

## Teacher President Lists Committee Names

### J. C. Eubanks Asks Cooperation of Members and Patrons for New Year

Making ready for an active program during the 1949-50 school term, J. C. Eubanks, president of the local Parent-Teacher Association, a few days ago named his various committees and directed an appeal to the members and all school patrons for their cooperation.

"Personally I feel very incapable of being president of the P-T. A., but as such I pledge my very best efforts to make the organization a good one. I would like to make one request of the committee members and all school patrons, and this request is as follows: let's all march the road together and make the P-T. A. what it should be, and by so doing, the school will be what it should be."

The committee assignments follow:

Program: Mrs. John Goff, chairman, Rev. E. R. Shuller, Mrs. W. R. Glover, Jack Butler, and Miss Frances Jenkins.

Membership: Mrs. W. O. Griffin, chairman, Mrs. David Keel, Mrs. Herbert Taylor, Mrs. N. D. Griffin, Mrs. Angus Cullipher, Mrs. O. D. Stalls, Mrs. Marvin Coburn, Mrs. E. M. Trahey, and Mrs. H. F. McKnight.

Finance: Mrs. Joseph W. Griffin, chairman, Stuart Maynard, Mrs. W. E. Thornton, Mrs. Tom Phelps, E. R. Fronberger, George H. Gurganus, and R. W. Bondurant.

Hospitality: Mrs. J. D. Page, chairman, Miss Margaret McDaniell, Mrs. Hoke Roberson, Mrs. Melvyn Wynn, Mrs. R. L. Coburn, Mrs. D. C. McLawhorn, Mrs. Jessup Harrison, and Mrs. Buck Barnhill. Publicity: Mrs. H. G. Horton, chairman, Mrs. V. J. Spivey, and Mrs. V. E. Brown.

Lunch room: Mrs. Irving Margolis, chairman, Mrs. W. H. Abernathy, Mrs. Henry R. Oakley, W. B. Gaylord, Jr., Miss Ruth Manning.

Music: Mrs. Beecher Patterson, chairman, Miss Grace Talton.

Transportation: Mrs. C. I. Harris, chairman, Mrs. D. R. Davis, Mrs. S. P. Woolford, Mrs. J. E. King, Mrs. Susie Clark.

House: Mrs. Margaret Muse, chairman, Miss Lamina Baker, Mrs. Margaret Harrison, Mrs. W. M. Baker, Mrs. Marjorie Griffin.

Landscape: a. Planning—Mrs. W. I. Skinner, chairman, Miss Lissie Pearce, B. G. Stewart, b. Compliance—Rev. John Goff, chairman, Mrs. Jack Hardison, secretary, V. J. Spivey, K. P. Lindsley, F. M. Manning, H. P. Mobley, R. E. Kimball, T. M. Britton, W. R. (Continued on page eight)

## Playground For Colored Youths

Supported by appropriations from the town and community funds, work has commenced on the playground for colored youths on Broad Street back of Ormond's Store.

At the present time, Scoutmaster Herbert Whitfield and his scouts are clearing the land and have already set up a basket ball court and a soft ball diamond. Swings will be added to the recreational grounds today.

Practically all of the work is being done by the scouts and colored citizens and plans are to add equipment from time to time. Future plans call for a volley ball court, a tennis court and a ring for boxing. A ping pong table has been recently completed by the scoutmaster.

The playground will be under constant supervision of Herbert Whitfield and Mary Bunch and will be open from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m. during the summer months. Calisthenics for boys and girls will be given each morning from 8:30 to 9:00. Scoutmaster Whitfield stated that two softball clubs, one made up of boys from West End and the other of boys from East End, are now practicing to play in competition on the new field.

## Tobacco Workers Available To Farmers In The County

For the first time, tobacco workers are being made available to farmers in this county by the Williamston office of the North Carolina Employment Security Commission, Manager Kelly Gay announced last week-end.

At the week-end, it was estimated that nearly 100 workers, including primers, loopers, handers and others, were available for jobs in the tobacco fields of this county through the employment office. While the list includes approximately 100 names, the employment office will receive applications for special field work. New applicants for the jobs should register with the office without delay.

Farmers, experiencing a labor

shortage in the Williamston areas, are asked to contact the employment office on the first floor of the Tar Heel Building as far in advance as possible. However, calls will be received either in person or by telephone the day before the labor is needed, Mr. Gay explained. The office telephone number is 2116.

In an effort to relieve the labor shortage, Mr. Gay said that he would be glad to open the office as early as 5:00 o'clock each morning during the tobacco harvest season. While there is some variation in the schedule, the main prevailing wage schedule calls for \$3 a day for barn workers and \$5 a day for field workers.

### ROUND-UP

Eight persons were rounded up and temporarily detained in the county "cooler" here over the week-end, three for drunkenness, two for assaults, one for issuing a worthless check, one for an old charge and still another on account of mental illness. Three of the eight were females, the ages of the group ranging from 17 to 59 years. Five of the eight were colored.

## Delegate Submits Report To Club

A very comprehensive report by Fitzhugh Fussell on the proceedings of the Kiwanis International Convention, held recently at Atlantic City, featured the July 7th meeting of the local club. In his report, Mr. Fussell painted an excellent word picture of the convention, and brought a message of vital importance to all freedom loving Americans.

The theme of the convention, he reported, was built around the menace of foreign ideology to democracy. In an effort to combat the menace, it was pointed out that our government is spending huge sums in avowed propaganda against the ideology of communism alone. Even so, the doctrine of totalitarianism is making such inroads within our own country that today no less than twelve college students are on trial for subversive activities.

The convention soberly considered these facts and proposed a two-point program aimed at defeating the menace. The first point, as reported by Mr. Fussell, was for Kiwanians throughout the country to ask their preachers to dedicate at least one Sunday per year in eulogizing the democratic way of life that is the heritage of the American. Secondly, Kiwanians were enjoined to become more aggressive citizens, and to urge others to do likewise; ever watchful of those whose positions and talents might, if ill-used, give comfort to the enemy of democracy. In this latter connection, specific attention was brought to the field of education.

The local meeting, presided over by President S. P. Woolford, was held at the Women's Club where it was treated to a delicious ham dinner prepared and served under the supervision of Mrs. Effie Sparrow. Before the dinner, the Rev. Stewart Simms led the club in singing "America" after which the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. John Goff. Prior to Mr. Fussell's report, Rev. Simms again led the group in singing, and introduced his brother, the Rev. Albert Simms of Newport News, as a guest.

After the attendance prize, awarded by the club, was presented to R. E. Kimball, President Woolford adjourned the meeting until July 21st.

### RETURNS HOME

His left leg amputated in a Rocky Mount hospital on the second of this month, Mr. A. D. Griffin returned to his home in Griffin Township yesterday afternoon and is getting along very well.

## Marriage License Slump In County Reversed In June

### Twenty-one Weddings Reported By License Bureau During Period

The slump in Cupid's business in this county was halted, temporarily at least, last month when the office of Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger issued twenty-one marriage licenses. The issuance was the largest for any month this year and led the June, 1948, issuance by four. However, the issuance established no record, trailing by twelve the number of marriages reported in June, 1947. The largest marriage license issuance for any month prior to June was sixteen.

Licenses were issued last month to sixteen white and five colored couples, as follows:

White Charles Andrew Pate, RFD 1, Williamston, and Bessie Cofield of Scotland Neck.

Henry K. Elliott of Durham and Alberta Swain of Williamston. Thomas J. Brown and Rachel Louise Keel, both of Robersonville.

Loftus Allen Todd and Clyde Jordan Bazemore, both of Windsor.

Marvin Foster Ange and Gertrude Daniels, both of Jamesville. Nathan Mizell, RFD 3, Williamston, and Dorothy Mae Hardison, RFD 2, Williamston.

Ben Gray Lilley and Vera Faye Swinson, both of Jamesville.

Ross Leland Edwards, Jr., and Hazel Steen Etheridge, both of Roanoke Rapids.

R. Herbert Brinkley, Jr., and Mildred E. Jernigan, both of Suffolk.

Earl Caudill and Betty Stalls, both of Robersonville.

Johnnie Franklin Edwards of Greenville and Naomi Brown, RFD 2, Williamston.

James Elliott Barnhill and Marjorie Bissinger, both of Robersonville.

Charles Felton Keel, RFD 2, Robersonville and Evelyn Lou Russ of Washington.

Alton Lorenzo Croom and Lynette Everett Warren, both of Robersonville.

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## Accepts Church Position Here

Miss Emily Wagner, of Taylorville, N. C., has accepted the position offered to her by the Memorial Baptist Church to become its educational director. Miss Wagner visited the local church over the week-end of July 3, at which time the church extended to her a unanimous invitation to the position here. She will assume her new duties September 1, 1949.

Miss Wagner is a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, N. C., and of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Before entering the seminary in Texas, she taught an elementary grade in the public schools for several years. Miss Wagner's coming will fill a position in the local church which has been vacant since the early part of January.

## Report Several Auto Accidents In This County

### No One Badly Hurt and Property Damage Was Limited

Several minor highway and street accidents were reported in the county during the past few days after motorists had traveled through the July 4 holiday period without an accident.

Billy Dudley, young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dudley, suffered a slight shoulder injury when he ran his bicycle out of Leggett's Lane into the side of Mr. Raymond Heath's car on Park Street early last Saturday evening. The youngster was treated in a local doctor's office and released a short time later. His wheel was badly damaged.

Herman Moore, Kinston man, had his 1946 Buick damaged slightly when he started to make a left turn off Highway 17 into the Jamesville Road here last Thursday morning. Moore said he saw a 1942 Ford truck driven by Edwin Powell and thought he could make the turn in time. The truck caught the right rear fender and ripped it open, police estimating the damage at \$50.

The right rear fender of J. S. Peel's Buick car was ripped off in a minor collision with a new Plymouth car at the intersection of Washington and Haughton Streets here yesterday afternoon.

Last Tuesday morning Walter Rogers was driving a log truck on a dirt road leading off U. S. 64 about one and one-half miles east of Robersonville and ran down a 10-year-old boy, Fruit Henderson (Brother) Moore. The cross bar on the truck struck the boy on the shoulder and knocked him into a ditch.

Treated in the clinic of Drs. Ward and Ward, the boy was later released. Charged with hit-and-run driving, Rogers said he did not see the boy and did not know the truck struck anyone. He was adjudged not guilty in the county court Monday. Patrolman B. W. Parker investigated the accident.

Gertrude Winston lost control of her car when a rear tire blew out and the machine went off the road between Everetts and Robersonville and turned over on its side. The driver and the three passengers escaped with minor injuries, and the damage hardly exceeded \$50, according to Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation. The party was en route to their homes in Louisburg from Manteo. The driver ditched the car to avoid a collision with an approaching vehicle, Patrolman Parker said.

Week before last during a heavy rain a truck load of produce turned over.

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## Dr. Horner Will Open Office Here

Dr. George E. Horner, a graduate of the National College of Chiropractic in Chicago, is opening offices here in the Leggett building over Leggett's Soda Shop.

A veteran of World War II, Dr. Horner after completing his studies interned in the Chicago General Health Center and was associated with other chiropractors until he completed arrangements to open an office here.

He is a native of Gates County, but had made his home in New Bern for several years before entering the air corps where he served on a bomber.

## Tobacco Taxes Total More Than Growers' Receipts

Taxes from tobacco—Federal and State—in the '49 fiscal year are estimated at over 1.7 billion dollars, largest tax ever collected. Growers' cash receipts from tobacco, same fiscal year, will total a little less than 1 billion dollars (\$985 million estimate). This would be a near record return to growers from tobacco, second only to fiscal '47.

## Local Baptists Facing Need For Plant Expansion

### Congregation Now Considering Two Alternatives To Solve Problem

The congregation of the Memorial Baptist Church yesterday faced the need for expanding the physical plant of the church in the immediate future in order to take care of the growth which has been experienced in the church's work in recent months, and in order to provide room for expanding and enlarging the work during the months to come.

The members of the church heard the superintendent of the Sunday school, Mr. C. U. Rogers, relate how the enlarged enrollment and average attendance has caused crowded conditions in almost all the departments of the school. He reported that the enrollment has increased nearly 100 and the average attendance is up almost 50 pupils during the past twelve months. Mr. Rogers indicated that he believed the Church must enlarge and provide room for expansion if they hoped to grow in the coming months. He pointed out that there was no available space for new classes to meet, and that four or five new classes are contemplated and needed at this time.

The pastor, the Rev. Stewart B. Simms, urged the people to accept the challenge this situation presented to them and to set their hearts and hands to the task. Mr. Simms indicated that it was a good sign of good health and God's blessings for a church to grow out of its present facilities from time to time, just as it is a sign of good health for a child to grow out of its clothing and shoes from year to year.

The church faces two possible alternatives in the matter of securing additional space; the erection of another story on the present educational building, or the purchase or erection of another home for its pastor thus making available for Sunday school space the large home on Church Street now used for that purpose.

The congregation has the matter under consideration this week, and a decision is to be rendered at the conclusion of the worship hour next Sunday.

## Veterans To Get Special Dividend

Payment of a \$2,800,000,000 special National Service Life Insurance dividend on approximately 20,000,000 policies has been authorized by Carl R. Gray, Jr., administrator of Veterans Affairs.

About 16,000,000 veterans who took out insurance during World War II will be eligible to receive the dividends. The amounts individual veterans will receive are not yet known, as individual calculations have not been completed.

The Veterans Administration hopes that distribution of the checks can be started sometime in January, 1950 and be substantially completed during the first half of the year.

Special application blanks for the use of policyholders are now being prepared. If their printing can be completed, they will be available sometime in August of this year in post offices, veterans service organizations and VA offices. On these forms the veteran is to record his full name, service number, insurance policy numbers and his present address and mail to the VA.

Veterans are urged not to write letters at the present time to the VA about their dividends, as answering letters will delay the calculations that must be made by Veterans Administration employees.

No figures are available, but it is roughly estimated that the insurance dividend will amount to well over \$200,000 for the veterans in Martin County.

### IMPROVING

Quite ill in the local hospital for several months, Miss Estelle Crawford was able to go for short rides last Saturday and Sunday.

## Work Progresses On New Holiness Church

### Religious Group Has Outgrown Its Present Building

### New \$20,000 Edifice Will House Ten Class Rooms And Auditorium

Its facilities outgrown when the membership was approximately doubled during the past three years, the Pentecostal Holiness Church is well advanced in the construction of a new \$20,000 structure on North Haughton Street here. The housing problem was recognized by the membership months ago and steps were first advanced only the early part of this year to relieve the condition. At the present time, the foundation has been completed and the walls for the 34 by 65 feet building have been raised several feet.

Dependent largely upon the services of the membership in handling most of the actual construction work and friends for contributions, the project is tentatively slated to be complete by Christmas. "At least, we are hoping to have the new church ready by that time," Rev. N. J. Ward, the pastor, said last week. "We have no large contributors within our membership, but all are solidly behind the program," the pastor said, pointing out that the members have great faith in their undertaking and that with the assistance of friends they are hopeful for the success of the work.

Of concrete and brick construction, the building will house ten Sunday school rooms and a small auditorium in the basement and a main auditorium that will comfortably seat three hundred persons, or about 100 more than the present building will accommodate.

Directing and assisting the construction work, Rev. Ward explained that members and friends would get off their regular work to give their services to the program from time to time. Friends have contributed most of the building material, and every obligation has been met to date, he added.

Organized by only two or three members twenty-eight years ago, the denomination held services in an old garage building for about three years or until the present building was constructed. While the church experienced its difficulties, it enjoyed a fairly steady growth down through the years, making additions to the original structure necessary from time to time.

Three years ago the church adopted a full-time program and since that time under the direction of first Rev. Floyd Williams and more recently under Rev. Mr. Ward, it has doubled its strength and now has one of the largest Sunday schools in town.

One of the remarkable features about the church is the attendance record of its members. There are approximately 200 members on the roll. The Sunday morning services are attended, on an average, by more than 100 worshippers, and the attendance is even larger upon the Sunday evening services.

Growing out of the Bethany church near Williamston, the membership is the largest in this section.

"With the solid cooperation of all our members and with the assistance of our friends, we hope to complete the building soon."

## Number Employed In U. S. Same As One Year Ago

Civilian employment throughout the entire United States in May totaled 58.7 million, up nearly a million from 57.8 million recorded in April. Total in May last year was 58.7 million, same as now. But the working force is more than a million larger than a year ago. And unemployed in May had increased to 3.3 million. In April only 3 million were without work.

### MEETING

The importance of a successful vote in the approaching tobacco referendum will be stressed at a meeting of the various farm committeemen, business men and other interested parties at a meeting to be held in the courthouse this evening at 8:00 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by the Martin County Triple A office.

Mr. J. L. Kelton, field representative for the Production Marketing Association, will be in charge of the meeting. All business men are invited and urged to attend the meeting along with interested farmers and committeemen.

## T. H. Johnson Funeral Tuesday

Funeral services were conducted at the home last Tuesday afternoon near Oak City for Mr. Thomas H. Johnson, well-known county citizen, who died at his home there on Sunday, July 3. His pastor, Rev. Mr. Haynes, Baptist minister of Hobgood, assisted by Rev. J. P. Harris, a former pastor, conducted the last rites, and burial was in the Oak City Cemetery.

Mr. Johnson had been in declining health for two years or more, but he continued active in the management of his farm until just a few hours before he died. He suffered with a heart condition, and was getting along as well as usual that morning when he talked with one of his employees. He figured prominently in the mercantile business for a number of years before retiring to devote his full time to his farming operations about twenty years ago.

He was born in this county in March, 1885, the son of the late Bill and Pitt Cooper Johnson. In early manhood he was married to Miss Hettie Johnson who survives with a son, H. W. Johnson of Wrightsville, and three sisters, Mrs. Billy Praise of Charleston, South Carolina, Mrs. Starkey Casper of Charlotte and Mrs. Jim Rawls of Oak City.

He was an active member of the Oak City Baptist Church for a long number of years.

## Big Fifth Sunday Sing At Everetts

A fifth Sunday sing will be held in the Everetts Baptist Church at 2:30 o'clock p. m. on July 17, Rev. E. R. Stewart, pastor, announced this week.

Rev. Stewart urges those singing special numbers, solos, duets, trios, quartets, choruses or choir numbers to contact him personally or by letter, giving the necessary information about the special music to be rendered. He stated that solos, duets, quartets and chorals numbers are solicited.

Mr. W. J. Daniels of Edenton, an experienced song leader, has been employed to lead the sing. Everyone is extended a cordial invitation by the pastor to come to the sing, enjoy the special music and to take part in the congregational hymns.

## Domestic Demand Easing; Foreign Demand Strong

Demand in the United States for farm products has continued fairly stable in recent months, after declining to a lower level than last year, and no sharp reductions are expected. However, trends in industrial output and consumer purchasing power indicate some further weakening—especially in domestic demand. Foreign demand remains strong. Agricultural exports, first quarter of '49, highest since first half of '47.

### CONTINUES QUITE ILL

A patient in a Washington hospital for almost two months, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck continues quite ill, reports reaching here this morning indicated.

## Sewer Rental Fee Plan Adopted By The Town Board

### Departments To Divide Oil, Gas and Tire Business With All Dealers

In an effort to raise funds for the extension of sewer lines, the local board of commissioners in delayed session last evening levied a rental fee on all sewer connections. Designed to raise approximately \$7,000 in revenue, the new plan calls for a minimum rental of 50 cents per month and 50 cents additional for each commode located in residential property. A 25 percent fee will be added to commercial users' water bills to cover the sewer rental fee. The levy will go into effect this month.

Calling for bids on gas, oil, tires and tubes and repair services, the board, finding all the bids in line, decided to effect a division in the business, giving all the dealers an opportunity to supply the services. Price lists were called for tires and tubes, the board closing no contract for them.

Discussing a group insurance plan for the town's twenty-three employees, the board agreed to appropriate \$600 as its share of the costs. The plan provides \$2,000 life insurance, \$150 surgical fees, \$5 a day for room and \$50 for additional expenses. If the employees decided to include members of their families in the plan they may do so by paying \$1.25 per month.

A retirement plan for town employees was mentioned but no action was taken on the proposal.

Bids for laying curb and gutter on Smithwick and Liberty Streets were called for, and will be reviewed possibly at a special meeting. The board was advised that work on a special sewer line on the two streets was started yesterday.

Reservations for special parking in front of the courthouse were cancelled at the request of Deputy Buck Holloman who explained that the ordinance was not being enforced.

A request for a street light on the corner of Hunter and Slade Streets was received, but action was delayed until other lights are to be installed. It was explained that several lights can be installed about as cheaply as mosquito coils.

The town's drive on mosquitoes is progressing, the mayor explaining that 531 homes had been sprayed already.

The clerk reported that \$66,615.76 of the 1948 tax levy of \$69,479.38 had been collected, leaving a balance of \$2,863.62. The town has a cash balance of \$6,071.72 in the banks.

A perplexing problem was offered when an outside water customer explained that he had paid (Continued on page eight)

## Tobacco Barns Burn In County

At least two tobacco curing barns have been destroyed by fire in the county so far this season, according to reports reaching here.

Farmer Walter Gardner, after experiencing a heavy damage caused to his crop by excessive rains, lost a curing barn by fire in Williams Township a few days ago, it was reported.

Farmer Will Taylor lost a barn on his farm near here on Highway 17 shortly before 9:00 o'clock yesterday morning. The farmer's son, Gormer Taylor, said he visited the barn about an hour before the fire was discovered, that he was making ready to curtail the heat later in the morning.

Equipped with oil burners, the barn burned within a matter of minutes, the fire threatening a packhouse and a shed which Williamston's fire department helped save. The barn fire had gained too much headway to be checked with the limited fire-fighting equipment. Mr. Taylor said the property was partially covered by insurance.

Discussing the fire, Mr. Taylor said that tobacco had been grown on the farm for more than fifty years, that there had not been a fire loss during that time, that the first barn built there was still in use.