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SEVERAL FREE TRIPS PRIZES IN ESSAY CONTEST

Awards Offered by Cotton Co-op Associations To Farm Boys and Girls

\$325 IN CASH PRIZES
"Cooperative Marketing As It Affects The Cotton Farmer" Is Subject; Contest Lasts 8 Weeks.

Two free trips to Raleigh, a free trip to Memphis, Tenn., a beautiful medal and a total of \$325.00 in cash are some of the awards which are to be contested for by farm boys and girls of North Carolina during the next eight weeks. These awards have been offered jointly by the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association and the American Cotton Growers-Exchange to the girls and boys of school age who write the best essays on the subject, "Cooperative Marketing As It Affects the Cotton Farmer."

The contest in North Carolina is a part of the south-wide essay contest begun by the American Cotton Growers Exchange which is the parent organization of the cotton cooperatives in fourteen states. The Exchange will give an educational trip to Memphis, Tenn. to the writer of the prize essay in each of the fourteen states, including North Carolina.

In addition to this trip to Memphis and the beautiful medal to be awarded the champion in each state, the American Cotton Growers Exchange will also give first, second and third prizes of \$75.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00 to the winners in the south-wide contest. The champions from each state will contest for these cash prizes.

In order to select the representative from North Carolina, the N. C. Cotton Growers Cooperative Association offers two sets of prizes of \$50, \$25, and \$12.50 each. One set of prizes will be awarded to the three highest scoring members of North Carolina Boys' and Girls' 4-H Clubs; the other set will be awarded to the three highest scoring students of agriculture in vocational classes. The winners of first prizes in these two groups will be taken to Raleigh where they will compete for the state championship, the trip to Memphis and the right to enter the south-wide contest.

April 20, 1928, has been designated as "Essay Day" in North Carolina. On that day the boys and girls entering the contest will assemble at points named by their teachers, county agents or home demonstration agents and write their essays. Requests for information concerning the essay contest are already pouring into the Raleigh office of the Cotton Growers Association even before the contest has been officially announced and it is expected that thousands of boys and girls will enter the contest. It is announced by the Cotton Growers Association that rules governing the contest are being prepared and will be distributed during the next few days.

Expresses Appreciation For Donation of Books

Miss Hattie Throver has added another set of books to her already long list donated to the High School Library. The books donated recently were a set of twenty volumes embracing general information on almost every subject known to man. "The Outline of Knowledge", the title of the books, is well written by some of the world's renowned philosophers, scientists, sociologists, mathematicians, and members of the clergy. The books are well bound and make the shelves of any library attractive and its atmosphere conducive to study.

On behalf of the students, faculty, and all those interested in the future of Williamston High School and as the incumbent principal, I acknowledge this gift in a deep sense of gratitude to Miss Throver.
L. H. DAVIS, Principal.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY
KEN MAYNARD
in
"THE CANYON of ADVENTURE"
Also
Two-Reel Comedy
And Serial
"ISLE OF SUNKEN GOLD"
Theatre Well Heated

FOURTEEN IN BANK CONTEST

Submit Paper on "Fundamentals of Banking For Prizes"

Fourteen bright and progressive students in the schools of Martin county have submitted papers in the contest of the Farmers and Merchants Bank on the subject "Fundamentals of Banking."
Dr. John D. Biggs, president of the bank, says that all the papers show that the students have given the matter considerable attention and thought and he is delighted that so much interest has been shown in the contest. He is hoping that good results will be shown in better banking in this county of ours.

The papers will be sent to Mr. E. E. Jones, vice president of the Independence Trust Company, Charlotte also president of the North Carolina Bankers association; Mr. Hilary W. Lucke, vice president National City Bank, New York City, which is the largest bank in the United States and R. W. Dudley, vice president Seaboard National Bank, Norfolk, Va., who have been selected as judges. As soon as they make their decision, prizes will be awarded as follows: first prize, \$12.50, in gold; second prize, \$7.50, in gold; and third prize, \$5.00, in gold.

Students submitting papers are: Marie Long, Margaret Jackson and David Ange, Jamesville; Susan Elizabeth Roberson and Sarah Roebuck, Robersonville; Edith Taylor, Williamston; Wm. Harper Peel, Henry Johnson, jr., Phonsa Johnson, Frances Davenport, Clyde Penny, Frank Haislip, Viola Grimes and Mary Waldo, Hamilton.

OAK CITY SCHOOL AND TOWN NEWS

Series of Entertainments Given At School Three Nights

Oak City, Mar. 1.—(Special to the Enterprise).—Miss Trixie Jenkins has been chosen as one of the Martin County delegates to the N. C. Teachers' assembly to be held in Raleigh, March 21, 22, and 23.

A series of photo plays and polite vaudeville were given under the auspices of the parent-teacher association Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights in the school auditorium. A friendly competitive spirit is beginning to approach a climax in the oratorical contest. Messrs. Joe Hardison, Nat Johnson, Stator Haislip and Miss Rachel Rawles are studying the Constitution from every angle. Local prizes are offered to the winner in the Oak City school.

The local school board is planning a series of school visits. Each member will make a one-half day visit, attend classes and offer suggestions. Secretary J. A. Everett will lead these visits.

The pupils are looking forward to spring tests. Miss Southall is expected to return and assist in final promotion and classification. The reading chart, giving grade scores made last fall, is posted in each room.

Town News

Mr. J. W. Hines motored to Raleigh Monday.

Mr. Dennis Bunting had an auto accident Saturday night between Scotland Neck and Edenton. He suffered a slightly injured knee.

Miss Naomi Etheridge has for her guest, Miss Isabel Collins of Kinston.

Miss Hallie Tyson spent the week end near Greenville, visiting friends. Bad roads in some sections of Goose Nest township are reported as the cause of poor attendance at school.

Conducts Song Service At Jones County Revival

Mr. R. F. Pope has returned from Jones county where he led the song services in a revival held in the Shady Grove Methodist church of that county.

In reporting the meeting, the Jones County Record says, "There have been rather unusually large crowds attending the services during the two weeks' meeting. Mr. R. F. Pope, an evangelistic singer of Williamston, N. C., has been leading the singing with efficiency and tact. His solos have delighted all who have heard them."

Unable To Learn Result Of Local Team's Game

The result of the Williamston-Wake Forest basketball game played in Raleigh this morning could not be learned at noon today, the members of the team failing to call or wire home the score of the game.

Miss Ruth Pippin, of Hamilton, was here a short while Wednesday.

Judge Bailey attended the basketball game in Raleigh last night.

HEALTH OFFICER SAYS CONDITIONS MUCH IMPROVED

No New Cases of Smallpox Reported; Epidemics of Measles Checked

REPORTS NO DEATHS
1 Case Diphtheria, 1 Case Scarlet Fever, 139 Cases Measles and 30 Cases Smallpox Reported

"The measles and smallpox situations in the county are improving very rapidly," is the way County Health Officer W. E. Warren summed up health conditions in his report for the month of February.

Dr. Warren stated that by prompt quarantining and the cooperation of the school teachers and parents, the epidemics were put under control. No deaths were reported due to either one of the diseases.

By prompt vaccination of approximately four thousand school children and a great number of adults, no new cases of smallpox have been reported.

One case of diphtheria, one case of scarlet fever, 139 cases of measles and 30 cases of smallpox were the only contagious diseases reported in the county during the month of February.

The Health Officer's report showed that 104 homes were placarded and that householders reported 68, teachers reported 28 and physicians reported 75 cases of smallpox and measles.

While a goodly number of children are out of school at this time on account of measles, it is understood that all the schools are operating.

According to unofficial reports, several schools in adjoining counties are considering closing if the measles epidemic becomes much worse.

State reports show that the number of measles cases reported in the first two months of this year was greater than that recorded during the whole of last year.

GIVES LEAP YEAR PARTY

W. H. Gurkin Celebrates Quadrennial Birthday in Royal Fashion

W. H. Gurkin, with several hundred friends celebrated his first birthday in four years here last Wednesday evening at the Brick warehouse. Staging a big dance, Mr. Gurkin extended a general invitation to his friends throughout this section and to many in far distant sections of the country, requesting them to attend.

This was his twelfth birthday, and many of the gifts received by Mr. Gurkin were in keeping with his age. Among the list of presents was a new Atwater Kent radio, donated by a number of people here collectively.

Pope Gregory's adding another day to the calendar in 1928 eliminated a number of birthdays for Mr. Gurkin, but when one does happen around every four years, he generally celebrates it in royal fashion.

26 PERMITS TO MARRY ISSUED

February Was Dull Month For Dan Cupid in Martin County

February was a dull month for marriages in this county, only 26 licenses being issued to both white and colored couples by Register of Deeds J. Sam Gotsinger. The number dropped from 50 in December to 37 in January, and hit bottom at 26 in February.

The list follows:

White
Albert Manning, 25-Bessie Scott, 28; Jesse Coburn, 20-Viola Simpson, 18; John Comell, 28-Lillie Bullock, 27; James H. Edwards, 24-Gladys Roberson, 21; Henry D. Jenkins, 34-Helen Clark, 22; Willie Roberson, 24-Blanche Ayers, 18; Darrell Simpson, 19-Annie Wynne, 16; Vance Gray, 26-Mary B. Tyner, 23; Daniel Knox, 22-Martha Griffin, 18.

Colored
Johnnie Howard, 21-Rosa Killbrow, 19; Simon P. Brown, 39-Frances Williams, 30; Arthur Daniel, 21-Berthella Godard, 22; Johnnie Williams, 20-Irene Barnhill, 19; Will Whitehurst 35-Della Reddick, 28; John Person, 21-Hattie Moore, 28; Harry James, 21-Elma Jones, 18; George Moore, 26-Thurma Boston, 19; William Gorham, 21-Mattie Ewell, 17; James Willis, 21-Clara Barnes, 19; Moses Smallwood, 27-Millie Roberson, 25; Luke Knight, 20-Leah Jane Eborn, 18; Geo. Lee Jones, 26-Mary Collins, 18; Arthur Sprull, 23-Mary M. Carson, 22; Claud Andrews, 25-Ada Killbrow, 22; William Speller, 25-Hattie Sprull, 21; Will Brown, 25-Lillian Harrington, 21.

RECORDER HAD SEVEN CASES

Two Continued and One Sent To Superior Court

Even though there was no session of Recorder's court held in this county Tuesday of last week, the number of cases coming before Judge Bailey last Tuesday was very small. Two of the seven cases were continued and one was sent to the superior court when the defendants waived examination, Tuesday.

Tilghman Reddick plead guilty to attempted assault and was charged with the cost. His release was effected after he paid the prosecuting witness, W. L. Jones, ten dollars.

Augustus Wynn faced the court with three charges against him. He plead not guilty to all three, assault with deadly weapon, carrying a concealed weapon and disorderly conduct. In the first two counts, the court agree with the defendant, but in the last one, the evidence was not at all favorable. Prayer for judgment was continued for ninety days upon the defendant's paying the cost of the action.

Charged with assault on a female, Lewis Brown and Ben Biggs, colored, waived examination, and their case was sent to the superior court with the defendants continuing under the initial bond.

The case charging John Williams with larceny and receiving, was continued for one week.

Charged with assault on a female, Dan L. Whitehurst had his case continued two weeks.

J. S. Whiteman plead guilty to transporting liquor and was fined \$50 and required to pay the costs.

The case against Mack Gilmore, charging him with assault with deadly weapon, was cleared when O. T. Everett, surety, was discharged from further liability as surety by the payment of the sum of \$10 and the costs of the scifa. In the original action, nol pros with leave resulted.

MRS. PATSY WYNN DIES LAST NIGHT

Had Been Feeble For Several Years; Funeral This Afternoon

Mrs. Patsy Wynn, aged citizen, died at her home here last night shortly after 9 o'clock. She had been in feeble health for some time, but up until recently she was able to attend to a few duties about the house. For a number of years she had been a devoted member of the local Baptist church, and her pastor will conduct the services this afternoon. Burial will take place in the old State Wynn cemetery, near here.

She leaves the following children, Will Wynn, of this place, J. R. Wynn, Kinston, Minnie Wynn, Robersonville, Pat Wynn, Henderson and Mrs. D. B. Lanier, Greenville.

HOUSE IS BLOWN UP IN COLUMBIA

Rejected Suitor Alleged To Have Dynamited Home Of Mrs. L. S. Johnson

Last Tuesday morning about 1 o'clock, a heavy charge of dynamite was set off under the house of Mrs. Leola Snell Johnson in Columbia. The charge was placed almost directly under the bed upon which Mrs. Johnson and Miss Mae Sawyer, a friend, were sleeping. A large hole was torn in the floor and the foot of the bed was blown off. Fortunately and apparently almost miraculously neither Mrs. Johnson nor Miss Sawyer were hurt except a few minor bruises received when they fell through the hole in the floor in their attempt to get out of the dark room.

Much excitement prevailed in the town during the remainder of the night. The fire department was called out and the church bells were sounded.

The deed was charged to J. S. Pope, said to be a rejected suitor of Mrs. Johnson. A search was begun at once that resulted in his arrest and being placed in the Tyrrell County jail on a charge of assault with intent to kill. The arrest was made Tuesday after Pope had been trailed from Washington to a Craven county road camp, where he was employed, and back to Columbia.

Appoint Delegates To State Teachers' Meet

Superintendent R. A. Pope, Principal R. I. Leake, of Robersonville, Principal J. L. Jones, Professor W. T. Overby and Miss Essie Jordan, of the Jamesville school, and Miss Trixie Jenkins, Oak City and Miss Lucille Allen, Williamston have been appointed delegates by a committee of the county teachers' association to attend the N. C. Teachers' assembly in Raleigh, March 21, 22 and 23.

REV. C. O. PARDO DIES WEDNESDAY AT HOME HERE

Was Rector of Church of The Advent For Over Four Years

FUNERAL THURSDAY
Many Prominent Members of Episcopal Clergy Present at Obsequies Here Yesterday

Rev. Clarence O. Pardo, Rector of the local Episcopal church died at his home early Wednesday morning after a long illness from chronic Bright's disease. For about four months, he was unable to be up except at intervals, during which time he was able to attend his church service but a few times.

Rev. Pardo had been in Williamston four and one-half years, during which time he had entered into the service of the town and community both in a civic and religious way. Sunny in his disposition, he was always ready to put good spirit and friendliness in the school and club.

He was a good orator and a strong preacher. A splendid song leader and an able organizer, he was a real asset to the community.

He was born in Troy, N. Y., July 19, 1888. He attended school there, and at Glenn Falls, later going to school in New York City. In 1907, when 19 years of age, he came South and began his religious training under Rev. H. O. Nash, of Pittsboro, N. C., later attending Union Theological school, Richmond. Following his studies there he entered the Y. M. C. A. work at Springfield, Mass. During the World's War he was a song leader in the Southeastern Military Division. At the close of the war he engaged in welfare work in Hartford, Conn. for one year, going then to Columbia university where he took postgraduate work for a year.

In 1920 he married Miss Lenora Stiff, of Norfolk, Virginia, and did mission work at Snow Hill, and Whiteville, N. C. and Knoxville, Tenn. In 1922 he began his ministerial service with the Episcopal Church and located at Tarboro as curate. From there he came to Williamston in August, 1924, where he has since served the church here and at Hamilton.

He leaves a widow and one son, James Aaron Pardo, now six years old. His father, James Pardo and his mother and one sister, Miss Jane Pardo, all live in Spencetady, N. Y.

The funeral was held at the Church of the Advent yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Rev. Bertram E. Brown, of Tarboro, in charge of the services. Other preachers in attendance were Bishop Thomas C. Darst, of Wilmington, Dr. R. B. Lane, of Edenton, Dr. Frank Deans, of Wilmington, Rev. A. J. Mackie, Windsor, Arch Deacon M. E. Betha, Raleigh, Rev. Theodore Partrick, Scotland Neck and Rev. Mr. England, of Farmville.

A large number of visitors from Tarboro, Hamilton, Plymouth, Palmyra and other towns attended the services. The Williamston Kiwanis club, of which Mr. Pardo was a charter member, attended in a body.

The pall bearers were Dr. J. H. Saunders, N. C. Green, Maurice S. Moore, Wilson G. Lamb, C. B. Clark, F. U. Barnes and Richard Smith.

Burial was at the Baptist cemetery.

Sunday's Program At The Baptist Church

"Are there few that be saved?" is both the text and the sermon-subject that will be used at the Sunday evening service. This Scripture is found in Luke 13:23.

At the morning service the Lord's Supper will be observed. The pre-Easter season is upon us. It is the custom, and rightfully so, that church activities are increased in this period. For Easter is the high point in the church year.

Therefore, the pastor wants to impress upon the people who make up his church and congregation that in these coming weeks they attend all of the church services and make whatever contribution they can towards the perceptible heightening of the church's spiritual level during this pre-Easter season.

He would also ask that the young people be especially zealous in church attendance for the next few weeks. Parents and Sunday School teachers can greatly aid here, by calling the attention of the young people to this season's importance. Those who have been attending church only once on Sunday can easily come for both services. An effort will be made that both the preaching and the music shall fit into a pre-Easter program.

Everybody in the community not affiliated with another church are urged to come with us in these days; and this church both appreciates and is greatly helped by members from the other communities coming with us when there are no services in their own churches.

CAR POULTRY LOADED HERE

First Car of Season Loaded Wednesday; Another Car On 28th

Cooperating with the Division of Markets, County Agent Brandon loaded a car of poultry here last Wednesday for shipment to northern markets. In the early morning the roosters, chicks, ducks, geese and other types of the barn-yard species were crowing and quacking at the station waiting for the especially equipped car to take them to the city.

A few hundred pounds of chickens and roosters were loaded in Plymouth the day before. When the car was closed here late Wednesday, approximately eight tons of poultry had been added to the shipment, and caused the car to literally run over with cackles, crows and quacks. Hens led the list, there being 11,559 pounds of that particular fowl. The poultry loaded here sold for \$2,948.52. The largest check going to any one farmer, amounted to \$104.49; the smallest was eighty cents.

The car was scheduled to appear in Scotland Neck yesterday, but when the shippers completed their loadings here there was no room left. Another car was placed at Scotland Neck for the Halifax farmers.

Mr. Brandon states that a second car will be loaded here the 28th of this month, and that there will be one or two more after the one this month.

SCHOOL NEWS OF ROBERSONVILLE

Literary Societies in Joint Meeting on February 23; Washington Program

Miss Sleeper, Home Demonstration Agent, filled her regular appointment here on Wednesday afternoon. At the meeting, the girls of both clubs began work on their clothing problem.

On February 23, the regular afternoon for literary society, the two high school societies—the F. and S. and the Robersonian—met in joint session to pay tribute to the memory of George Washington. The meeting was held in the auditorium and the public was invited to attend. After a brief business period, an appropriate program was rendered, giving sketches of Washington's public and private life.

The societies regularly meet on Thursday afternoons at 2:45 o'clock, F. and S. in the auditorium and the Robersonian in the tenth grade room. Interesting and worth-while programs are given. It is the aim of the societies to train the boys and girls of the high school in the preparation and presentation of recitations, essays, plays, orations, declamations and debaters. Already a number of attempts at original orations has been made and the writers will deliver their orations at a preliminary here March 16. The successful one will compete with others in the county at a later date.

Each Wednesday morning, it is planned to have successful business men to lecture to the school in general and to the senior class in particular on the fundamental principles underlying the various professions. Last Wednesday morning, during the usual morning exercise period, Mr. G. H. Cox gave the first of the series of vocational talks. Mr. Cox stated that it was not his purpose to induce anyone to choose any vocation or college. He insisted, however, that each give the selection careful thought, that each make a decision, get the necessary foundation, feel that he can do his chosen work, and then do it. In doing this the fact remains that inclination and aptitude and not prescription should guide in the choice. The choice once made, the boy or girl must realize that certain sacrifices must be made, and made magnanimously. It might be said that one of Mr. Cox's slogans to the class was: "First me a man or woman, and then be the best in your line of work."

Mr. J. G. Barnhill, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, was also present for the chapel period. After this he and Mr. Cox visited each room for a short while. We appreciate their interest and trust that they and others will see fit to come again.

Former Pastor of Local Church Dies in Raleigh

Rev. George J. Dowell died at his home in Raleigh early this morning.

Mr. Dowell had served the local Baptist church as pastor for a number of years. His first service with the church here began about 35 years ago, remaining here around five years. He returned again and was pastor for seven years, closing his last stay here about 15 years ago.

He was 78 years old and leaves a widow and several children.

The funeral and burial will be in Raleigh Sunday.

February Report of County Home Agent

LORA E. SLEEPER

During the past month, the agent spent nineteen days in the field and six days in the office. Six hundred and eighty-two miles were travelled in conducting the thirty-two meetings held during the month. The attendance at these meetings totalled 566, of the number 459 were girls. This represents the twelve junior clubs in the county. The junior clubs and four of the women's clubs are meeting twice a month. This will make 96 meetings on the regular schedule for the month. One additional junior club organized today brings the total to thirteen junior clubs and six women's clubs. This can be handled with little difficulty if the regular meeting time of one hour is kept. The women's clubs are allowed more time.

Twenty-one homes were visited, five office consultations were held and thirty-four letters were written during the month just passed.

Mr. W. M. Perry continues very ill at his home in New Town.

"FAGAN SPECIAL" MADE LAST TRIP ON WEDNESDAY

Conductor Wooten, Who Made First Run, Also On Last Run

HAD ONE PASSENGER
After Twenty-One Years of Service Trains 56 and 57 Removed Because Of Dwindling Business

With a lone passenger and a few bundles of express, the Fagan Special pulled from the station here last Wednesday afternoon for the last time. Its last passing was little noticed by people along the route served by the trains for more than twenty-one years, and a new order of things will cause it not to be missed in the days to come. Out of date and dinky in its make-up, the train made its last trip with the appearance of a deserted stepchild.

Making the first run as conductor, 21 years ago, Captain Wooten came down yesterday to keep Captain Cobb company on the last run. For more than fourteen years, Mr. Wooten manned the train, quarreled and fussed, but ever rendering his passengers the very best service possible. He spoke pleasantly of the train's first trip, and mentioned the trouble he had when his return trip the first day was halted by a freight train wreck between here and Jamesville. "It was John Biggs who sent word to town for automobiles to bring the passengers to town," he said.

Captain Wooten was retired from service the last day of July, 1921. Since that time, Captain Cobb has been the main conductor on the run. "Now that arrangements have been made for handling the mail and express, the removal of the trains will make little or no difference, for the passengers quit me a good bit ago," Mr. Cobb stated.

Mr. Cobb continues in the service of the A. L. as conductor on the Kinston-Weldon run.

HARRISON OIL TRUCK BURNED

Big Storage Tanks at River Threatened for While; Cause Unknown

One of the fleet of trucks belonging to the Harrison Oil Company, Texaco distributors, was burned this morning while being loaded with gas at the river plant.

The fire, caused by either static or friction, threatened the big tanks for a while, but the truck's driver—Bruce Chesson, closed all the valves and held the fire to the truck and the several hundred gallons of gas in it.

This is the third truck the company has lost by fire in the past one or two years. Deliveries will be made to customers by two remaining trucks until a new one can be bought and put into operation.

The fire company responded to the call hurriedly, but the mile run made the firemen too late to be of much assistance.

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