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LOCAL TEACHERS HOLD FIRST MEET LAST SATURDAY

Year's Work Outlined and Methods Discussed and Decided Upon

SEVERAL MAKE TALKS

New System of Grading Adopted; Tests To Be Given More Frequently

At a meeting of the teachers here last Saturday morning a program to be followed in the year's work in the local school was outlined, and the methods of operation were decided upon. The program calls for more extensive work on the part of both the teachers and pupils and will, no doubt, result in the school's most successful year.

In a short talk before the teachers, Principal L. H. Davis made clear the program's several phases. In testing and grading the principal said "Tests will be given more frequently during the month with a follow-up monthly test covering all the work taken during the month. A distribution will be made from all the scores made on the tests, and grades assigned according to the score made. This grade will mean a relationship between the class and the individual receiving the grade. An 'A' will mean that the child stands with the highest 5 per cent of his class; a 'B' means the next 20 per cent; a 'C' means the middle 50 per cent; a 'D' will mean the 20 per cent lower than the middle 50; and an 'E' the lowest 5 per cent of the class.

To bring about a closer relationship between teacher, child, and parent, every teacher will visit each home represented in her particular class twice during the year, and conference periods will be held so that teachers may instill interest and guide the individual program by a free talking over of the problems with the student. Supt. R. A. Pope heartily endorsed this and spoke complimentary of the work done in the Williamston schools last year. He also spoke of the standing of Martin County schools in scholarship of teachers, average attendance, and per capita cost per pupil as compared with the State. We stand far above the medium in the former two and well below in the latter. Superintendent Pope said, among other things, that any school would have to work to keep Williamston from going to the top-first with the attitude the teachers were showing. The school is growing, according to him, and stands in a light favorable to much development and constructive work. Soon, he says, we will reach the twenty-teacher class.

A system whereby tardiness of pupils may be reduced was outlined. No student will be allowed to enter his room in the morning should be come to the building later than 8:50 and in the afternoon should he come later than 1:05 without first securing a tardy slip at the principal's office. There will be morning recess for neither the high school nor the grammar grades. All recreation will be given by grades during school hours and supervised by the teacher in charge. High school students will get their recreation by changing from room to room in the five minutes allotted between classes. Frequent testing, teaching more by drill, and distribution according to standing in the class were the things stressed by Mr. Davis.

Masons Postpone Their Meeting To Friday

The Masonic meeting scheduled for tonight was called off when it was learned that the Hon. Josephus Daniels would speak here at the courthouse. A special communication will be held, however, next Friday night at 7:45 o'clock. The officers are urging a large attendance for the special meeting.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY

TIM M'COY

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'The ADVENTURER'

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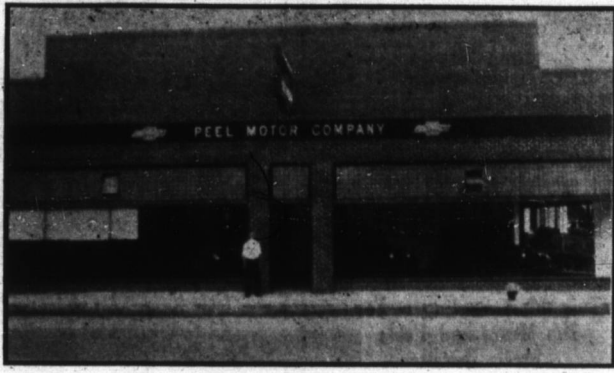
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FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY

New Home of the Peel Motor Company Here



The Peel Motor Co., local Chevrolet dealers, recently moved into their new building on Washington Street. The new fire-proof structure is one of the finest garage buildings in Eastern North Carolina, and the added conveniences now afforded the company assures its patrons of the finest type of service.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS TO SPEAK HERE TONIGHT IN OPENING CAMPAIGN

PEEL MOTOR CO. IN NEW GARAGE

Sold Over 200 Chevrolet Cars and Trucks During Past Year

Located in their modern new building on Washington street, the Peel Motor company have led in the automotive field with Chevrolet sales during the past year. In that period the company has sold over two hundred cars and trucks, and their sales show an increase as the months pass.

The company moved just recently into the new building which cost approximately \$15,000. The arrangement of the building was carefully worked out, and its showroom is one of the best of any garage in this section. Several cars can be placed on display at a great advantage, but so far the sales have been so fast that a car remains on display only a few hours. The company's office is conveniently located to handle the business of both the sales and repair departments, and is equipped with modern fixtures. The garage's repair department is so arranged that it is possible to swing motors to any part of the building and move them to the special machines for repairs. To make the service perfect, a designer of General Motors spent several weeks here placing the machines and equipping the building. The equipment price exceeds several thousand dollars, and enables experienced mechanics to turn out repair jobs in an excellent condition.

Their's is a growing business and called for the handsome structure in which they now carry on the business.

The firm's partners, Messrs. Luther and Collins Peel and H. T. Roberson, are active in the operation of the business and attach a personal interest to every transaction. Mr. Jno. Henry Edwards has recently gone with the firm as office man and in addition to handling the books, Mr. Edwards will see that a complete stock of parts is always on hand.

In the short time that the Peel Motor Company has been in the business, they have maintained a successful sales organization and offer the very best service possible to their customers.

Commissioners Buy 1,000 Feet of Hose

Williamston's fire fighting equipment was again added to last night when the town commissioners purchased 1,000 feet of fire hose from the American LaFrance Fire Company, of Atlanta. The hose costing \$1.40 per foot is the very best and is recommended where pumping engines are used in fighting fires.

Aside from the purchase of the hose, the commissioners discussed no other matters at the called-meeting. The hose will be shipped just a few days before the new truck is delivered.

Kills Eleven Snakes at One Place Saturday

Rev. G. T. Hill, colored, made a record in killing snakes last Saturday when he was removing a floor of a house near the colored lodge. When the man removed one of the floor planks he saw the snakes and went into action, killing 11 in a very few minutes. The snakes, popular leaf moccasins, were about one-third the size of a man's wrist and were making ready to strike when Hill started to remove another of the floor's planks.

DEMONSTRATION AGENT PREPARES FOR FAIR HERE

Miss Sleeper Suggests That Women Help Make Fair The Best Ever

JUST TWO WEEKS OFF

Urges Each Member of Club To Show Some Canned or Preserved Product

Miss Lora E. Sleeper, Martin county's home agent, is making special preparations for the Roanoke fair to be held here the week of September 24, and gives the following hints to the women throughout the section:

"The Roanoke Fair is just two weeks away. Martin county women can, this year, help to make the fair the best ever. All the women in the county who are interested should secure a fair catalogue from the home agent or from the Enterprise office and should make preparations at once for the fair. Each woman member of a home demonstration club should exhibit something she has canned or preserved during the summer months. One jar would help the county exhibit very much. If each and every member will do this much it will not make it especially hard on anyone.

The agent is visiting homes over the county this week to create interest in the fair and also in the kitchen campaign which will be followed up after the fair. Miss Sleeper was in Ange town yesterday visiting the different club members, and states that many of the women in the county have done commendable work during her leave.

Miss Sleeper reports that Mrs. C. H. Ange, of Ange Town, conducted a successful meeting on "Jelly Making" during the month of August. The women reported a very interesting meeting. These women will meet with Miss Sleeper on Monday of next week and box jars for the fair to be held here.

Food selection posters must not be overlooked in the fair exhibit, Miss Sleeper states. Competition is open only to home demonstration club members, either adults or juniors. The exhibits will be the best only as each woman realizes the success depends upon her and every woman can do this small part for her county, the agent points out.

HASSELL SCHOOL BEGINS ON 17TH

Full Staff of Teachers Has Been Secured; Mr. G. S. Haislip Is Principal

The Hassell school will begin the 1928-29 session Monday, September 17th, according to an announcement made this week. All patrons are urged to attend the opening, and they are especially urged to send their children the first morning. The school's principal, Mr. G. S. Haislip is asking the parents to cooperate with the teachers of the school again this year, and see that the children attend regularly. Regular attendance is essential to a successful school, Mr. Haislip pointed out and the Hassell school is looking forward to a successful year.

The teachers for the 1928-29 term are: G. S. Haislip, Principal, Hassell; Miss Mildred Roberson, Plymouth; Mrs. E. R. Edmondson, Hassell.

SHOOTS NEGRO AT JAMESVILLE

Shooting Follows Quarrel In Which Negro Cursed White Man

Ira T. Coltrain, of Jamesville, shot and wounded Oscar Willis, colored, last Sunday night when the two men quarreled in front of the Coltrain home. Willis was hit on the hand and hip, but his wounds are not considered serious, according to information coming from the town this morning.

Sunday night several negroes staged a cursing attack when their car broke down in front of Mr. Coltrain's home. The resident asked the several men to refrain from the use of the language before his family, but his request fell on deaf ears. Willis took the burden upon his own shoulders and addressed his curses to Mr. Coltrain, and was quieted only after he had been hit twice by bullets fired from the Coltrain weapon.

MARGOLIS BROTHERS STORE TO HAVE HOLIDAY SATURDAY TO HAVE HOLIDAY SATURDAY The store of Margolis Brothers here will be closed until 6:00 p. m. Saturday in observance of the Jewish New Year's Day.

More Than 650 Children Are Enrolled at School Opening

Local Market Averaged 20 Cents Up To Noon Today

Tobacco farmers selling on the Williamston market are beginning to smile, and where last week they were down and out, they are beginning to have hope for a fair season after all.

Tobacco is selling much better this week than it did last according to reports from the farmers themselves, many of them stating that they received much more than they expected.

Many grades bring from 30 to 36 cents while every now and then one goes to 40 and above. Comparatively few grades fall under ten cents and it is very exceptional to see a mark below 5c.

Indication for today's sales look toward an average for the entire sales at well above 18 cents.

The sales today will run over 150,000 pounds which is rather light for the time of season. But light sales are apparent on all the markets except a few of the larger ones which are absorbing the tobacco in many places by a system of truck hauling and truck driving.

A check on the prices here at noon today showed that the market had averaged up to that hour around 20 cents.

EVERY INCH OF BUILDING IS USED FOR CLASSROOMS

Exact Number Enrolled Not Known Yet, As Trucks Did Not Make Trips Monday

64 ENTER FIRST GRADE

No Opening Exercises Held As Auditorium Has Been Cut Up To Serve As Classrooms

With little children crowded into dark basements and others scattered in spots all over the building, the local school opened the 1928-29 session yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock, facing conditions that are really disgraceful to a civilized community. More than one mother left the crowded building yesterday morning, knowing full well that her child will face handicaps that should not be there for it to face. Thoroughly disgusted with the housing conditions, the parents left their children in the care of the teachers who will struggle day in and day out in an effort to effect a solution to the very best advantage of those seeking knowledge.

Five hundred and seventy children were enrolled in the various grades yesterday morning, and the list will total 650 when the trucks begin their trips in the rural districts to be served by the local school plant. It was impossible for officials to get the trucks in time for the opening yesterday, but two were placed on the routes today, and the other are expected to make their rounds by tomorrow or Thursday.

To handle the children to the very best advantage, the school heads converted the auditorium into rooms by using beaver board for partitions. There is nothing to keep the sound from going over the top of the thin walls and disturbing the teaching in a room just across the way. The packers' efficiency was brought out wonderfully when 64 little new-comers were crowded into a little room on the auditorium's stage. A shift in the teachers to handle the little ones will be necessary, the principal stated this morning.

The housing condition is a most deplorable one, and a visit to the building will more than prove that the building program for the school has been in the air long enough. Workmen are busy with building preparations for the new building, but their work will be of little value to the pupils in the school this year. In spite of the congestion, texts were named and lessons were assigned during the rush yesterday, and today the pupils were entering upon their year's work resigned to their sardine-fate.

During the next few days it will require the skill of all the seventeen teachers to work out a schedule that will prove most advantageous to all, but they, like the children, have accepted the situation in the best of spirits and are doing everything they can to remedy the conditions in so far as it is humanly possible.

Since the auditorium has been converted into rooms, there will be no general exercises held in the school this year. Visitors to the school will be received by the teachers in the various rooms, however, it was stated by the principal yesterday afternoon.

"Though we are faced with adverse conditions, we are planning a successful year for the school," Mr. L. H. Davis very optimistically stated yesterday afternoon when asked about the opening. "The teachers have pledged their support, and we are going to make the best of it," the principal concluded.

They got busy and within a short time they had made arrangements to have the extra work included in the regular schedule. The addition, however, was made too late to come under the county system; but with a successful term this year, it is expected that the new grade will be handled next term on the same basis as those in other schools are now being handled.

The additional grade was added when many of the students completing the tenth grade last spring stated they could not attend school elsewhere and that they would be forced to go without the training offered in the eleventh grade unless provision was made to handle them at home. The people here are cooperating with the school officials, and a most successful year is predicted for the new grade and the school in general.

DRUNK DRIVER WRECKS 2 CARS

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Taylor And Two Children Have Narrow Escape

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Taylor and their two children had a narrow escape last Sunday afternoon when John Beacham, of Beaufort county, ran his Ford car into Mr. Taylor's Chevrolet and completed wrecked it about three miles from here on the Hamilton road.

In the wreck Mr. Taylor was badly hurt and bruised about the face and one of the arteries in his arm was cut, causing him to lose much blood. Mrs. Taylor suffered a bad cut on her shoulder and was skinned and bruised on her side. Their 12-year-old daughter had her collar bone broken while the six-year-old son received a bad cut on his chin and had his head skinned in two or three places. They were able to be carried home, but the attention of two doctors was necessary.

Young Beacham, said to have been drunk at the time, escaped injury and apparently knew nothing about the accident until he was placed in jail. According to witnesses to the accident, Beacham was driving to the left side of the road, almost in the ditch, and just as he reached the Taylor car he pulled his Ford into the road and practically demolished the Chevrolet. The Ford car was badly wrecked.

Sheriff Roebuck was called and he arrested Beacham and placed him in jail to await a hearing before Judge Bailey in recorder's court here today.

SCHOOL OPENS AT EVERETTS

Began 1928-29 Term Yesterday With Total of 185 Students Enrolled

The Everetts school opened the 1928-29 term yesterday morning with 185 students enrolled, 130 in the grammar grades, and 55 in the high school. With the addition of an eleventh grade to the school there, an increased enrollment is expected within the next day or two, according to Principal Hix.

Miss Baker, the additional teacher for the high school, reported for her regular duties this morning, and with all other teachers present, the school is entering what promises to be its most successful year.

Mr. Hix stated yesterday that the teachers had pledged their best efforts to the upbuilding of the school, and already a substantial work had been started.

212,254 Absences Reported In State School Last Year

In North Carolina schools during the year 1926-27, the teachers wrote "absent" by the names of 212,254 children, according to a survey of absences in the schools made recently. The large number of absences in the school is bringing about an investigation this fall in several counties of the State. The investigation in this section will be made in Northampton county, and it is thought that the findings there will, in a large measure, represent the cause for many of the absences in the schools of this county.

Teachers and school officials everywhere urge a regular attendance, but there are so many things to keep the child out of school that a study of the situation is considered very necessary at this time.