

SCOUT TROOP TO BE ORGANIZED AT MEET THURSDAY

Preliminary Meeting Held Last Night; Thirteen Boys Present

EXECUTIVE IS HERE

Local Troop Will Go To Camp Leach June 22nd for 10-Day Stay If Organization Is Perfected

The first meeting of the boys who intend joining the new Scout troop now being organized here under the sponsorship of the Kiwanis Club was held at Wheeler Martin's law office last night. Thirteen boys were present and announced their intention of becoming members of the new troop. Scoutmaster Harper Holliday was in charge of the meeting, which was short and informal, and provided the boys with application blanks and information for their parents about the Scout camp at Camp Leach.

Mr. Holliday has called another meeting, at the same place, for Thursday night, at 8:00 o'clock, at which time the organization of the troop and patrols will be worked out and a number of other matters gone into. It is expected that a number of recruits will be signed up at this meeting and that the troop will be organized with at least 20 boys in it, enough for three patrols.

The local troop has been assigned the third period at Camp Leach, from June 22 to July 2. This 10-day vacation in camp will cost each boy \$8.50 in camp fees and each Scout is limited to 15c daily spending money. In order to go to this camp the troop must be organized and registered with the national organization, and each boy must pass his tenderfoot test before he is eligible. Other troops assigned to Camp Leach during the third period include Troops 8, 9, and 10, of Wilson; and Troop 22, of Snow Hill. The camp, which is located on the Pamlico River, near Washington, is under the direction of Mr. Herbert Stuckey, Scout Executive, of Wilson.

Immediately after the boys' meeting, District Scout Executive Herbert Stuckey, of Wilson, met with the scoutmasters, assistant scoutmasters, and troop committees of Williamston and Bethel in Mr. Martin's office, and led an open discussion on troop programs. He outlined a number of suggestions for perfecting the organizations of the troops, besides going into the matter of outlining troop programs, methods of keeping records, and securing the cooperation of the community and parents.

Cotton Growers Hold Meeting Here Today

The annual meeting of delegates from the Third District of the North Carolina Cotton Growers was held here today with representatives from Martin, Pitt and Beaufort counties in attendance.

At the meeting this morning, Mr. Samuel T. Everett, of this county was elected chairman and Mr. C. C. Hilton, was made secretary.

The purpose of the meeting was to nominate a director from the Third District. Upon motion of Mr. Marcellus Smith, Mr. John T. Thorne, of Farmville, Pitt county, was unanimously elected. His election will have to be confirmed by the ballot of the membership of the association in the district who will mail a ballot to Box 202, Williamston, by the 12th of June at which time a canvassing committee composed of Marcellus Smith and S. I. Dudley, of Pitt and S. T. Everett, of Martin, will meet at the courthouse and canvass and declare the election.

Mr. W. R. Powell, of Tarboro, who is the Field Agent for Edgecombe and Martin counties was present and he made a short talk.

58 NEW VOTERS ARE REGISTERED

Registrar Says About 825 Are Now Eligible To Vote in Township

According to Registrar J. L. Hassell, 58 new names were added to the list of qualified voters in this township during the registration period just closed. Thirty-two of the 58 names were added last Saturday, the day the books were closed. The Saturday registration was much greater than Mr. Hassell expected and holds the number of qualified voters up to par, if not a little above. The exact number of names of qualified voters on the books is not known, but according to the registrar there are around 825.

While no definite date could be had from the various registrars in the several precincts, it is understood that the registration has been small throughout the county.

Next Saturday, the books will be open from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. for inspection and challenge.

CHURCH WOMEN IN MEET HERE

Methodist Missionary Societies Hold District Conference Tuesday

The Woman's Missionary Group Conference of Bertie and Martin counties, Weldon District, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held its semi-annual meeting with the local church last Tuesday. Mrs. W. C. Liverman, president of the group, presided.

The morning session was opened at 10 o'clock with a pipe organ solo by Mrs. W. E. Warren. Devotional was conducted by Rev. P. O. Lee, of Windsor.

Mrs. W. K. Parker of the local church, extended a most cordial welcome to the visitors. Mrs. Wiley Early made the response to the address of welcome for the conference. Hymn No. 294, "The Year of Jubilee is Come," was most appropriately used as this is the 50th anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Societies.

Mrs. John F. Thigpen, delegate from the local church, gave an interesting report of the 16th annual session of N. C. Conference which met in Wilmington last month.

Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald's address, "That Moving Force in Methodism," showed that the women in the work have faced a great task, though they have not shirked and will not waver, but go nobly on as the good Samaritan of old.

A vocal solo, "My Task," was very sweetly rendered by Mrs. Harper Holliday, who was accompanied by Mrs. W. E. Warren.

Miss Anna Graham, secretary of the Weldon District, talked of the work in the missionary societies since pioneer days on down to the present time. She urged the women to go whole-heartedly and unreservedly into the work, and be a light in our communities.

Lunch was served buffet style in the new Sunday school rooms of the church.

The afternoon session was opened by an organ solo by Mrs. W. K. Parker. Devotional was conducted by Dr. Fitzgerald, asking us to qualify ourselves as a group of Christian men and women, and make Jesus known to those who know Him not.

Missionary Societies and Bright Jewels reported good work being done. Miss Graham again spoke to us, stressing the young people's work.

Mrs. Dail, of Windsor, reported for the Courtesy committee. Mrs. Morris, of Windsor, chairman of the nominating committee, reported that Mrs. Liverman was re-elected president of the group.

The next meeting will be held with the Windsor church in the fall. MRS. W. C. LIVERMAN, Pres. MRS. J. F. THIGPEN, Sec.

Federation Sponsoring Better Equipped Homes

The North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs is following up on the federation inventory of home equipment made in 34 towns and 518 rural homes by trying to remedy some of the conditions regarding water, light, and heat. The State federation has requested each county to organize committees to remedy conditions in the immediate county. This can be done by concentrated efforts by the people interested in water, heating, and lighting facilities. Mrs. Jane McKimmon, State chairman of the American home department, has suggested that each county have a county-wide meeting of editors, bankers, superintendents of education, home economics teachers, county agents, and club presidents, these to determine what can be done to improve the conditions existing in Martin County homes, stressing especially water, heat, and light.

SEVEN IN RACE FOR PLACES ON COUNTY BOARD

Total of Sixteen Have Filed For Various County Offices

FILING ENDED FRIDAY

Several Citizens File for Road Commissioners in Various Townships; To Print Ballots This Week

According to information coming from Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections, 16 citizens have filed for the various county offices subject to the Democratic primary Saturday, June 2. Other than the filing of new county commissioners, the county's political calendar was changed very little right at the last minute. Several citizens filed for road commissioners in two townships, and another filed for justice of the peace in Griffiths. E. S. Peel filed his candidacy for a seat in the State Senate, subject to the Democratic voters, and Mr. Wheeler Martin filed his candidacy for a seat in the State Senate subject to the Republican vote.

Since the last legislature made the selection of county commissioners a county-wide matter, there will be three races for offices this year in the Democratic field. Of the seven candidates for a place on the board of county commissioners, three of them are from Jamesville, one each from Griffiths, Williams, Williamston, Robersonville, and Hamilton.

The county ticket:

For county commissioners: L. P. Holliday, Luther Hardison, W. W. Griffin, T. C. Griffin, J. E. Pope, H. S. Everett, and T. B. Slade, jr. For judge recorder's court: J. W. Bailey and H. M. Stubbs. For solicitor: Herbert O. Peel, jr. For county representative: J. A. Everett and J. S. Peel. For sheriff: A. L. Roebuck. For register of deeds: J. Sam Getzinger.

For treasurer: C. D. Carstarphen. For coroner: S. R. Biggs. The county ballot will also carry the names of Elbert S. Peel, Harry McMullan, and V. B. Martin, two of them to be chosen for places in the State Senate.

With the exception of Griffiths and Jamesville, politics as affecting the townships individually are very quiet. In Griffiths, Mr. L. H. Peelfield for the office of justice of the peace and B. F. Lilley, J. E. Lilley, J. N. Manning, J. A. Roberson, A. C. Roberson, John E. Griffin, George C. Griffin and N. T. Tice filed for places on the township road committee. In Jamesville Township, J. F. Martin, P. M. Holliday, H. L. Davis, and O. G. Carson filed for places on the road committee.

Ballots with the names of the various candidates will be prepared the latter part of this week and distributed to the poll holders of the various precincts. It is understood that the names of those candidates unopposed will not appear on the ballots that are to be used in the primary June 2. The Democratic ticket to be used in the general election in November will, however, carry the names of all those in the race at that time.

PRECINCT MEETS ON SATURDAY, 26

County Chairman Urges Voters To Attend Meetings

Elbert S. Peel, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee in this county, is urging the voters to attend the precinct meetings next Saturday and select delegates to the county convention to be held here June 9. The meetings will be held at 2 p. m. at the polling places in the eleven precincts in this county.

Since the establishment of the Presidential preferential primary fell through, it is the cry of many that the only method left to the voters by which they may take part in selecting a Democratic nominee for the Presidency, will be found in these meetings.

The delegates appointed at the precinct meetings will attend a county convention here and there they will appoint delegates to the State convention which will be held June 12th.

The various precinct chairmen will be at the polls next Saturday at 2 o'clock, and the voters are called upon to attend the meetings where delegates will be selected.

Here From Greenville Messrs. W. I. Skinner and Ned Laughinghouse, of Greenville, were here Saturday.

H. M. Ainsley, of Oak City, was in town Saturday.

Attorney Henry Spruill, of Windsor, was a business visitor here today.

NEAR TRAGEDY RESULT DISPUTE

John R. Coltrain Fires At Ben I. Hardison After Pasture Dispute

Griffins Township was the scene of a near tragedy last Saturday morning when Mr. John R. Coltrain fired a load of shot at Ben I. Hardison, missing the young man by a few inches. Hardison with three other young men was remodeling a community pasture fence when Mr. Coltrain came upon the scene with his gun. The exchange of words upon Coltrain's arrival could not be learned, but when he came within eight feet of the place where the boys were at work and drew his gun, young Hardison dropped and the load of shot entered the ground near him. Hardison crawled to his feet and ran, and was followed by two of the other young men. The other boy, apparently too frightened to run, remained.

A warrant charging Coltrain with assault with attempt to kill was issued. At the preliminary hearing before Justice A. T. Crawford Saturday afternoon probable cause was found and the case was scheduled for trial at the June term of superior court here with Coltrain under a \$2,000 bond.

At the hearing the defense offered no testimony, and only one side of the case has been given. It was stated that several farmers in that community maintained a group pasture, that Mr. Coltrain had ordered stock off his land. Complying with his request, the others interested in the pasture purchased \$125 worth of wire fencing and were busily engaged in dividing the pasture when Mr. Coltrain came down and shot at the Hardison boy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEET FRIDAY

Township Convention Held Here Friday Afternoon And Night

School convention was held in the Baptist church here last Friday afternoon and evening. Mr. B. S. Courtney presiding.

The meeting here was the fifth to be held in the county during the week, other sessions having been held in Oak City, Hamilton, Everett and Robersonville.

The afternoon session here was poorly attended and the speakers made short talks.

The night session was opened with devotional service by R. J. Peel. Miss Ione Alverson, Young People's Superintendent of North Carolina Sunday Schools, talked on the troublesome subject, "The Youth of Today." She said the youth of today is very much like the youth of yesterday and of the past ages. She read extracts from old publications in which the same question, "What is going to become of the young folks?" was asked. Miss Alverson expressed more doubt about the ability of old people to cope with the condition in this modern age than the young people. At any rate there are many new problems which mere criticism cannot solve, and which only prayerful teaching and good leadership can solve.

Miss Flora Davis spoke on "Trained Worker for the Sunday School," and she compared the untrained teacher to the physician who has no knowledge of either medicine or surgery. The Sunday schools suffer on account of teachers who are unable to teach because they do not know their subject.

Mr. B. S. Courtney was again made president and J. E. Pope and W. C. Manning were named as vice president and secretary.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET THURSDAY

Is Last Meeting Until September; Swimming Pool To Be Discussed

The next meeting of the Woman's Club, which is to be held Thursday, May 24, will be the last meeting until September, since it has been the custom of the club to discontinue meeting during the three hottest months of the summer.

The president earnestly urges every member who can possibly arrange to do so to attend this meeting, as it is expected that a decision regarding the site for the swimming pool and playground will be reached and announced. The president also requests as many members as can possibly do so to inspect the site between Joe Roberson's house on Main Street and the railroad. This property joins the county property back of the jail. The county commissioners have agreed to lease to the club this property belonging to the county, including the old jail, for as long as the club desires to use it for town betterment purposes.

The hour of meeting Thursday is 4:30 o'clock.

LITTLE HOPE FOR RIVER DREDGING APPROPRIATIONS

Coolidge Asks Postponement of Rivers and Harbors Bill

IS BLOW TO SHIPPERS

Appropriation for Roanoke Called for \$45,500 for Improvement and \$1,000 Annually for Maintenance

The chance for improvement of rivers and harbors in this and other States was greatly lessened last week when President Coolidge requested those in charge of the rivers and harbors bill not to bring any measure before the present Congress. The President stated that the government had appropriated too much money already this year.

The \$45,000 appropriation recommended by Army engineers for the deepening of the Roanoke's mouth, will in all probability wait over until Congress meets again. Other rivers needing improvements badly will go untouched, it is thought. Congress will close its session Saturday, and it is very doubtful if any attention will be given rivers and harbors between now and then.

Shippers here and elsewhere have expressed much regret in the non-passage of the measure, stating that they will lose considerable amounts during the next several months on account of shallow water at the mouth of the river. Each year thousands of tons of material are shipped in and out of the Roanoke, and it is often the case that barges are held fast for days in the mouth of the stream.

The Roanoke's appropriation of \$45,500 for the dredging of the mouth and a \$1,000 annual maintenance fund was recommended by engineers and was approved by the rivers and harbors committee.

The report from Washington reads, "Legislation to authorize work on the Virginia and North Carolina rivers and harbors projects already recommended by the Army engineers, to cost something over a quarter of a million dollars, must wait until the next session of Congress, on advice of President Coolidge."

Representative S. Wallace Dempsey, of New York, chairman of the river and harbors committee of the house of representatives, sought the President's cooperation in having the Virginia and North Carolina projects, given preferred status on the calendar of the house, but the President told him that in his opinion this congress had already authorized the expenditure of enough money, and that no effort should be made to pass the rivers and harbors bill this session.

ROBERSONVILLE MARKET PLANS

Second Redrying Plant To Be Operated; Storage House To Be Built

According to information given out by the Robersonville Chamber of Commerce, the tobacco market there will be strengthened this year by a second redrying plant, the construction of a tobacco storage house, and new warehouse facilities.

The redrying plant will be operated by W. M. Scales Co., tobacco dealers of that town, and will be completed in time for the tobacco opening this year. While the contract for the storage house has not been let, it was stated that the Robersonville Storage Corporation would arrange for the erection of the building within the next few days. The building, which will be located on Grimes Street, will be completed by the fall.

"Construction is moving rapidly on the third and new tobacco sales warehouse which will be operated at Central Warehouse under the management of Grimes, Morris & Barnhill. The large annex to Adkins & Bailey's Warehouse will be completed within the next few days. Everett & Taylor have completed the remodeling of their house. With the increased facilities the Robersonville market can easily handle 12,000,000 pounds the coming season."

Judge Kerr To Speak In Windsor Tuesday

According to an announcement made this morning, Congressman John H. Kerr will speak to the voters of Bertie county and their friends in the courthouse at Windsor next Tuesday night, at 8 o'clock. Congressman Kerr is seeking reelection to his office, and was the only North Carolina Congressman to take a stand for Smith. There are two other candidates opposing Mr. Kerr in the Second Congressional District, and the contest is waxing warm. Several people here are planning to hear the Tuesday evening speech.

CROP CONDITION MUCH IMPROVED

Weather Conditions During Past Few Days Very Favorable

Weather conditions during the past several days have been most favorable for farmers in this section, and as a result farm work has progressed very rapidly during that time. So suddenly did the change in the weather come about that a true status of the conditions on the farm at the present time is practically unknown.

Tobacco transplanting in this section will be practically completed today, according to many. The planting of cotton and peanuts is about over, and corn is said to have gotten a start after pouncing unfavorable weather for several weeks.

Speculation is rife as to the increase and decrease in the acreage of certain crops. A decrease in the crop at the end might result, stated one large farmer yesterday, but there are, very few people who have failed to transplant the number of acres they had planned early in the season, he said.

Tobacco in this section has grown more in the last five years than it did from the time it was set out up until the rain last week. Many farmers differ as to the best time to transplant, some stating that they never make a good crop when they are late with their transplanting, while others say they make a better crop when they transplant about this time.

PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY DENIED

Democratic State Committee Refuses Turlington Request, 79 to 30

Raleigh, May 20.—With the supporters of Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, demonstrating their full control of the party machinery and a large portion of the spectators cheering every mention of his name, the North Carolina State Democratic Executive Committee last night, by a vote of 79 to 30, refused to call the Presidential preferential primary demanded for June 2, the regular primary day by Z. V. Turlington, State manager for Correll Hull, of Tennessee.

The committee adopted instead a substitute drawn by a committee of three Smith leaders, but offered from the floor by M. B. Gilliam, of Bertie. He declared himself to be an opponent of Governor Smith and a supporter of United States Senator F. M. Simmons, who for 30 years has been a dominant figure in the councils of the committee which last night disregarded the full weight of his influence, placed in support of the Hull proposal.

There were other kind expressions for Senator Simmons, but there has already begun to be talk of displacing him on the national committee and the Smith supporters now claim the North Carolina delegation at Houston to be as good as won.

It was the first time the so-called Simmons machine has ever been in such a position in the party machinery, and unless there is an overturn by virtue of the precinct meetings next Saturday, there seems no chance of effective opposition at Houston either instructed for Smith or avowedly friendly to him.

The substitute recited the action of the State committee in calling the precinct meetings for May 26, the action of the legislature of 1927 in repealing the presidential preferential primary law and the fact that notice of the demand for a primary was not given until May 16.

INSPECT SCHOOL PLANS THIS WEEK

To Be Carried To Raleigh for Approval of State Officials

The completion of tentative plans for Martin County's two proposed high school buildings, one here and a second at Robersonville, has been announced by the architect, Mr. Eric Flannagan, of Henderson. The plans will be carried before State school officials in Raleigh this week for approval, it was stated yesterday by the office of the county superintendent here.

If the tentative plans are accepted, it is expected that the contract for the two buildings will be let not later than June 15. Should the plans fail to conform to State specifications, then a delay of a few days will result.

With the acceptance of the plans this week, and the letting of the contract by June 15, construction will be started at once and the buildings will be ready for use by January 1, or about that time.

Professor L. H. Davis was here a short while today attending to school matters.

PLAN EXTENSION STREET TO SITE OF NEW SCHOOL

Dr. Rhodes To Move Home So Smithwick Street Can Be Extended

OPEN 2 NEW STREETS

New Plan Will Bring School About 90 Feet Closer To Houghton Than Originally Stated

The Rhodes home will be moved, Smithwick Street will be extended, and the site for Williamston's new high school building will be nearer Houghton Street by 90 feet than it was first planned, according to present plans of Dr. James S. Rhodes, owner of the property. It was first agreed by Dr. Rhodes and the county school board that a street to the side of the Rhodes home would be opened and that the building be placed on that street.

When the selection of a school site was first started officials asked that the house be moved, but no definite answer was made by the owner, and to cause no further delay, the proposal calling for the opening of a street to the side of the home was agreed upon. The latest plans, however, provide for extension of Smithwick Street in a straight line, making the removal of the Rhodes home necessary. Besides the extension of Smithwick Street, it is understood that two new streets will be opened. These streets, Grace and Franklin, will run parallel to Simmons Avenue. Grace, it is understood, will be one block from Simmons Avenue, and Franklin will be a block from Grace. Franklin Street will be so constructed as to intersect with Smithwick. Extended right in front of the school building. The two new streets will connect Smithwick Street, Extended, and Houghton Street.

GAME SURVEY REPORT MADE

Rabbits Main Victims of the 125,000 Licensed State Hunters

Rabbits were the main victims of the 125,000 licensed hunters in this State during the past season, according to a return from more than 90,000 of the hunters to the State Department of Conservation and Development. Quail and squirrels were next in line with possums, ducks, coons, geese and deer following. Although the wild turkey was once plentiful in the State, very few of them were reported by the 90,000 hunters who had returned their questionnaires.

It is stated that the department hopes to get returns from all licensed hunters, and will then tabulate the returns according to counties. The information received will be used to foster game conservation and in allotting game from the State game farms to the various counties. Around \$203,330 was received by the sale of licenses during the past season, a sum much larger than was expected by officials in charge of the work.

METHODISTS HOLD REVIVAL

Services Began Sunday; Will Continue Through This Week

The first of the revival services at the Methodist church here Sunday. During the remainder of this and a part of next week, the services are expected to be continued. Prayer services are held each morning at 10 o'clock and regular services at eight in the evening.

Dr. Fitzgerald, the church's pastor, has prepared splendid sermons for the meeting and the choir service is featured by the presence of singers from the several churches of the town.

The subject of the Sunday night sermon "was the 'Gospel of the Kingdom,' and was well presented to the large congregation. Last night the attendance held up well, and the devotional service was conducted by Rev. C. H. Dickey, of the Baptist church. Dr. Fitzgerald took his text for the sermon from John 1:41, "We Have Found the Christ." From this text, the preacher delivered a splendid sermon.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services, and the people of the town are taking an active part in the revival.

The recorder's court went into an afternoon session today when cases on the docket proved to be of much length and caused much interest.

Mr. Vance Roberson, of Robersonville, was a business visitor here this afternoon.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY

BUFFALO BILL, JR.

in

"Trumfin' Trouble"

Added

Mermaid Comedy

Mutt & Jeff Cartoon

And Serial

WILLIAM DESMOND in

"THE VANISHING RIDER"

Also

FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY