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ist Takers and Assessors Meet For Instruction

More Care Should Be Exercised in Putting Autos on Books

The board of county tax assessors, composed of Sylvester Peel, J. T. Barnhill, and Henry S. Everett, met at the courthouse here Monday for the purpose of instructing the township list takers. The list takers were all present, except Mr. Crisp, as follows:

O. W. Hamilton, of Jamesville; J. L. Coltrain, of Williams, Ephraim Peel, of Griffins; B. S. Cowing, of Bear Grass; R. T. Griffin, of Williamston; C. B. Roebuck, of Cross Roads; J. Haywood Everett, of Robersonville, Leroy Taylor, of Poplar Point; W. S. Rhodes, of Hamilton; and J. T. Crisp, of Goose Nest.

A general schedule was agreed to for values on all property, which will not vary so much from the previous schedule, except on automobiles. Since a large part of the wealth of the county has already been put in automobiles, and all the income is being spent for their upkeep, the assessors think more care should be exercised in putting automobiles on the tax books at a fair value. By putting them on the tax books at a reasonable value, it will help reduce the taxes on horses and lands.

The law requires that every person owning property shall list it for taxation during the month of May.

The tax list blanks have not yet been delivered to the register of deeds by the State. This should be done in time to get all the necessary books and papers in the hands of the list takers by next Monday, at which time they will begin their work.

Oak City Makes Good Record in Contests

Oak City, April 25.—(Special to The Enterprise).—The Oak City High School made a good record in the group-center and county commencement this year, winning the event at Hamilton by a comfortable margin over all opponents and doing creditable work at the county commencement in every event to which they were admitted.

The primary story tellers, coached by Misses Newton, Everett, and Taylor, and Mrs. Bell, carried off two points at Hamilton.

In the grammar-grade arithmetic and spelling contests, Oak City won at Hamilton and scored heavily in the county-wide event. The contestants in this group were coached by Miss Jenkins, Miss Woodley, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Eaks.

A pageant, "The Brotherhood of Man," was staged by Oak City at Williamson, and was second to none in perfection of dramatic significance and excellence of costume. All the details of the pageant were handled by Misses Jones, Dozier, and Frazier.

Superintendent Ainsley and his corps of teachers worked tirelessly on the various events, and it is felt that Oak City did its full share toward making the county commencement a success.

Senior Play Is Well Received Here Friday

The "Charm School" presented by seniors of the local school here last Friday night was well received by the 150 spectators. While the play was rather long, the leading characters served well and rendered their parts in a most successful manner.

The staging of the play Friday brought to a close a period of much work on the part of the members of the cast and teachers who coached the production.

STRAND THEATRE

TONIGHT
(WEDNESDAY)

Why Not Come to the Picture Show in WILLIAMSTON?

SEE THE BEST

FRED THOMSON
SILVER KING

WESTERN ON THE SCREEN

and

ALSO GET A
FREE TICKET
For the Friday Program

2 Tickets for 1 Price

Always a Good Show

Many Registering for Town Election to be Held Tuesday

More Than 100 Names Added In Past Three Days Brings Total Eligible Voters To Date to 372

Friday and Saturday of last week, and Monday of this week saw 100 new names go on the town's registration books, a number which assures an interest in the election here next Tuesday. There are, to date, 460 names on the books. The list of 460 goes back to 1921, and includes the names of many who have either moved away or died. A check of the names showed that 31 people have died in that time and 57 have moved away, leaving 372 eligible to vote.

The books will be closed next Saturday. After that time they will be open for inspection and challenge.

Commencement Is Success Despite Rain

School to Close At Sandy Ridge

Judge F. Winston Main Speaker at Exercises Next Friday

Sandy Ridge is planning an unique commencement for its school closing this week. Starting Thursday night, the lower grades of the school will appear in the first number on the commencement program. On Friday morning Judge Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, will deliver the main address. Following the address a picnic dinner will be served on the grounds of the school.

Friday night the program will be brought to a close when the school's talent presents "Bashful Mr. Bobbs," a farce comedy in three acts. Mr. R. A. Floyd, principal, expresses the will of the people of the community in extending the public an invitation to witness the entire program.

Better Homes Program at Williams Chapel

A very interesting program was rendered by the Williams Chapel Home Demonstration club last Friday at Williams Chapel, near Oak City. The idea upon which the program was built was for "Better Homes in America".

The following is the program rendered with Mrs. W. R. Everett at the piano and Miss Margaret Everett acting chairman:

The Better Homes in America movement explained—Miss Anna Trent ham.

Roll call responded with quotations relative to the home.

News notes on the Better Homes movement—Miss Annie Harrington.

Reading, "Home Recreations"—Miss Mollie Harrington.

Song, "America, the Beautiful."

Reading, "America's Greatest Asset"—Mrs. A. M. Perry.

Reading, "Beautifying the Farmstead"—Mrs. D. B. Harrison.

Song, "America".

Reading, "Clubwork Helped to Beautify the Room"—Mrs. Louis Thompson.

Paper, "Foods Necessary to Physical Health"—Miss Hattie Everett.

Talk, "Labor-saving Devices"—Miss Anna Trentham.

Song, "Carolina".

Reading, "Labor Savers in the Home"—Mrs. Mayo Price.

Reading, "Our Weekly Sermon"—Mrs. Joseph Early.

Song, "Home Sweet Home".

Electric Fire Alarm To Be Installed Soon

The Williamston volunteer fire company purchased last week an electric siren from the Federal Siren company in Ohio. The alarm signal will arrive in the course of two weeks and will be installed on the City Hall's roof.

The firemen at their meeting last night donated \$100 from the company's general funds to help meet the cost of the siren. All members of the company were present except one, and a good practice was held after various business matters were settled.

Everetts Defeats Robersonville 9-7

In a game featured by errors, Everett's school boys defeated the Robersonville lads 9 to 7 yesterday afternoon at Everett's. James and Rogers pitched and caught for Robersonville and Cherry and A. Roebuck served in the main positions for Everett's.

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Commissioners To Hear Power Man This Week

Oil Engine Bid Deferred Until Monday of Next Week

The offset of 88 is more than cared for by the present registration, and there are yet many more names to be added to the list. Those who are not sure their names appear on the registration books are urged to call by the place of registration, Mr. Pope's office in the old Farmers & Merchant's Bank building, and be sure that they will be eligible to vote.

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Mr. J. T. Chase, of the Virginia Electric & Power Co., has been in Richmond for the past several days with officials of his company, preparing a contract to be submitted to the town, and it is understood he will be ready to place a contract before the town within the next day or so.

Messrs. Elam, of the Virginia Engineering Co., Richmond, and J. T. Cross, of the Fairbanks-Morse people, were here last Friday night ready to have their bids opened. They, however, consented to submit their bids Monday, May 2, giving the board an opportunity to go over the Virginia Electric & Power Co.'s offer before making final decision as to purchasing an oil engine.

Martin Boy Dies in Mississippi Town

Linville, youngest son of John A. and Miriam Darden, died last Thursday in Biloxi, Mississippi. Interment was made in the Episcopal church yard at Scotland Neck last Sunday afternoon, Rev. Theo. Paritch officiating.

The same fine cooperation of teachers, committees, judges, and patrons attended this program as indeed has been the case at the group centers. In no case does it appear that the school is as much impressed with what the contestants won as with how they won.

Some splendid sacrifices were made for the spirit of harmony. Schools whose chances for taking the county award were excellent for having won group-center awards, found success somewhat eclipsed by schools whose opportunities for winning appeared doubtful after missing the group-center awards. It was almost impossible to secure judges for the contests from outside the county in accord with the plans; however, there were some cut-of-county judges. Judge Francis D. Winston held the attention of the audience for one hour while praising the results of schools and the general assembly. The judge seemed to enjoy the humor of the youthful story tellers better than his own fun factoring.

Mr. Darden lived in Hamilton in his early boyhood and went from there to Norfolk about 20 years ago.

During the past several years he had been working in Mississippi. He was a nephew of Mrs. Irene Smith who, with Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Saunders and Miss Mary Smith of this place, attended the funeral.

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