

Why Did Board Of Education Pay Hon. Van Martin \$900 More For Negro School Site?

At the last meeting of the Board of Education of Washington county on Monday, July 1, there was two plots of land submitted for a site for the Negro school. One by Van B. Martin, known as the L. L. Owen's property, and one by T. C. Burgess, known as the W. D. Carstarphen property.

Both pieces of property lie side by side. The Owen's property outside of the town limits and the Carstarphen property inside the town limits. The Owen's property has one outlet, which is the proposed Andrew Jackson Street running to the highway, which has to be developed. The Carstarphen property has three outlets, which are Third Street, Fourth Street, and an alley adjoining the property, with the condition that if Carstarphen property was bought that land would be given connecting all these streets to build a cross street, which would make it convenient to the entire Negro population.

The Owen's property is 767 feet from fire protection, and the Carstarphen property is within 400 feet of fire protection. There is a little over 4 acres in the Owen's property in the shape of a triangle, which the board bought for \$2,500. In the Carstarphen property, there is 4 acres in a square shape, with drainage both ways, and which has been recommended by a representative of the Rosenthal Fund for Negro Education. This plot was offered to the board for \$1,600.

These facts were presented to the board in the presence of the entire board and Mr. Martin and Mr. Burgess. The board then went into executive session and purchased the Owen's property from Mr. Martin for \$2,500. The chairman of the board, when asked afterwards about the deal gave as an excuse (not a reason) that the property offered by Mr. Martin had an outlet to the highway. This will serve a tenth of the Negro children while the other 90 per cent will have to walk around their elbow to get to their thumb (as the saying goes).

Why did the board pay Mr. Martin \$900 more for a piece of property when they could have bought another piece adjoining it for \$900 less? Who, pays this \$900. The taxpayers of Washington. Why did the board pay Mr. Van B. Martin \$900?

A TAXPAYER.

UNION MEETING

Creswell.—The ministerial association held their regular fifth Sunday union service in the high school auditorium Sunday night. Rev. J. B. Hurley delivered a very inspiring message.

SELECT COUNTY'S QUEEN OF HEALTH TODAY

Every girl that is interested in attending the State Short Course in Raleigh from July 29 to August 3 will meet at the courthouse Friday, July 6, for physical examination to determine the queen of health from Washington county.

The healthiest girl from this county will be carried to Washington Friday, July 12, for a district elimination. During the short course the Queen and King of Health will be crowned.

ANOTHER COTTON BLOSSOM

The season's second cotton blossom to be brought into the Beacon and News office this week was by A. H. Spear, of Creswell on July 3. It was raised on Mr. Spear's farm. Rain has been very damaging to crops in that section.

What They Say

"Among the many county newspapers that I have seen, I have observed that none of them have any more county news on the average than does the Beacon and News," said W. J. Jackson, jr.

"Eight paid and loyal correspondents make this possible, Mr. Jackson," replied the editor.

"This job was done good. It looks about as good as any that you order from any of the large printing houses. In fact, it is better than I thought you could do."

These are the words of Raymond Leggett, proprietor of O. R. Leggett's Sons, after carefully inspecting a receipt book that had been handed to him by a Beacon and News man. All the work was done in this shop.

CLUB MEMBERS ENJOY WEEK IN CAMP MACKEYS

Last Monday, June 24, a large number of women and girls representing several sections of the county went into camp at Mackeys.

Monday was devoted to setting up camp. In the afternoon the campers took a dip in the sound, played games in the evening, and were all in bed by 10 o'clock. Tuesday, classwork began, and practically every one took advantage of the course in basketry.

On Wednesday the campers visited Camp Leach near Washington. While at Camp Leach the girls were allowed to take a dip with the home demonstration club campers from Edgecombe county. On Wednesday night, through the courtesy of Mrs. M. O. Brown, the entire camp attended the moving pictures. Thursday Edenton was visited. Miss Laura Hazelbaker, home demonstration agent of Edenton, met the party and carried them to a number of places. The Edenton News invited the campers into their office and gave each a welcome to their city. On Thursday night, after games were played, each person on the camp cast a vote for the best sport. Mrs. Bingkendorf, of Wenona, and Eliza Robinson, of Chapel Hill, each received one dollar as prizes. At 8 o'clock the campers enjoyed a wienie roast. Several children from Mackeys were invited to the feast and games.

The girls were well chaperoned at all times, and the meals were well-balanced. The meals consisted of green vegetables with milk served every child several times during the week. Ice cream was served twice and chicken twice to the crowd during the week. Lemonade was available at any time and each child had fruit at least once a day.

F. M. Arps installed a nice radio for use during the week. J. W. Norman superintendent of schools, loaned the campers a school truck to carry the crowd to Camp Leach. Bill Waters did himself proud by proving that he was one of the best drivers in the county. W. B. Davenport did everything possible to make the campers comfortable. Mrs. Chesson, Mrs. Joe Blount, and Mrs. Will Swain did much for the campers.

Those attending camp were: Mesdames Will Swain, Fannie B. Robinson, Hilda Robinson, Bingkendorf, R. C. Heynon, Charlie Bowen, Glenn Furbee, Sylvia Vail, Misses Virginia Norman, Edith Edmundson, Louise Smith, Jean Martin, Martha Mayo, Elizabeth Landing, Cottie Mae Price, Elizabeth Vaily, Madeline Davis, Eliza Robinson, Frances Brinkley, Martha Bateman, Katherine Harrison, Lois Leffever, Martha Whedbee, Harriett Heynon, Louise Chesson, Miss Hodges, Edith Hodges, Frances Blount, and Miss Spruill.

Ford Safety

As a contribution towards greater safety, and more pleasant driving conditions on the highways of the county this summer, the Ford Motor Company has listed twelve rules as suggestion to motorists and has distributed them to dealers over the country.

Announcement of the suggestions was made today by Buchanan Motor Company, Ford dealer in this city, who will display the list prominently in his place of business.

The twelve rules are:

Courtesy comes first. Consider the rights and privileges of others. Keep your mind on your driving, and anticipate sudden emergencies. Learn the "fool" of having your car under control. Obey all traffic and parking regulations. Keep to the right, and comply with road markings and signs. Signal for stops and turns—watch the car ahead. Slow down at crossings, schools, dangerous places. Never pass cars on hills, curves or crossings. Adapt your driving to road conditions—rain, ice, soft spots and ruts. It doesn't pay to take the "right of way" too seriously. When you drive, remember the times when you're a pedestrian. Know the law. It was passed for your protection.

BERTIE GROUP SUES OFFICERS DEFUNCT BANK

A referee's trial is being held in the courthouse here in the case in which a group of stockholders in Bertie county are suing the officers and directors of the defunct Bank of Plymouth, Washington County Bank and the United Commercial Bank through the receiver.

The complaint alleges that some thirty or forty citizens of this county were the officers of the defunct banks which failed on account of negligence. Judge Francis D. Winston, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Finch and another lawyer are representing the Bertie group while H. S. Ward, Mr. Gimes and Van B. Martin are defending the officers.

If the complainants are successful the plaintiffs will be responsible for the entire shortage of the defunct banks as far as their property will go. Junius D. Bragaw, of Washington, is the referee. A. D. MacLean heard the case some time last year.

FIRST COTTON BLOSSOM

Deputy Sheriff Fenton Read brought into the office of the Beacon and News July 1 a cotton blossom plucked from cotton on his farm on the Mackeys road. This is the first blossom that has appeared in the county as far as the Beacon and News officials can learn. Rain did much damage to this crop in this section.

J. W. Norman Began 3rd Year As County Schools Head July 1

Aided by facts obtained in nearly a score of years experience in school work; adhering strictly to instructions of the Washington County Board of Education; and guided by school legislation, James W. Norman has marked his two years of administration as county superintendent of public instruction with achievements.

WHOOPEE

DANCING SWEETIE
Mary had a brown-eyed sheik,
His clothes were nice and neat;
But every time he wagged his tail
He stepped on Mary's feet.

PATHETIC
She took out the bottle
And shook her head.
"I hate to open it," she said.
"It came all the way from France,
It's labeled and sealed—
Good stuff at a glance.
Oh, what will I do,
It'll go so soon?"
So she put it away—
That rare perfume.

WHITE FOLKS CURIOUS TALK

"Ain't it curi's how dem white folks talks?" asked one negro of another. "What you talkin' 'bout, niggah?" asked his companion.

"Ise talking 'bout how dese white folks all talks 'bout de same thing for a long time and den all stops de same time an' talks 'bout sump'n else all de time," responded the first. "Don't understand you yet," declared the second.

"Well what I means is dat it's curi's how last Fall jus' 'fore Ilection what all de white folks talked 'bout all de time was 'Smith an' de Pope,' and now dey don't never say nothin' 'bout dat an' all of 'em is talkin' 'bout 'Hoover an' DePriest,'" explained the first.

ALMO THEATRE TONIGHT

Colleen Moore

"Why Be Good"
PATHE NEWS

Saturday Night
Emil Jannings

"Sins Of The Father"
Last Episode

Terrible People
First Episode
Tigers Shadow

SCHOOL BOARD DENIES PLEAS SMALL SCHOOLS

Delegations of citizens from Chapel Hill and Mount Tabor school district were denied a one-teacher school for each community by the County Board of Education in session here Monday.

They gave as their reasons the fact that the State Board of Equalization has already passed upon the number of teachers for the county, and that no funds were available for employing additional teachers.

A contract was let in the near future for covering the Creswell school building with galvanized iron to T. C. Byron, of Edenton, for \$395 and \$50 additional for removing old roof.

UNION MEETING OAK GROVE CHURCH

Skinnerville.—On the fifth Sunday in June, a union meeting of Mount Pleasant, Creswell, and Columbia Churches was held at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Saturday dinner was served on the ground with the business transactions of the different churches in the district.

Rev. Richard Lucas, of Belhaven, held the services and preached in the morning. The next will be held at Sound Side Church, near Columbia, the fifth Sunday in September.

Story Of Son Returning Stolen Money All False, Says Father

JULY 4 GREAT DAY IN HISTORY OF THIS NATION

By EVA WHITE

Skinnerville.—When flags are flying, and ceremonies being held throughout America, on the historic day of July 4, other countries across the Atlantic will not let it pass unobserved, although the greatest Fourth of July was in 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was adopted, and the United States became a Republic.

Even before that great event the date had played a strange part in the affairs of the brave men and women, who had come across the sea to establish a new nation in the American Wilderness. Roger Williams on July 4, 1636, founded a settlement at Providence, Rhode Island. The Virginia Colonists were granted important rights by the legislature on July 4, 1676, a vast tract of land containing the Blue Ridge Country was bought from the Indians on July 4, 1744.

Colonel George Washington surrendered an army to the enemy on July 4, 1781. With the aid of a friendly Indian, Sachem, known as Half King, attacked the French in their camp at night on July 4, 1754.

Boonesboro, Kentucky, was attacked by the Indians July 4, 1778. Major Clarke captured Fort Kaskaskia from the British July 4, 1778. Lord Cornwallis evacuated Williamsburg, Virginia, July 4, 1781. Thomas Jefferson on July 4, 1826, died at the age of 82 years. On the same day John Adams passed away at the age of 91 years. James Monroe died on the fourth of July, 1831, when he was 74.

The Patent Bureau was established on July 4, 1836. The Independence of California was declared July 4, 1846. On July 4, 1848 work was started on the Washington Monument in Washington. On the same day the Treaty of Peace with Mexico was proclaimed at the Capital City. On July 4, 1851 amid pomp and ceremony, President Filmore laid the corner stone of the two great white wings of the United States Capitol building.

On July 4, 1861, Abraham Lincoln asked Congress for 400,000 men. There was a nation wide peace on July 4, 1866. On July 4, 1870, California's Constitution was formally adopted.

On July 4, 1912, both New Mexico and Arizona were made States of the Union, thus there are many reasons for observing the fourth of July as a day of Patriotic reverence.

POET AND PEASANT

"There has been a lot to do about the tea party that Mrs. Hoover gave some time ago and invited Mrs. Depriest, the Negro Senator's wife, hasn't there?" asked the Peasant.

"There certainly has," said the Poet, "but there hasn't been anything said about the big meeting of the Lions held in Columbus, Georgia, some time ago when a Negro was the main speaker of the evening."

"Is that so? It is the first time that I have heard anything about it. How about telling me all that you know about this meeting," asked the Peasant.

"There isn't much to know about it only that Democratic Senator Powell, of Alabama, introduced Dr. George W. Carver, head of the department of chemistry at Tuskegee Institute, the largest Negro college in America, as the main speaker at the meeting, which was attended by a large number of white men and women. Dr. Carver was highly recommended by Senator Powell as being an outstanding citizen and a capable man," said the Poet.

"Ain't that something? Now, I read southern daily papers, and I haven't seen a word about this before. I thought that the Lions were very exclusive," said the Peasant.

"Yes," replied the Poet, "it is a very exclusive club, although it is supposed to be a civic organization."

"Well, I'll be damned," said the Peasant. "But, say, did you see Tuesday's paper?"

"I don't know as I did," said the

That article that appeared in the news columns of the Beacon and News last week relative to my son taking money from my trunk in my absence is an absolute liar, stated T. F. Marriner to a Beacon and News reporter last Friday. There were many falsehoods in the piece, Mr. Marriner stated.

First, the money was not taken on March 24, as the paper stated, but on the first Sunday in March. The piece of land was sold February 25. This money did not come from a sale of land, as it had been saved up by me from my earnings for several years. Some person must have been watching my movements and knowing that the land was to have been sold thought that I had the money in my trunk.

My son, Ottis Marriner, did not take the money, as I have witnesses to prove his whereabouts during the entire day on which my money was stolen. He never received but \$8 for answering a puzzle in the paper. The money that I deposited in the bank was in my girl's name, Ruth Virginia Marriner; was not recovered or returned to me by my son, and until now I have not been able to learn the identity of the persons that stole the money. However, I hope to know in a short time.

The note that was sent into the Beacon and News office last week with a signature that was purported to be my wife's was false, and if it bore my wife's signature, it was a forgery.

Mr. Marriner stated he would like to know the author of the note and the one who signed it.

Signed T. F. MARRINER.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET

County Commissioners in session here Monday reduced the tax valuation of Mrs. M. O. Sawyer's home in Plymouth Township to \$3,500.

They also approved and authorized the county board of education to borrow \$20,000 with which to erect a comfortable Negro school building.

Sheriff J. K. Reid was ordered to turn in the general county tax books to Auditor J. C. Gatlin for purpose of making a complete settlement for 1928 taxes.

It was also decided to allow John Sykes, of Scuppernon Township \$3 a month; Thelma Patrick, \$5 a month; and Charles Tarkenton \$3 a month for living expenses.

Reports were made by Sheriff J. K. Reid, County Farm Agent R. E. Dunning, Register of Deeds Mrs. Addie L. Drinkley. Also magistrates reported the fines collected.

M. E. Blount, of Norfolk, spent the week end in the city as guest of friends