The illicit liquor business, daring to raise its head higher in the new year, is being dealt some mighty heavy blows by ABC enforcement officers. During the month of January, the department, headed by Officer J. H. Roebuck with Roy Peel as his main assistant, wrecked thirteen illicit manufacturing plants, poured out 1,600 gallons of cheaply made beer and three and one-half gallons of rot-gut liquor, arrested three persons, scored three convictions in the courts and confiscated thirty gallons of an inferior brand of molasses. Fines imposed on alleged liquor law violators amounted to \$300 and sentences meted out called for twenty-seven months on the roads.

The officers in the first week of February established a record unequalled in recent years when they wrecked eight plants, five in one day, and poured out 750 gallons of molasses beer.

A poorly constructed 20-gallon capacity tin still was destroyed a short distance off the river road in Goose Nest Township on the third. The following day, Officers Roebuck and Roy Peel, accompanied by ABC Officers from Pitt County, raided in the Stingy Point section just off Highway No. 11 in Robersonville Township and wrecked five plants. All of them were equipped with oil drums and were found in an area less than two miles square.

Last Thursday the officers raided in Bear Grass near Sweet Home church and wrecked a 50-gallon capacity copper kettle and poured out 200 gallons of beer. Returning to the same section the following day, the officers wrecked a duplicate still and poured out the same quantity of beer.

## Proposal Drafted for Local Town Primary

### Martin Plans To Offer Measure In House This Week

### Proposed Bill Is Open To Any Suggested Changes

A legislative act, calling for a primary election for the nomination of a mayor and five commissioners for the town of Williams, has been drafted and will be introduced in the State House of Representatives possibly the latter part of this week, according to Representative C. B. Martin, who submitted the proposal to local citizens over the week-end for any suggested changes.

The proposed legislative act eliminated the open convention, long considered obsolete, and provides for the nomination of all local elective officials in a primary election. In accordance with suggestions offered by the local officials no provision is made in the proposed law to establish zones or wards, the leaders pointing out that the town is hardly large enough for the ward system, that possibly it would be better to perfect an organization of the duly elected officials whereby they could be assigned to supervise and make recommendations as representatives of the board to the various department heads.

There is some doubt about a conflict in dates carried in the proposed bill for the primary with those fixed for the election. The proposed bill creating the primary provides for the holding of the primary on the second Monday preceding the general election. A legislative act passed in 1905 provided for a municipal election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, 1905, and biennially thereafter which would make the primary for this year fall on April 28th.

Candidates for the office must file their candidacies on or before April 18, or at least ten days before the primary. A filing fee of \$5 is included in the proposed bill, which reads, in part, as follows:

"The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact: Section 1. That all laws relating to the method of nominating candidates for the office of Mayor and members of the Board of Commissioners in the Town of Williams are hereby amended so as to provide as follows:

"Nomination by primaries. All candidates to be voted for at all general municipal elections, at which time a mayor and five commissioners, or any other elective officers, are to be elected, shall be nominated by a primary election, and no other names shall be placed upon the general ballot except those nominated in such primary in the manner hereinafter provided.

"How primaries are held. The primary election for such nomination shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, 1905, and biennially thereafter which would make the primary for this year fall on April 28th.

"But," the school man said, "the condition here is no worse than it is for the state, as a whole. Out of 1,000 entering the first grade twelve years ago, only 236 are now in school."

War and Army training programs had their effect, it was pointed out. Not much attention has been paid to compulsory attendance, and indifference on the part of parents and pupils were also pointed out as factors influencing attendance figures.

The school man said that a bill had been offered in the General Assembly proposing the employment of 100 compulsory attendance officers. The budget bureau frowned on the measure; at least, it was not included in the list of expense items.

## List Of Honor Pupils In The Local Schools

### Nearly 150 Students Meet Scholastic Requirements During Recent Period

One hundred and forty-seven pupils—138 in the elementary and nine in the high school—met all scholastic requirements to have their names appear on the honor list in the local schools for the third six weeks period recently ended. Principal B. G. Stewart announced this week, as follows.

Miss Baker's First Grade: Douglas Abernathy, Billy Ray Bowen, Carlyle Brown, Billy Carstarphen, Jimmy Cooke, Frosty Hardison, Constance Chesson, Dianne Cherry, Mary Claudia Cherry, Leona Coltrain, Betsy Davis, and Judy Donabauer.

Miss Hardy's First Grade: Ray Pate, Guy Thomas, Jr., Gerald Stalls, Sandra Modlin, Dorothy Moore, Mary Lynn Pate, Beth Spivey, Peggy Ann Stevenson.

Miss Morris' First Grade: Kenneth Gurganus, Danny Manning, Ronnie Reese, Lee Roy Rogerson, Samuel M. Rogerson, Betty Modlin, Sue Eubanks, Sally Grey Griffin, Eugenia Glover, and Frances Johnson.

Miss Crawford's Second Grade: Sherwood Coltrain, Ann Darden, Emma J. Godard, Ann Harrison, Mary Frances Martin, Allan Modlin, Joe Murphy, Janie Peaks, Thomas Phelps, Betsy Riddick, Jimmy Rogers, Linda Stevenson, Floyd Thomas, and Billy Thornton.

Mrs. Carstarphen's Second Grade: Carolyn Beauchemin, Nancy Britton, Peggy Godard, Blanche Manning, Jane Peele, Mary Lee White, Frank Batey, Jimmy Hardison, Charles Hudson, and Clayton Weston.

Mrs. Froneberger's Third Grade: William Battey, Dickie Clayton, Jan Clark, Billy Dudley, James Herbert Ward, Jr., Jane Gray Biggs, Betty Fagan Carstarphen, Sandra Gardner, Joyce Lilly, Sandra Margolis Annette Rogers, Eline Smithwick, and Jane Adams Manning.

Mrs. Kimball's Third Grade: Joseph Clayton, Iverson Skinner, John Clinton House, Vivian Pate, Faye White, and Angeline Dickerson.

Miss Manning's Third Grade: Victor Brown, Jr., Bill Simpson, Rodney Pittman, Billy Partin, Joyce Baker, Jane Barnhill, Jean Nicholson, Jeanette Raynor, Phyllis Jones, Mary Ann Modlin, and Sarah Harrison.

Miss Everett's Fourth Grade: Barbara Cherry, James Pittman, Jean Coltrain and Doris Rogers.

Mrs. Fussell's Fourth Grade: Mary Elizabeth Britton, Jesse Marie Corey, Frankie Everett, Patricia Harrison, Sylvia Perry, Bobby Manning, William Moore, (Continued on page eight)

## Lions To Support Boy Traffic Patrol

Holding their regular monthly meeting last Thursday evening, the board of directors of the local Lions Club decided to support a project of the club's Boys and Girls Work Committee, a School Boy Traffic Patrol. The committee has been working on details for this project for several weeks, and submitted their plans and approximate cost to the directors. It was instructed to place orders for the necessary equipment and to complete arrangements for a training program for the youngsters.

It is planned to have a corps of twenty-eight boys to be stationed at various street intersections to assist other children to safely cross the streets to and from school. The Lions plan to provide each patrol member with a suitable cap, whistle, badge, belt and cape. It was pointed out the cost would be sizable, but after weighing the value of such a project, the club officials felt that it would be well worth the money.

The directors also authorized the same committee to buy United States flags and secure suitable poles for mounting same, to be furnished to the local schools. The committee is to assist in

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