

CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES ARE UNOPPOSED

Contests Are Expected in Races for Three Offices, However

MUST FILE BY MAY 18

J. A. Everett Announces Self Candidate For Re-election To Lower House Of General Assembly

Gradually the hats are being entered in the political ring and now we have J. A. Everett running again for a seat in the General Assembly, A. L. Roebuck for sheriff, J. Sam Getsinger for register of deeds, C. D. Carstaphen for treasurer and Julius S. Peel for solicitor. Mr. H. M. Stubbs stated to a representative of this paper that he would run for the recordership, has not made his announcement officially at this time. He is expected to file his candidacy within the next few days, however.

And that's how the land lies in the county's politics at the present time. But it is not to be understood that all are through filing by a means; they have until May 18 to make known their candidacies, it is understood. Unofficial reports hold that Mr. J. G. Barnhill, commissioner from Robersonville, on account of bad health will not be a candidate for that office again this year. The several other members of the county board have not announced their candidacies, and just what they intend to do is not known at this time.

No competition has presented itself in the offices of treasurer and register of deeds, but there is likely to be a race for the offices of sheriff, solicitor and recorder, it is rumored at this time. Judge J. W. Bailey was quoted as saying a few weeks ago that he would not be up for re-election to the recordership as it now stands, and that his statement was not final or conclusive was made certain in a signed correspondence from his office yesterday which reads, "It is my intention to become a candidate for the solicitorship or for re-election. A statement to this effect has been made several times and it is understood by quite a number of people. An announcement of my candidacy will be made within the next few days."

NEW SCHEDULE BEGAN SUNDAY

Morning Train Now Leaves At 7:10; Carries But Few Passengers

It was a mean trick for the engineer to sound his whistle a dozen times here Sunday morning at 7:10, the new time for the train's arrival. Not only did he blow the whistle to let the would-be passengers know they were left, but he interfered greatly with a second nap for many people here.

The schedule of the arrival and departure of trains here is changed so often that it must be a hard task for even the station employees to meet every train. It will be so before long that people in these parts will have to go to Parmele or Rocky Mount to see a passenger train. To do that, all the train company has to do would be change the last train's schedule to a late hour in the night, for very few see the morning dinky roll in or out, and the two trains that served at noon and early afternoon have been removed.

A check on the traffic, shows that members of the colored race purchase one, two and three tickets to New York, Philadelphia or some other northern point practically every day. And the only passengers coming in are those who left for New York, Philadelphia or some other northern point a few weeks before. Of course, there are a few other passengers now and then, but very, very few.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY
TOM MIX
"The Arizona Wildcat"
Also
2-REEL COMEDY
And Serial
WILLIAM DESMOND in
"THE VANISHING RIDER"
FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY

May Get Swimming Pool This Summer

That the town will have a swimming pool in the near future was practically assured last week when the Woman's Club asked for estimates of the cost of its erection. One or two bids have been entered and several more are expected, it was stated this morning by one of the club's members.

The pool planned by the women of the club will be about 40 x 60, and will be located on the town's property at the river hill or near the courthouse, back of the Joe Roberson home.

It could not be learned when the women plan to have the pool completed, but it is understood that they are anxious to have it ready as soon as possible and to establish a playground for the children at the same time and in connection with the pool.

21 PERMITS TO MARRY ISSUED

Number Continues To Decrease; Smallest So Far This Year

From fifty in January to twenty-six in February and twenty-one in March, the marriage licenses issued during the month of April struck a new low mark for the year when only sixteen licenses were sold to contracting parties by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger. But even at that low mark, the number bettered that for April of last year when only thirteen licenses were issued.

Five of the contracting parties last month were from Pitt, Bertie and Washington counties, the remaining twenty-seven being residents of this county.

The list for the month just closed follows:

White
Gaston James 20-Mamie Mobley 19; Charles Benjamin Coltrain, 20-Mary Elizabeth Harris, 19; Arthur Dewey Simpson, 22-Bettie Elizabeth Tyre, 18; Jonas Henry Norris, 52-Gladys Clark, 16; Allen Peed, 23-Ruby Acker, 23; Lucian J. Peete, 24-Mildred Waters, 22.

Colored
Wright J. Smith, 22-Addi Doeberry, 18; Simon Fagan, 28-Lena Knight, 27; Clarence Moore, 22-Mary Jane Connie, 21; Nathaniel Brown 21-Verna Pender, 18; William Wooten, 41-Reginia Turner, 34; James Powell, 27; Annie May Rodgers, 20; Samuel Best, 29-Hattie Little, 23; Ernest Hyman, 21-Mary Lossie Dickens, 18; Oscar Burnett, 21-Estelle Peterson, 17.

'SPIRIT ST. LOUIS' IN FINAL FLIGHT

Lindbergh Flies Plane To Washington; Goes To Smithsonian

Washington, April 30.—A partnership of the heights and distances which has won a world-wide acclaim passed into history today as Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh brought his christened "Spirit of St. Louis" to earth at its last airport.

"We" participated in one last long hop. The boyish and tanned Transatlantic flier said the 725 air miles from St. Louis to Bolling Field had been spanned in four hours and 58 minutes.

They came to be separated. In accordance with his promise, Lindbergh will forthwith turn his silvered partner over to the Smithsonian Institution. It will take its place there along with exhibits of outstanding American accomplishments which influenced the thought and actions of times past.

JUNIORS TO HEAR BILLY SUNDAY

Members of the Junior Order from all over the State have been invited to attend a special service that has been arranged with Billy Sunday next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, it was announced by the Greenville organization this week. Reserved seats will be given the members of the Order and thousands are expected to attend the service.

According to the plans announced by the Greenville Junior Order, the members will meet at the courthouse in Greenville at 2:00 o'clock where a parade will be formed. Marching through the main streets of the town, the body will reach the services a few minutes before the services are supposed to start.

Mr. Sunday is to preach his famous sermon, "Americanism" or "Uncle Sam", it was stated in the announcement received by the local Junior Order.

REGULAR MEET WOMAN'S CLUB HELD THURSDAY

Better Homes Program Presented; Report Two Sites For Swimming Pool

MISS OGLESBY SPEAKS

New Officers Are Elected; Name Miss Sleeper Delegate to State Meet of Federated Clubs

At the Woman's club regular meeting last Thursday afternoon, one of the most attractive features was the "Better Homes" program sponsored by Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home demonstration agent. She had a special speaker, Miss Oglesby, of Raleigh, who is assistant chairman of the home economics work of the State department.

Miss Oglesby, a splendid speaker, made a good impression on her audience. She selected as her subject, "Child Health" in its relation to Better Homes. She said that one of the greatest tasks of the home-builder was to take care of the physical development of the child, as well as the mental, social and spiritual sides of his character. The club was asked by her to endorse some program or project for "Child Health Day" which is being observed today in many parts of the State and Nation. The speaker completed her talk with a summary of questions that brought out the most practical and scientific way to care for children.

Mrs. A. R. Dunning has accepted the chairmanship of the Junior Department and she will organize her work this week.

Miss Sleeper was appointed delegate to the State Convention of Federated Clubs which meets in High Point this week.

Two sites were reported for a swimming pool, one back of the courthouse near the Roberson home and another at the east end of Main street where clay has been removed by the town for the past several years and where there is an excavation large enough for a pool.

New officers for the coming year were elected as follows, Mrs. W. C. Manning, jr., first vice president; Mrs. W. B. Watts, secretary and Mrs. W. H. Biggs, treasurer.

The civic committee of the club was asked to assist Miss Sleeper in getting the courthouse yard and this will be done at once.

FARMERS GET BACK TO WORK

Weather Proving Serious Drawback to Planting; Little Done

After experiencing delay after delay brought about by heavy rains, farmers in this section made another attempt this week to do their season's planting. Experiencing one of the latest springs in years, farmers generally have encountered obstacle after obstacle that are bound to cause the harvest to vary in its amount.

A light rain today failed to halt the farmers in their work, and with fair and warmer as the weather man's forecast, the work is expected to go forward rapidly this week.

Many of those farmers who planted their corn in between the rains are having to plow their plantings up and sow again. General complaints are being heard in all sections of the county, some of the farmers stating that the increased acreage in certain crops will not result this year just because of the lateness of the season. Where there was an increase in tobacco forecast in this part of the State, it is now the opinion of many that there will even be a decrease.

SCHOOL FINALS AT HAMILTON

To Be Held Next Week; R. T. Fountain Is Main Speaker

The commencement exercises of the Hamilton school will begin Sunday May 6, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening. It was announced today by Principal, W. W. Clarke, Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, of the local Methodist church, will preach the commencement sermon that evening. At the same hour, the following night, the high school students will produce their annual play. This year they are presenting "Son John."

Tuesday evening, Hon. R. T. Fountain, speaker of the lower house of the general assembly, will deliver the main address. The finals will bring to a close the term Wednesday night when the elementary department will stage an operetta, "In a Flower Garden."

The school is extending a cordial invitation to the public at large to attend the exercises.

NEGROES HAVE FREE FOR ALL

Washington Negroes Given Warm Reception When Fight Starts Here

Willie Williams and Thomas Foreman, Washington Negroes, were given a warm reception by local members of their race last Sunday about night when they came here a'courting. Reprimanded for cursing, one of the visitors showed his power for fight. It was a three-cornered affair for a few minutes, but soon Williams faced a half dozen, then a dozen, and some said the number reached twenty-five before the battle was over. During the meantime, Foreman slipped away and came up town for the police. Going back to Monk Bagley's cafe, the scene of the disturbance, Foreman was attempting to stop the fight which was getting warmer as the time passed. Jesse Rogers chased him and Foreman hid behind a chicken coop in the neighborhood. His first part in the fight came when he slipped an axe from a nearby woodpile and crowned Larry Johnson over the head.

Policeman Allsbrooks appeared on the scene and while he was on one side of the house, the battle was carried to new ground on the other side of the house. Bottles were flying, and occasionally a brick bat would appear from an unknown hand. The battle continued and it was a hard matter to tell who was who, but in the final windup a check showed that Colie Hyman had suffered a severe razor wound on the arm and Larry Johnson had a box axe wound on the head.

At the trial yesterday afternoon, Larry Johnson, Colie Hyman, Azariah Williams, Columbus Brown, Willie Williams, and Thomas Foreman related their parts in the fight, but they admitted that it was so mixed up that they knew little about the whole of it. It was shown, however, that Johnson was trying to stop the fight when Foreman hit him over the head with the axe. Foreman stated that he thought Johnson was assisting in the attack on Williams, Foreman's friend. The evidence by the defendants, like that of the witnesses, was not of much value in throwing light on the case, and it is thought that many escaped being called into court when names were withheld.

Jesse Rogers and Buck Slade were missing in the final windup, and were not at the trial yesterday afternoon.

Fines, ranging from ten to twenty-five dollars were imposed by Mayor R. L. Coburn, and the case was continued in the case of Rogers and Slade.

SCHOOL CLOSING AT BEAR GRASS

Exercises Begin Tonight; End Friday; Judge Moore Speaker

With the presentation of "Jumbo Jim", a one-act play, the Bear Grass school begins its commencement exercises to night at 8:00 o'clock. Tomorrow morning, the exercises will be opened with a pageant by a large number of the pupils. The pageant, "Our United States", has been given particular attention in its preparation, and the sixty or more children taking part are expected to make a pleasing impression.

Judge Clayton Moore, the main speaker of the commencement, will make his address following the staging of the pageant. Presentation of certificates will be made after Judge Moore's talk.

The closing number on the program is a play, "Eyes of Love" which will be staged in the auditorium tomorrow night at 8:00 o'clock.

Each year the exercises of the Bear Grass school are largely attended, and this year there will be no exception to the rule.

ROBERSONVILLE SCHOOL CLOSING

Exercises Being Held This Week. F. C. Harding To Speak

A very successful year for the Robersonville school will be brought to a close this week when appropriate and unique exercises are held there. The first of the exercises, scheduled for tonight, will be staged by the members of the senior class. Tomorrow evening at 8:00 o'clock, Dr. Frederick Jones, of Greenville, will preach the commencement sermon to the graduating class in the school auditorium. Rev. Mr. Jones is said to be a very strong and forceful preacher, and a large number of people is expected to hear him.

The year's work will be officially closed Thursday evening at 8 o'clock when Hon. F. C. Harding, of Greenville, delivers the commencement address to the school and its patrons.

Mass Meeting Asks Board To Reconsider Location of School

Text of Resolution Passed At Mass Meet Last Night

At the mass meeting held last night by about 100 citizens of the Williamston Graded School district R. L. Coburn was authorized and directed to write and publish the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by the meeting:

"Whereas, The Martin County Board of Education, during its session held on the 24th day of April 1928, tentatively adopted a resolution to purchase a site of six acres of the Rhodes property for a location upon which to erect a proposed high school building for the Williamston Graded School District, and to pay for same the sum of \$4,000; and

"Whereas, It is the opinion of the citizens present at this meet-

ing that the proposed site on said Rhodes property would make an undesirable site because and on account of its being located at a place that will be inconvenient to reach by practically every pupil in the district; that it is impracticable on account of making water, sewer, and light connections; that it is undesirable on account of the reason that there are no streets, and it would cost more to make these improvements than the purchase price of the land; Therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the citizens present at this meeting respectfully request that said Martin County Board of Education rescind its resolution and select a more desirable location upon which to erect the said high-school building.

NAME ARCHITECT OF NEW THEATER

Fred A. Bishop, of Richmond, To Present Plans Next Week

Plans for a new theatre to be erected here are almost complete, and construction will be started about June 1, it was learned from Mr. J. W. Watts, jr., the builder, yesterday. Pencil sketches of the proposed building have been submitted by several architects, and Mr. Fred A. Bishop, of Richmond, and Mr. Fred A. Bishop, of Richmond, was chosen to draft the final plans for the \$30,000 structure.

The theatre, facing the Main street near the Culpepper Hardware store, will be modern in every respect and will seat approximately 700 people. The complete set of plans will be finished by the early part of next week, and preliminary building preparations will be made soon after that time, Mr. Watts stated yesterday.

Mr. Bishop, the architect has just completed plans for a \$400,000 theatre in Richmond, and his experience in that field assures the town an up-to-date theatre.

JUDGE BAILEY TRIES 5 CASES

Although Short Session, Court Collects Enough To Run for Month

Although Judge Bailey had a short court this morning, there were five cases disposed of, netting a revenue sufficient to offset the expense of the court for an entire month.

E. M. James, charged with manufacturing liquor, was fined \$50, charged with the cost and placed under a four-months suspended road sentence.

Jasper Rollins, charged with stealing a pair of trousers, plead an error which did not satisfy the court and he was fined \$25, and required to pay the costs.

George Purvis, violating the traffic law by hogging the road, was fined \$15, and charged with the cost of the case.

Aaron Biggs, violating the stock law by turning mules out, was charged with the cost and the judgment was suspended.

Lee R. Bland, charged with assaulting J. S. Williams with a deadly weapon, plead guilty and was fined \$25, charged with the cost and required to pay Williams' doctor bill. Williams' throat was cut and a six-inch gash was made from the top of his head to the end of the nose, the injury almost causing the man's death.

H. E. Ellison was charged with violating the game and fish law, fishing with a drift net over 40 yards long, the maximum allowed by the law. It was alleged by the State that Ellison had been instructed three times to shorten his net, but had failed to meet the requirements. He was fined \$100 and charged with the costs of the case. He entered an appeal for a hearing before the Superior court which convenes here in June.

CHILDREN FIND BODY OF MOTHER, A SUICIDE

Lexington, April 30.—Her two children returning from school late today found the body of Mrs. George E. Hilton, 41, hanging from the basement stairs at the home near Reeds, four miles west of here. Death according to the coroner, Dr. F. L. Mock, had evidently occurred several hours before.

REGISTRATION BOOKS OPEN

At Office of C. B. Hassell; Only Three Registered So Far

The registration books for the coming primary and election are now open in the office of Mr. C. B. Hassell, next to Harrison Brothers and Company's store. Those citizens whose names already appear on the books do not have to register again, but it is necessary for those who have become of age since the last registration and those who have moved into the township since the last registration to register in order to vote in the coming primary and election.

The books will remain open until the Saturday before the primary June 2, and that being the case, the books will be closed May 26, challenge day.

Up until yesterday, Mr. John L. Hassell, registrar, stated that only three new names had been added to the list. It is generally believed that there are numbers of people who are eligible for registration, and should they avail themselves of the opportunity, there will be a large addition to the list of qualified voters in the township.

While the books are supposed to be kept open only on Saturdays, Mr. Hassell stated that someone would be in the office every day to register any one who might call in.

Former Resident Heads Large Business School

That M. L. James, formerly of this place, has succeeded in organizing one of the largest business schools in several of the Southern States is evidenced by newspaper reports sent out from Norfolk, the home of the school.

Mr. James accepted the presidency of the Norfolk College several years ago and since that time it has enjoyed a steady growth until now it has one of the largest enrollments of any business school in this part of the States. Last month the institution bought out the interests of the Davis-Wagner school, and added to its list of students those of that institution. There are several young men and women from this section who are now studying in the school.

EVERETT FINALS HELD THIS WEEK

Operetta To Be Presented Tonight; Finals On Friday Night

This week brings to a close the 1927-'28 session of the Everett school, the first of the commencement scheduled for tonight. Founded upon Grimm's well-known fairy story, an operetta will be given by the pupils of the first, second and third grades of the school tonight at 8:00 o'clock.

Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock, class exercises will be held and a recital will be given by the pupils of Miss Opal Warren's music class immediately following the other exercises. The class program includes a class inventory by Irene Wynne, class history by Sidney Mallory, prophecy by Beatrice Roebuck, class poem by Nora Wynne, class will by Gentry Mills; giftorian, Hattie Roberson and valedictory, Virginia Wynne. Certificates will be awarded at the close of the exercise.

The finals will be held the following night, when the annual address will be delivered.

DEMUR AGAINST RHODES SITE

Meeting Attended by 75 Citizens of School District

RESOLUTION PASSED

Only Two School Officials Present; Several Suggestions Made By Various Citizens

A resolution, requesting the Martin County Board of Education to reconsider its decision in choosing a site for the proposed high school building here, was passed last night when seventy-five citizens met in the courthouse and discussed the location of the new building. The meeting was the result of an interest shown by numerous citizens both in the town and surrounding country in locating the school, and was called upon short notice by several people throughout the township.

While the township was well represented, no school officials other than Mr. J. Haywood Rogers, member of the township school board and the local principal attended, he stating that he would, as long as he remained here, teach anywhere the people chose to put the school, that he would rather the people who are to pay for the building to decide upon the site. It is reported that one or two of the other school officials who were notified regarding the meeting stated that it was too late to do anything, and probably for that reason, failed to attend. Other school officials when asked to attend the meeting stated that they had experienced too much trouble already, and that they did not care to take part. Several were out of town and they knew nothing about the meeting. Mr. K. B. Crawford who was out of town and who could not get back in time for the meeting, stated late last night that he did not realize the power of the opposition to the site, and that it was his desire to assist in securing a location that would be suitable to the majority. He assured citizens a hearing at a meeting of the County Board here next Monday.

Upon the motion of Mr. Wheeler Martin, Mayor R. L. Coburn was made chairman of the meeting, and he explained the purpose of the assemblage. W. C. Manning was called upon to open the discussion and he made a warm and pointed five-minute talk. He further explained the purpose of the meeting, stating that the citizens had met to protest the action of the County Board of Education. In the beginning it was stated by Mr. Manning that the location of a building was one of the most important things in erecting a school, and in selecting a place he did not want what he thought was right but what the majority thought was right. If as many as one out of every nine people in the township wanted the site selected by the county educational body, he would say no more, and do what he could for the welfare of the school. He made no suggestion for locating the building, but stated that it was his opinion that the site selected is not appropriate, that a committee should be appointed to go before the County Board here next Monday and ask that the matter be reconsidered.

Following his talk, Mr. Wheeler Martin made a motion, that a resolution be prepared asking the Board of Education to reconsider the matter of selecting a site. His motion was seconded and passed.

The chairman then asked if there was any discussion relative to probable sites. Mr. Julian Anderson suggested that a representative from the State Department be asked to come down and settle the question, but no definite action was taken in that direction.

Discussing the possibility of sites further, Mr. W. Joe Taylor mentioned the Martin farm, the Godard property, that of Mr. S. C. Griffin, or that adjoining the Jamesville and Washington roads.

Several others mentioned a few advantages of the sites pointed out, but no vote was called for to determine which of the four sites would be most suitable.

Mr. Haywood Rogers, member of the township school board, suggested that the desires of every citizen in the township, as far as possible, be considered in selecting the site for the building.

It is understood that a committee will present the resolution passed at the meeting last night before the County Board of Education in session here next Monday.

Locals Lose to Roper

In a game marred by many errors, the local high school baseball team lost to Roper here yesterday afternoon, 10 to 5.