

## Amphitheatre Is Project of P.-T. A. For Current Year

### Parents Visit Classrooms At High School As Part of Program Last Night

The construction of an amphitheatre in the ravine back of the elementary school building was announced last night as one of the main projects of the Williamston Parents-Teachers Association for this year, and a committee on planning as well as one on action was also listed for this project and the landscaping of the grounds.

Although conflicting meetings cut attendance below what had been expected, those attending enjoyed the "Come And See" program which the teachers had prepared for the high school buildings, and in some of the classrooms students were on hand to demonstrate their class work. This was especially true of the laboratory and science room where Professor A. J. Abdalla had about a dozen young demonstrators on hand to entertain the parents.

The program preceding the visits to the rooms was brief. In the court for attendance, Miss Anna Bell Privott's room again won the award and it was announced that the banner which is now in the window of the employment office as a part of a P.-T. A. display, is to be turned over to her within the next week or ten days.

Attention was called to the fact that letters had gone out through the school children this week to invite all parents and friends and patrons of the school to join the P.-T. A. The fee is 50c per person and a small envelope was enclosed with the letter for convenience in returning the dues. A graph prepared by the 8th grade math class was on display showing the membership in the local P.-T. A. during the past six or seven years.

Mrs. Iverson Skinner was named chairman of the committee in charge of the improvements at the elementary school and Miss Lissie Pearce, Mrs. C. B. Clark, Jr., and Mrs. Irving Margolis are to assist in the planning. The action committee is headed by Bill Spivey with the following members to help: Abner Brown, H. F. McKnight, Mrs. Herman Bowen, B. G. Stewart, Mrs. Harrell Everett, W. T. Ross, Paul Simpson, James Manning, Edward Corey, James Bullock, John Goff, J. C. Eubanks, R. E. Shuller, Mrs. Ray Goodman, W. R. Glover, W. Harvey Ross, Jessup Harrison and R. D. Elliott. Mrs. Jack Hardison was named to act as secretary to the chairman of the action committee.

## Patients In The Martin General

The following were among the patients in the Martin General Hospital here this morning:

Miss Sarah Gurganus, who is recovering from an operation and who plans to return to her home shortly; Mrs. Dora Ellis of Plymouth, Clarence Brown of Jamesville, David Carson of Williamston, Watson Walters of Jamesville, Mrs. Howard Hopkins of Williamston, Geo. C. Griffin of Griffins, Mrs. Eli Rogerson of Williamston, Mrs. R. O. Purvis of Route 1, Bethel, Mrs. A. J. Manning, Jr., of Williamston, Mrs. D. O. Weaver of Route 2, Robersonville, Jim Henry Lilley of Williamston.

Colored: Estelle and Elizabeth Sheppard, Hezekiah Bell, Marjorie Bonner, Thelma Bell.

### ROUND-UP

Thirteen persons were arrested and placed in the county jail last week-end, including eight for public drunkenness, four for assaults and one for drunken driving. Five of the thirteen were white and the ages of the group ranged from 28 to 61 years.

While law enforcement officers were busy rounding 'em up in this section, reports from Hamilton stated that eight warrants were drawn there Saturday afternoon, one charging a colored man with hit-and-run driving.

## Church Dedication Service Sunday Morning



The recently completed Christian Chapel Church at Cross Roads will be formally dedicated at a special service Sunday morning, the pastor, Rev. P. E. Cayton, announces. Constructed at a cost of about \$12,000, not including material contributions and labor offered by members of the church and other friends, the building is one of the finest rural religious plants in this section of the State. The church is planning a memorable week-end when, in addition to the dedication, two of the members will be ordained for ministerial service and the Roanoke District Convention will be entertained.

## Four Hurt In Road Accidents In County

### Patrolmen Report Six Auto Wrecks In Past Few Days

#### Losses, Exclusive of Personal Injuries, are More Than \$1,100.00

Four persons were hurt, one of them critically, and a reported damage, estimated unofficially at \$1,175, resulted in a series of six automobile accidents on highways and streets in this county during the past few days, according to reports coming from the county highway patrol office late Monday.

Suffering neck and internal injuries, Jim H. Lilley, local man, continues in a critical condition in a local hospital. The other injured were able to continue to their homes following treatment in doctors' offices, the report said.

In addition to the six vehicle accidents, fire, believed to have started in the wiring, destroyed the 1941 model Chevrolet belonging to Russell Collier in his yard on RFD 2, Robersonville, late last Wednesday night. The car had not been touched in about two hours.

The first in the series of accidents was reported eight miles north of Hamilton on the River Road last Thursday night at 6:30 o'clock. Alton Mizelle Harrell of Hamilton was driving his 1946 Ford toward Hamilton when he was blinded by the lights of an approaching car. He ran off the road and lost control of the car which turned over one and one-half times. Harrell was not hurt, but Patrolman B. W. Parker, making the investigation, estimated the damage at \$200. It is presumed the driver with the bright lights on his car continued on his way.

Ernest Mooring, Jr., of RFD 1, Robersonville, was driving toward Oak City on Highway 125 about 8:00 o'clock last Friday night when his 1938 Chevrolet stalled in the highway a short distance from Hamilton. Driving behind, J. S. Ayers plowed into the Chevrolet with his 1948 Packard, hurting no one but doing about \$50 damage to his car and about \$25 damage

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### SECOND CALL

A second call was issued today directing all those Martin County young men who registered for the draft during the month of September to report to the draft board in Williamston immediately. It was explained that additional information is needed, that unless the registrants report at once they will be subject to immediate call for active duty.

Approximately forty registered in September and quite a few of them have already reported and offered the additional information. Only those who registered during September are being instructed to report and give additional registration information.

## Union At County Church Sunday

Members and friends of the Smithwicks Creek Church will entertain the union there on Saturday and Sunday, October 28 and 29, it was announced by the pastor, Elder P. E. Getsinger.

Elder C. W. Miller of Washington, D. C., Elder A. F. Sudduth of Kimball, Va., and Elders Denny Lee and other visiting ministers will preach during the two-day meeting.

The pastor and congregation extend a cordial welcome to all to attend the services.

### Recovers From Attack Suffered Week Ago

Following treatment in Brown's Hospital for an attack suffered last Wednesday afternoon, Mr. W. J. Hodges was able to return to his home here last week-end, and is getting along well.

### Recovering From Injury Received In Recent Fall

Mrs. Lyda Wynne suffered a painful knee injury in a fall at her home last Thursday. Following treatment in the Martin General Hospital here, she was able to return to her home Saturday.

## Propose Changes In Constitution At Next Election

### One Would Make Indictment by Grand Jury Optional In Felony Cases

Five amendments to the Constitution of North Carolina will be submitted to popular vote on November 7. The adoption or rejection of each amendment will be determined by the majority of the votes cast for or against each amendment. The legal significance of the proposed No. 1 amendment is briefly explained as follows:

**1. Waiving of Indictment**  
Section 12 of Article I of the Constitution reads as follows: "No person shall be put to answer any criminal charge except as hereinafter allowed, but by indictment, presentment, or impeachment."

This section requires, therefore, indictment by a grand jury in all felony cases. An accused person cannot waive this requirement even though he is represented by an attorney and even though, as a result thereof, he may be required in some instances to remain in jail for a considerable period of time awaiting action by the grand jury.

The proposed amendment would add to Section 12 of Article I the following language:

"But any person, when represented by counsel, may, under such regulations as the Legislature shall prescribe, waive indictment in all except capital cases."

Under the proposed amendment, the General Assembly would prescribe regulations for waiving indictment. An indictment could not be waived in a capital case under any circumstances, and could be

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### Little Vandals Wreck Local Flower Garden

Operating perhaps without malice but with deadly destruction, little vandals just about wrecked Mrs. Nora Grimes' flower garden on West Main Street early yesterday morning. Using some kind of a knife, the youngsters shredded the flowers and trampled down others.

Sunday afternoon two or three lads were in the flower garden digging worms and were chased out by a neighbor. Police are investigating the case.

## Funeral Held In Local Church For Geo. C. Jenkins

### Retired Farmer Died At His Home In West End Last Thursday Afternoon

George C. Jenkins, well-known citizen of this county and a retired farmer, died at his home in West End near Williamston last Thursday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock following a six-month illness. During the past three months he spent most of the time in hospitals, undergoing an operation and receiving treatment. His condition was critical for several weeks and he never rallied after lapsing into a coma the day before he died.

The son of the late J. H. and Lera Massengill Jenkins, he was born near Robersonville 72 years ago on February 27, 1878, and spent his early life on the farm in that section, moving to this section of the county as a young man and spending most of his life here. He was married to Miss Mattie L. Leggett in May, 1901, and she survives with three daughters, Mrs. LeRoy Savage and Mrs. W. T. Crawford, both of Williamston, and Mrs. Paul Dixon of near Everetts; two sisters, Mrs. Kelly Hardison of Oak City and Mrs. Robert Griffin of Robersonville; one brother, Dorsey Jenkins, of Williamston, and four grandchildren.

Mr. Jenkins was a progressive farmer, introducing new farming practices down through the years. He worked for the conservation of the soil and a richer and finer country.

He was a member of the Skearkey Primitive Baptist Church and funeral services were conducted there Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Elders W. E. Grimes, A. B. Ayers and E. C. Stevenson. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

## Examination For Warden In County

A written wildlife law enforcement examination will be held in Martin County Courthouse on Tuesday, November 7, at 10:00 a. m. o'clock for those who desire to compete and apply for a position with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission as District Game and Fish Protector in Martin County, it was announced by Leon K. Thomas, law enforcement supervisor.

To be eligible for participation one must have the following minimum qualifications:

Education—High School or better; Experience in law enforcement—desirable but not essential; Mentally and physically alert; Interest in and knowledge of wildlife; Interest in conservation; Interest in affairs of sportsmen and their organizations; Good character; Clean past record; Between ages of 21 and 45 years; Able and willing to devote full time to work; Ability to enforce law impartially and justly; Ability to pass successfully a physical examination.

Those who can meet the above standards will be acceptable applicants for the announced position.

## Conservationists Meet Wednesday

Meeting in the courthouse here tomorrow, approximately thirty-five soil conservationists from sixteen counties in four districts will discuss irrigation, it was announced today.

An irrigation engineer from Spartanburg will lead the discussions. Tests made with tobacco plant irrigation systems will be reviewed, it was announced.

### Child Falls Victim Of Rheumatic Fever

Lucy Lynch, 10-year-old colored child of near Oak City, fell victim of rheumatic fever last week-end. It was first thought she had infantile paralysis, one report stating that she virtually lost use of all her faculties, but improved following treatment for the fever.

## Former Local Boy Died In District Hospital Sunday

### Funeral At Home of Mother Here Tomorrow For Wm. A. James, Jr.

William A. James, Jr., Williamston native and a graduate of the Williamston High School, died in a Washington, D. C., hospital Sunday morning at 8:00 o'clock. He had been ill since October 10 and was thought to be getting along very well until a blood clot formed, resulting in his death.

The son of Mrs. Lillian Taylor James, formerly of Robersonville, and the late W. A. James, Sr., he was born in Williamston on April 20, 1912, and spent his early life here. In 1938 he located in Virginia where he was employed by a drug firm for several years before enlisting in the Navy. During World War II he served as a pharmacist's mate, spending two years in the Pacific theater. Following the war he located in Washington City where he was employed by Carriers' Service Pharmacy Shops, and was married to Miss Mamie Franklin.

While in high school here he played on the football team and was well known.

Surviving are his widow; his mother, one brother, Harry C. James of Arlington, Va.; and one sister, Mrs. J. D. Hathaway, Jr., of Elizabeth City.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home here on West Main Street Wednesday morning by Rev. Thomas Hastings, rector of the Church of the Advent. Interment will be in the family plot in the Robersonville Cemetery.

## Officers Return From Kentucky

Extending their investigation to Lexington, Kentucky, Sheriff M. W. Holloman and Mr. Buck Ayers recovered last week nearly \$5,000 in war bonds stolen from the J. S. Ayers and Company store in Everetts early last June.

Tags and other markings had been removed, and clothing, known to have been stolen during raids that were extended into at least half dozen states, could not be identified. It was fairly certain that goods stolen from other Everetts firms the same night the Ayers store was robbed, were among the loot found, but identification could not be determined immediately.

While Sheriff Holloman and Mr. Ayers were in Lexington, officers from Georgia reached there to claim goods stolen from that state. It was learned that some of the bonds stolen in Georgia had been cashed.

Sheriff Holloman said that Joe Murray, James Gray and Dillard Foreman were facing several robbery charges in Lexington, that it will be at least ten or twelve years before they could be had in this county. However, warrants with detainers are being sent to Kentucky from this county, and officers in Georgia, Indiana, West Virginia and possibly other states are preparing warrants.

An adding machine, stolen from the Ayers store, was said to have been sold in a small Tennessee town.

## Man Dangerously Cut Here Sunday

Claiborne "Peg" Northern, colored man, was knocked down and dangerously cut on the head as he waited at the Jamesville-Washington Road intersection here last Sunday evening for a ride to his home near Jamesville. The one-legged man was cut on the back of his head almost from ear to ear and to the skull, the wound requiring fifteen stitches.

Willie Moore, colored man and an expert carver, was arrested about an hour later and is being formally charged with the attack at a hearing before Justice Chas. R. Mobley today. Unable to arrange bond in the sum of \$400, Moore was placed in jail.

The attack followed when Moore asked Northern about a 25-cent debt which Northern declared he knew nothing about.

## Local Church Has 100th Anniversary

### DRAFT CALL

A second call, instructing the Martin County Draft Board to send twelve men to Fort Bragg for final induction has been received. The twelve men to be drawn largely from that group of men who reported for pre-induction examinations on October 10.

During the meantime, twenty-five Martin County young men are slated to report for final induction on Friday of this week.

### Over 100,000 Pounds Sold Yesterday To Bring Total to 9,579,064

Already a million pounds in excess of the preliminary estimates, tobacco sales continue to hold up on Williamston's tobacco market. More than 100,000 pounds were sold yesterday to boost the total to date to 9,579,064 pounds. Through yesterday, the money paid out by the market amounted to \$5,496,996.50, the average holding right at a \$57.50 average.

No date has been officially announced for closing the market. A general report on the belt follows:

Average prices by grades for Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco during the ninth week of sales were steady to slightly lower. Volume of offerings was heavy Monday but considerably lighter on the following days. General quality of the tobacco was somewhat inferior to that of the previous week.

The Federal-State Tobacco Market News Service reports the downward trend which began week before last continued. Although most grades lost only \$1.00 per hundred from averages the previous week, the majority were at new season lows. Practically all grades are ranging from \$1.00 to \$10.00 under peak levels established earlier in the season with most \$3.00 to \$5.00 lower.

During the week ending October 20, gross sales amounted to 30,222,114 pounds and averaged \$56.27 per hundred. Sales volume dropped around 13-14 million pounds. Season gross sales through October 20 totaled 407,948,776 pounds for an average of \$56.77. For the corresponding period last season gross volume was about 35 million pounds less while the general average was \$8.13 per hundred lower.

More of the offerings consisted of nondescript. Also, there was an increase in the amount graded damaged, unsafe order or unsound. Fewer fair to fine grades were sold. Most of the baskets were graded in low to good qualities, leaf predominating.

The take of the Flue-cured Stabilization Corporation this week, under the Government loan program, was about 7 percent of gross turnover. Deliveries for the season are running around 3 percent of sales.

Final sales were held on the Border a few days ago, a report showing that 301,627,557 pounds were sold for an average of \$55.23.

## Colored Parents' Teachers to Meet

The Second District Colored Parent-Teacher Association, comprising several counties, will meet at the Parmele school, Wednesday, November 1, at 7:30 P. M. A large delegation is expected to attend and each local unit is to send its fee. A cordial invitation is extended to all parents and teachers to attend this very important meeting. Vital questions, affecting the educational development of the youth, will be discussed and each unit is expected to send a representative to take part in the deliberation.

## Bishop Wright In Address to Large Number Friday

### History of the Church Of The Advent Read To Group That Morning

By Mrs. Frank Wynne  
The Church of the Advent here celebrated its 100th anniversary last Friday when members and friends came from distant places through heavy rains and filled the church.

In the choir were Norman and Thomas Cordon, grandsons of the Rev. Thomas B. Haughton, beloved Rector of the church in its early days. The procession of choir and clergymen moved toward the chancel to the glorious strains of "Ancient of Days" and thus began a day of prayer and praise and thankfulness for this church and for its priests and workers through the years.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Wright, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina was Celebrant at the Choral Eucharist, assisted by the Rev. E. M. Spruill, the Rev. Thomas L. Hastings, Rector of the parish, and the Rev. John W. Hardy, former Rector.

A Communion set, chalice and paten, gifts of Mrs. Collin Barnes, Mrs. J. H. Saunders, Miss Mary Smith, and Mr. Richard H. Smith, in memory of their parents and sister, were consecrated by the Bishop. Several pieces of chancel furniture, including a prayer desk, clergy stall and choir fronts, gifts of Mrs. James Grist Staton, in memory of former Bishops of the Diocese of East Carolina and priests of this parish, were consecrated by the Bishop.

Mr. N. C. Green, Senior Warden, read a summary of the history of the church, beginning with the first baptism in 1842, the building of the church in 1849, the consecration of the church by Bishop Ives, April 26, 1850, its admission to the Convention May 30, 1850, and services by its first Rector, October 20, 1850. The land, the building, and the furnishings were acquired through the generosity and sacrifices of the Ellison, Hyman and Slade families. In the early years of the church the register records the baptism and confirmation of many persons, not only parents and children but slaves as well, with special classes for the teaching of the catechism to the children of the slaves on Sunday afternoon.

Then came the Civil War, four years without services and the little church almost destroyed by the Northern Army. Miss Betty Hyman, a refugee, preserved the Communion set and on her return to Williamston gave it to the Rev. Thomas B. Haughton, then minister in charge. Under his leadership the foundations of the

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### Overlooked In Listing Names of Princesses

In listing the names of the princesses at the harvest festival here last Wednesday evening, the name of Miss Lib Cherry, Princess Bear Grass, was omitted by mistake. And it was suggested by some that she was overlooked by the judges. The Enterprise regrets the omission, and hastens to add that Miss Cherry added greatly to the event by her presence.

### ACCEPTS POSITION

Cecil Bullock, popular young man of Robersonville, has accepted a place in the Martin County ABC enforcement division and will join ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck about the middle of the week, it was announced by V. J. Spivey chairman of the Martin County ABC Board.

Mr. Bullock, now a warden with the N. C. Wildlife and Resources Commission, will receive approximately \$200 a month in his new job.