

## Historical Society Holds Pitt Meeting

GREENVILLE, April 4—A meeting of the Pitt County Historical Society was held at the Sheppard Memorial Library here this week with Judge Dink James presiding.

During the business of the meeting the president asked F. E. Brooks to write a history of the first schools of Pitt County and Miss Tabitha DeVisconti to write a history of old tombs and graveyards. A nominating committee composed of C. V. Cannon, Laurie H. Ellis, and Heber B. Tripp was appointed. J. L. Jackson, originator of the society, suggested that regular meeting dates be set. Miss DeVisconti, secretary, was asked to make a schedule of the meetings. The program committee appointed is composed of Mrs. Bessie W. Scott, Mrs. Chester Walsh and L. H. Ellis.

J. L. Jackson discussed ways of getting Bible records and deeds microfilmed or photostat copies made. Decision was made to present suggestion, as worked out by a committee, to the County Commissioners and the State Legislature.

Miss DeVisconti read a letter

had become the center of evil and death.

written by a charter member of the organization, Herman Patrick Johnson, who died on February 7. Johnson, whose letter expressed a presentment of his demise, lived in Grifton and Charlottesville, Va.

Jessie Rountree Moye read an article about the estate inherited by William Pitt in England.

H. B. Tripp, chairman of cemeteries, reported the old cemetery on Evans street was sunken, and an eyesore. He asked for suggestions about moving stones or trying to preserve the stones in the cemetery. After a discussion in favor of preserving the cemetery, Judge James suggested that the committee contact the city fathers about the situation.

### Rural Fire.

SMITHFIELD, April 4—Fire of undertermined origin did approximately \$15,000 damage to a house and pack barn and their contents this week on a farm owned by Dr. R. E. Earp in Clayton Township. There was no insurance, according to report. Two mules and a horse died in the fire and a second horse was so badly burned that it had to be shot. Both eyes were said to have been burned out and the hair burned from the body, but