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TEACHERS HOLD LAST MEET OF SCHOOL TERM

Committee To Name Delegates To State Meeting In Raleigh

DR. BOSHART SPEAKS

Although Last Meeting of Schedule, Many Teachers Will Attend Meet To Plan County Commencement

The Martin County teachers held their last meeting of the 1927-'28 term here last Saturday afternoon in the school auditorium. The meeting was called to order by the president, J. L. Jones, after which the assembly joined in singing, "Faith of Our Fathers," devotional exercises, conducted by C. L. Daniel, followed.

President Jones appointed a committee to recommend delegates for the North Carolina Teachers' association to be held in Raleigh March 22, 23 and 24. The recommendations are to be handed to Miss Mildred Darden, secretary of the county association. Superintendent R. A. Pope explained that every school, teaching eight months, must prepare two reports, one for the first six months and a second one for the last two months. The six-months' schools only have one report to submit, Mr. Pope stated. Before introducing the speaker, Dr. D. G. Boshart, Mr. Jones extended an invitation to all the teachers to return to Martin county for the next scholastic year.

While this was the sixth and last meeting on the regular schedule, it is understood that many of the teachers will meet again within the next few weeks to make plans for the county commencement.

JAMESVILLE AND RED OAK DIVIDE

Jamesville Boys Win, 30 to 5, While Girls Are Losing

Last Friday night on the Brick warehouse floor, Jamesville's basketball team divided with those of Red Oak, the Jamesville girls losing by a very small margin and the Jamesville boys winning 30 to 5.

The girls' game was hotly contested by members of both teams, first one squad and then the other leading. Red Oak, however, was at the large end of the score when the last whistle sounded.

The Red Oak boys to start with, caged a pretty shot from the field, but those two points were soon offset by a score made by Jamesville. Another goal placed Jamesville in the lead and at the end of the first period, the county lads were leading 7 to 4. With the exception, of one point, Red Oak's scoring was halted at the end of the first period. Six points were added by Jamesville before the half was out. In the beginning of the second period, Jamesville staged its walkaway and while Red Oak battled gamely, her boys could do nothing more than watch Jamesville's experts register 15 points. Red Oak's other lone point came in the last period, when Jamesville made two to bring its score up to 35 points.

Woman's Club To Hold Regular Meet Thursday

The Woman's club will hold its regular meeting next Thursday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock in its rooms in the Masonic building. The members are urged to attend.

Announce Birth of a Son

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert H. Morton announce the birth of a son, William Paquinette Morton, Sunday, February 19, 1928.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY WALLY WALES
in
"The Cyclone Cowboy"
Also
2-REEL COMEDY
And Serial
"Heroes of the Wild"
and
FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY
Theatre Well Heated

TRAIN REMOVAL HEARING FRIDAY

Indications Are That Petition of Railroad Will Be Protested

The petition of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad to discontinue trains Nos. 56 and 57 will meet with continued portents at a hearing before the Corporation commission in Raleigh next Friday, according to reports coming from the various commercial and civic organizations along the route served by the two trains.

It is the opinion of many that an agreement will be reached whereby the trains will continue to operate until Highway Route No. 90 is paved from this point to the Washington County line. When work is started on the road, the only reliable way of travel between this place and Plymouth will be by train.

The demand for the railroad company to continue the trains indefinitely, it is stated will be based on the fact that the branch, as a whole, is making money.

When the highway is completed, it is understood that the mail can be successfully handled by bus. As for handling express, the Roanoke Beacon, Plymouth, says, "The American Railway Express Company will place a transfer arrangement at the Union Station here at night, and will re-route express from Norfolk and that vicinity by the way of Plymouth, if it is not hindered by the State Corporation Commission."

"Instead of holding the express at Norfolk overnight it will be forwarded by the 8:30 p. m. train over the Norfolk Southern and at Plymouth it will be transferred to train No. 65 which will make deliver of express at Williamston, Robersonville and other stations on this line early in the morning instead of the afternoon."

"Express from Richmond and that territory will be re-routed through Wilson and the Norfolk Southern night train to Plymouth; thence to train 65 of the Atlantic Coast Line, advancing the delivery of express five or six hours earlier. At the present time, express remains in Rocky Mount overnight and goes forward from there on trains Nos. 90 and 56."

Should the two trains be ordered removed, the postal department will be ready in a few days to handle the mails.

ROBERSONVILLE REDUCES RATES

Town Commissioners Lower Power and Light Rate Considerably

A resolution passed by the Town Commissioners of Robersonville, will give that town a new schedule of electric current rates, effective this month. Where the light consumer there paid fifteen cents per kilowatt hour, under the new schedule he will pay ten cents per kilowatt for the first fifty, eight cents per kilowatt for the next twenty-five and all above that amount will cost six cents per unit. Similar reductions were announced by the commissioners in power and cooking rates.

Robersonville buys its power from Greenville, and retails it to its customers through a light and power department. In making the resolution, the commissioners stated that the financial condition of the light and power department was such at the present time to justify a lower rate.

Heretofore, a rate of fifteen cents per kilowatt has been charged for light there.

Call For New Estimate on Reconstruction of Locks

An \$850,000 estimate prepared by District Engineer Jewett, of Norfolk, for the reconstruction of locks in the Currituck Sound Canal, has been considered practically unreliable by the Board of Rivers and Harbors, and a new estimate has been ordered.

By those who are interested in duck hunting, this is considered good news. By others, it is considered rather an expensive undertaking to care for the wants of a few hunters. The reconstruction of the locks, it is said will delay commerce, but will save the lives of ducks.

Colonel Jewett, the reliable engineer of the District, opposed the building of the lock to keep the salt water out of Currituck Sound, and Senator Simmons and Congressman Warren have made strenuous efforts to secure reconsideration of this recommendation. They joined with Virginians in a hearing, which was attended by Governor McLean and others.

High School Boys and Girls To Play Columbia

A doubleheader is scheduled tomorrow night when the local girls and boys meet the Columbia girls and boys' basketball teams here in the Roanoke warehouse.

FINAL PAYMENT TO DEPOSITORS PEOPLES BANK

Second and Final Payment Is Approximately 8 1-4 Per Cent

AMOUNTS TO \$15,000

Expect To Have Checks Mailed Out By Friday; Pleasant Surprise To Many Depositors

Final payments, amounting to approximately \$15,000, will be made to depositors of the defunct Peoples bank this week from the office of the receiver. This is the second payment to be made to the depositors by the receiver of the institution, the first being made about the middle of last year. The second payment, while it is a little less than half the first, is considered very good, and goes to the depositors somewhat as a surprise. Many of the depositors thought the 20 per cent paid last year was final, very few expecting the second payment to exceed five per cent at the most.

The eight and a quarter per cent dividend going out this week brings the total payments to depositors up to around \$60,000.

Clerks are working on the payment at this time, and they think they will get the checks in the mails by tomorrow or Thursday.

MUCH ACTIVITY AT GUANO PLANT

Many Orders Being Received; One Calls for 80 Carloads

To answer the call from North Carolina farmers and many in other states, the plant of the Standard Fertilizer Company here is increasing its daily output by leaps and bounds. Orders are pouring into the office of the factory on every mail, and every week day shows an increase in truck deliveries.

The plant received one of its largest orders so far received this year yesterday from Benton Stacy, Reidsville, N. C. The order calls for two thousand tons of tobacco fertilizer and it will require eighty railroad cars to move it from the plant here to the warehouses in Reidsville.

A 300-ton shipment is expected to go out within the next few days to a large farmer in Hyde county. Orders sent in by one of the company's representatives this week call for shipments to be made to Lexington, Palmyra, Goldsboro, Aurora, Smithfield, Clayton, Faison and Colerain.

Mr. C. McCrimmon, president of the Little River Store Co., which firm operates stores in Carthage, Aberdeen, Southern Pines and Vass, was here yesterday, negotiating a deal with the company for fertilizer for his chain of stores. The shipments will be made to the several towns and will be used in growing tobacco, dewberries and fertilizing peach trees in the Sandhill section.

Thousands of tons of fertilizer material are being shipped out of the main factory at Baltimore to the plant here every week. At the present time three barges are en route from the Baltimore plant, a fourth one is waiting to be unloaded at the company's wharf, another is expected in tonight or early tomorrow and a sixth one is waiting to make the return trip.

In handling the shipments, two crews are at work, one for the day and another at night.

Parmele Girls Club Organized Monday

By LORA E. SLEEPER
(County Home Demonstration Agent)
Monday the Parmele club met for the first time. This is the smallest club with nineteen members. The girls decided to continue clothing work, meeting the second and fourth Monday afternoons in each month.

Banks and Post Offices To be Closed Tomorrow

The banks in the county and the postoffices throughout the county will be closed tomorrow, the 22nd, George Washington's birthday. Many of the bankers in this county are planning to attend the group meeting of the Bankers' association in Greenville. Neither rural nor city deliveries will be made from the postoffices. The stores here will not close, it was stated this morning.

Cows Die of Peculiar Disease in Poplar Point

Stricken with a very peculiar disease, around a dozen cows have died in the Poplar Point section of the county within the past several days. While veterinarians do not fear an epidemic, they are somewhat at a loss to state definitely the cause of the death of the several cows.

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ELI GURGANUS DIES SATURDAY

Prominent Citizen of County Dies at Home Here; Funeral Yesterday

Eli Gurganus, prominent citizen of this county, died at his home here early Saturday night.

For many years he had suffered from cancer growths, however his death was the result of brights which caused inflammation in one of his feet, making it necessary to amputate his leg Thursday before his death.

Mr. Gurganus was the son of David and Anna Gurganus. He was born in Bear Grass township, August 25, 1857. In 1881, he married Miss Sarah A. Mobley. His second marriage was to Mrs. Elizabeth Newberry in 1913, who survives. By his first marriage, he leaves five children, Samuel Gurganus and Mrs. Mattie James, of Norfolk; D. E. and L. R. Gurganus, of Williamston and Mrs. Annie C. Reidon, of Norfolk. One son, George N., died two years ago.

When a young man, he left the farm and moved to Williamston where he engaged in the mercantile business for a number of years. About twenty years ago he entered the produce brokerage business, handling peanuts mainly. In this field of work he became the leading buyer in this section, and was said to have known more about the peanut than any other man in the county.

Mr. Gurganus was always cheerful, kind in disposition and full of energy. He had been a member of the Episcopal church for four years.

The funeral was held at the home yesterday afternoon, Rev. B. E. Brown of Tarboro, officiating on account of the sickness of Rev. C. O. Pardo, the regular rector. Following this service, the masons of Skewarkee lodge, of which he was the oldest member, buried him with masonic honors.

Honorary pallbearers were A. Anderson, J. W. Anderson, H. W. Stubbs, J. W. Watts, F. K. Hodges, J. W. Hodges and Thomas Olds.

EVERETTS WINS AT MAYSVILLE

Is First Time in Five Years That Maysville Has Lost On Home Court

For the first time in five years, the Maysville wonder basketball team lost a game on its own court when the last cagers from Everetts turned in a 26 to 25 victory last Friday night.

The fans sent out cheer after cheer as first one team and then the other battled for the lead. With a tied score at the end of the regular period, extra minutes were called. The battle continued hot, but at the end of the fifth period, Everetts was leading by a one-point margin.

The game with Erwin Auditorium, Durham, scheduled to be played here last Saturday night, was called off when the Durham boys failed to show up on account of a breakdown in Rocky Mount.

Sand Bars Continue To Interfere With Navigation

Sand bars at the mouth of Roanoke river continue to interfere with commerce on that stream. Recently the Wicomico Lumber Company had two of its large barges stuck at the river's mouth. Complaints have been made.

Each year the Wicomico Lumber Company sends 144 barges down the river, and the sand bars are causing the shippers much trouble and expense. Barges of the Standard Fertilizer Company have been delayed weeks at a time by the shallow water, and the situation is causing much alarm in shipping circles in this section.

Nutrition Specialist To Be Here Friday Morning

Miss Mary E. Thomas, nutrition specialist from Raleigh, will be in Williamston Friday morning. Two members from the Woman's club will be invited to attend her meeting which will be held in the Home Agent's office Friday morning at 11 o'clock. This has made it necessary to change the meetings scheduled for that day. This will be an all-day meeting, so lunches will be necessary. However, there will be hot drinks to supplement the lunches.

Miss Thomas is conducting this meeting to make the food preparation and meal planning now being taken over the county more interesting.

Town Team Loses Good Game to New Bern "Y"

The local Security basketball team lost to New Bern Y. in a good game, played here last night. The locals led the visitors practically all during the game until the last few minutes of play when New Bern forged ahead with the winning points.

UNLESS SCHOOL IS BUILT, MUST TURN 110 AWAY

School Officials Continue Efforts To Remedy Conditions

465 NOW IN SCHOOL

Every Available Inch Now Being Used; Over 100 Expect To Enter At Fall Term

"Unless something is done, around one hundred and ten children will necessarily be turned from the doors of the Williamston school when it opens next fall," a member of the local school board stated last night.

There are 465 children attending the local school here at the present time, and every available inch of room is being used to accommodate them. Around sixty-five children are expected to be ready for the first grade here next year, and this number after that of the graduating class is deducted from it will remain practically the same. The consolidation of all the schools in this township will add to the enrollment the names of more than a half-hundred children, and when the fall term is supposed to begin next fall, there will be approximately 575 children demanding admittance to the school here.

At the present time, there are 702 children in this district between the ages of 6 and 21 years. Local school officials estimate that of the number, 513 should be in school, and it is the opinion of many that unless something is done at once, it will be impossible to control the situation next fall.

School officials are continuing their efforts to remedy the present conditions, but so far no definite plans have been advanced, and the matter stands practically the same as it was left at the meeting of the county and school officials here the first Monday in this month.

GAME OF THRILLS FRIDAY NIGHT

Disputed Goal at Last Moment Would Decide Winners

A score of 32-31 was announced at the end of the Rocky Mount Y-Security Life and Trust Company basketball game here last Friday night, with Rocky Mount trailing in the score. It was contended that the last two points for Williamston should not have been counted as the player had the ball when the whistle blew; others contended that it should have counted as the ball was in the air when the whistle sounded. To settle the difference, the Rocky Mount basketballers stated they would return home and tell their supporters they won while the players here could tell their fans they won.

Pete's Security boys, after practically giving the game away in the first half, came back strong in the second and outplayed the visitors. At times during the second period, the game was as thrilling as any you would want to see; for Rocky Mount was doing her best to hold the locals in check, and the locals were making that task tooibly hard for the boys from the Mount.

A return game was played Saturday night, and though many of the regulars on the team were unable to leave their work, the game in Rocky Mount that night was lost by the locals by a very small margin.

Ash Wednesday Services At Church of the Advent

We have been very fortunate in securing the Rev. Mr. Mackie of Windsor to conduct the Communion service at 9:30 o'clock. All Episcopalians will want to attend the Communion at the beginning of Lent. This will be a plain celebration without address.

Mr. S. S. Nash, veteran layman from Edgecombe county, who has given the past forty years of his life as a layman to a splendid ministry in the Church will be here on the afternoon of Ash Wednesday at four o'clock, when the Litany Service will be conducted and Mr. Nash will make an address. Not only Episcopalians but the general public is urged to attend the four o'clock service.

The Rector regrets that due to ill health he is unable to be more active at this time.

C. O. PARDO, Rector.

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With a forecast of favorable weather one of the largest crowds yet to see a basketball game in the county is expected to see Jamesville and Everetts in action here next Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the Brick warehouse. In the last game played between the two teams, Jamesville won by one point.