

EAST CAROLINA FARM TEACHERS MEET TOMORROW

Vocational Agriculture Instructors to Observe Class At Jamesville School

PLAN YEAR'S WORK

Session Scheduled To Last Greater Part of Day; Take Up Problems Confronting Teacher

Professor W. T. Overby and his Jamesville agricultural students will be on their "p's" and "q's" all day tomorrow when eight or more agricultural teachers in Eastern North Carolina go there to observe the work being carried on and to hold a general conference. The teacher and his students are ready, and although they will have to be on the alert, they plan to make the hours of observing interesting for the visitors.

Agricultural teachers and agricultural leaders from as far away as Columbia and Kinston will meet and take part in the day's program, it was stated by Professor Overby yesterday afternoon.

During the session which is scheduled to last a greater part of the day, the vocational instructors, after observing the work of Mr. Overby's class will hold a meeting to prepare plans for a continuation of their work. These plans go to make up a yearly program and have to do with various tasks confronting the teacher.

FARMERS TALK INSECT CONTROL

Continue Study of Tobacco Culture at Meetings Held in Jamesville

Continuing their study on the fertilization and cultivation of tobacco, farmers of the Jamesville community, with Professor W. T. Overby, held a very successful meeting in the school building there last night. The particular subject brought before the farmers at the meeting last night had to do with the control of insects, according to Mr. Overby, agricultural teacher in the Jamesville schools.

These meetings, according to Professor Overby, have been very successful, numbers of farmers attending each Monday night to study the problems coming before the tobacco grower. Thorough and detailed discussions have been held in connection with the plant bed preparation and the fertilization of the crop, and the control measures offered for discussion last night will, no doubt, prove of much help to the farmers.

Just how long these meetings will be held is not known at the present time, but Professor Overby is very anxious to take up every phase of the crop before bringing the course to a close. It is certain that the meetings will continue through the next two weeks, and probably longer, the professor stated yesterday afternoon.

Regular Luncheon of Kiwanis Tomorrow

The regular luncheon of the local Kiwanis club will be held in the woman's club hall tomorrow at 12:30, it was announced today by the club's president. A large attendance upon the luncheon is urged by the officers.

Paving Bill Passed in State Senate Yesterday

Senate bill, 899, allowing the commissioners of Williamston to use the money secured from the sale of the municipal power plant in construction and paving of streets has passed that body and upon its passage in the House, the town authorities will have power to use the money for the specified purpose.

The circulation of petitions continues, but at this time no definite projects have been made available.

Many Farmers Have Been Unable To Prepare Plant Beds Account of Weather

ARE IMPASSIBLE IN MANY PLACES

People of Oak City Nearly Isolated for Three Days Last Week

RELIEF IS DEMANDED

Horse and Cart Again Becomes the Favorite Mode of Transportation in That Section

While the people of the county, especially those in the outlying districts and those on unpaved highways, are greatly interested in the legislature's road bill, promising a reduction in road taxes, they are equally interested in the condition of the roads. Whether they would prefer the tax reductions in preference to better roads is a matter for speculation, but it is certain that both reduced taxes and better roads would meet with great favor naturally.

In the districts where the roads have not been hard-surfaced and in other sections where the thoroughfares are maintained by the townships, numerous complaints have been heard. Traffic, in many sections, has been halted for several days at a time, and chances for transporting farm produce or goods are poor or none in many cases. Mail carriers on several of the rural routes have behind their regular schedules, finding it almost impossible to make their trips without getting stuck several times on their routes. Transportation, in many instances, has reverted back to the horse and cart, and a few old buggies have been rolled from under the sheds for the first time in months for use on the roads.

Probably the most deplorable situation is found in the upper part of the county, particularly around Oak City and Hamilton. Practically all goods billed to Hamilton are shipped by rail to Oak City and carried on trucks from there to Hamilton. Aside from the river, the boats rarely ever run that far up the stream now, the route via Oak City is the main one for hauling goods consigned to Hamilton.

But during the past few days, the people of that section have experienced much trouble in trying to carry on their work. According to a citizen of that section, the people in Oak City were all but isolated during three days of last week. Township road forces are said to have been ordered from their work to aid transportation on Highway Route 125, and during several days car after car has been pulled from the mud sloughs.

Conditions of the route during fair weather are said to be bad, but in rainy weather they are deplorable, and it is under these conditions that the people of that section, as well as others, are advancing their claim for permanent relief. Checks of the traffic on the road have been compared with checks made on other roads. It is roughly estimated that the traffic on 125 is twice as great as that on No. 90 leading toward Jamesville. This, with the condition of the road, is giving rise to a just demand for relief, and the under-lying is gathering momentum daily, and as long as the roads continue in the shape they have been in and are now in, the cry for relief can be expected to grow louder and louder.

That Commissioner Kugler is acquainted with the conditions of Highway No. 125 was made certain last week when his office was flooded with telegrams, 50 or more in number being forwarded to him, according to information received here. The telegrams, costing as high as \$1.60 apiece gave the particulars in detail. And District Engineer Gardner is also acquainted with the conditions of the road, for last Saturday he was stuck in his car for several hours between Oak City and Hamilton.

According to unofficial statements, the complaints of the housewives have been heard by highway officials who are now considering placing a little Tarsia to hold down the dust in the towns served by the route. The people of that section have complained very little just so long as they could bounce and slide and still carry on their transportation with some degree of success, but now that they are all but isolated, they are making an earnest and just appeal for what should be theirs. And no dab of Tarsia will settle the problem, as indicated by the statement made by a Hamilton citizen yesterday afternoon, who informed the highway officials that they were not so much interested in controlling the dust in their main streets as they were in having a decent opportunity to transport their goods from a rail station to their families.

It has been said that the highway commission is planning to lay Tarsia over stretches near and inside the towns along the route, but this has not been officially announced as a certain procedure.

3 YOUNG MEN OF WINDSOR HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Car Leaves Road and Turns Somersault at Railroad Underpass Sunday

TWO SLIGHTLY HURT

Randolph White, William R. Mitchell, and Julian Bazemore Were in Wrecked Machine

Randolph White, William R. Mitchell, and Julian Bazemore, all of Windsor, miraculously escaped serious injury here late last Sunday afternoon when their car, a new Ford roadster, scumersaulted near the railroad underpass at the west end of Main Street. Mr. White, the car's driver, was badly cut about the head, and young Mitchell suffered an injury to his back. Mr. Bazemore escaped uninjured. The three men were removed to Dr. Warren's office here, where he, with Dr. Lee, gave first-aid treatment to the injured boys, who were later carried to their homes in Windsor.

According to the story told by Mitchell, the car was being driven at a fast rate of speed, but at his request the driver, White, slowed down to go under the railroad underpass. They passed under the railroad safely, Mitchell stating that he was unable to give any other of the details relating to the accident until after he crawled from the overturned car. Witnesses to the accident state that two wheels of the car ran off the hard surface just this side of the railroad and the driver being unable to steer it back caused the machine to turn the somersault. The body of the car was twisted, the windshield broken, and one of the wheels broken down in the wreck. The machine was not so badly damaged, however, that it could not be driven in for repairs.

JAIL MAN FOR BEATING WIFE

Dan Hardy Charged With Brutal Attack Here Yesterday

Charged with beating his wife and threatening to cut her throat, Dan Hardy, white, was lodged in the jail here yesterday morning to await trial before Judge Bailey in the county recorder's court today. Hardy, who lives near the warehouses, was said to have beat the woman about the face and broke one of her fingers. People in the neighborhood were called and the man's attempt to cut her throat was stopped.

Several families are said to live in the small house, and while many rows have been said to occur there, the happenings were practically confined in the home and immediate neighborhood. The fuss yesterday morning, one of many, reached such proportions that the neighbors were attracted, and the trouble found its way into the court.

Hardy moved here with his family from Oak City and at the time of the trouble yesterday morning was said to be drunk. He was ordered held until he sobered up, and in default of bond he remained in jail for the hearing today.

JAMESVILLE MAN DIED YESTERDAY

W. A. Brown Succumbs After Two Weeks' Illness With Pneumonia

W. A. Brown, 58-year-old citizen of the Jamesville community, died at his home there yesterday afternoon following an illness of about two weeks. Mr. Brown suffered an attack of influenza the early part of this month which later developed into pneumonia and that with meningitis resulted in his death. Up until that time, Mr. Brown had been in splendid health. His death is one of the first to be reported as a result of the recent influenza epidemic in this section.

The funeral service is being held from the home this afternoon, interment following in the Brown cemetery, near the residence.

Mr. Brown was a successful farmer in his community, following that work from an early age until just shortly before his death. Three children, Mrs. Wilson Griffin, of Goldsboro, and Stancill and Alexander Brown, of Jamesville, two sisters, Mrs. N. R. Manning, of Jamesville and Mrs. H. T. Robertson, of this place, and one brother, Mr. P. H. Brown, also of Williamston, survive.

54 CHILDREN TO TAKE FINAL TEST

X-Ray Examinations Being Given Local Children at Washington Today

Fifty-four or 12 per cent. of the children in the local school taking the tuberculin skin tests last week are in Washington today where X-ray examinations are being made in each individual case. The children were carried over in private cars and a majority of them will be there the greater part of the day.

The tuberculin clinic sponsored by the Woman's club was started Monday of last week. Since that time 450 children have been tested for the disease, and although it was thought advisable to carry 54 of the children to Washington for a final and thorough examination, it is not to be understood that all of the number are tuberculous sufferers. Hardly two per cent. of the number will show active signs of the disease, according to the findings in similar clinics held in other schools.

The clinic has been carried on at a very heavy expense to the Woman's club, but the value of the work is expected to be many times greater than the cost.

LOCAL SCHOOL ENTERS DEBATE

Query Is "Resolved, That America Should Join World Court"

Again the debating team from Williamston High School has entered the North Carolina High School Debating Union. The team last year, consisting of Misses Josephine Harrison, Ollie Marie Robertson, Marjorie Taylor, and Mr. Clyde Griffin debated Belhaven here and Pantego High School at Pantego, winning the negative side at Pantego by a unanimous decision. The affirmative lost here by only one vote. The members of the team for this year are the same as last, excepting Miss Viola Grimes, who is taking the place of Clyde Griffin. The negative side of the query, "Resolved, That America Should Join the World Court," will be upheld against the Scotland Neck team there; the affirmative side will be supported here against the negative team from Weldon High School. The local affirmative speakers will be Misses Josephine Harrison, Ollie Marie Robertson, and the negative Misses Marjorie Taylor and Viola Grimes. The speakers have been working on their respective speeches for 10 days, and from all indications they are planning to put up a fair forensic contest. Besides all members of the two local teams being experienced debaters, each one is showing interest and a willingness to work hard. The date of the debate has been set for April 5.

JAMESVILLE WINS OVER AULANDER

First Game in Championship Series Played Here Saturday Night

Jamesville's high school basketball team made a successful step toward the finals in the State basketball championship series last Saturday night when it defeated the strong Aulander five in the Brick Warehouse here, 10 to 6. It was the first game to be played by the two teams in the series. Aulander is now out of the race and Jamesville will meet Woodland here tomorrow night in the second of the series of games.

The Saturday night game was marked by close guarding on the part of members of both teams, and was hotly contested from that angle.

Tomorrow night's game will attract a great deal of interest, as Woodland is said to have an exceptionally good team.

Heavy Ford Shipments To Eastern Dealers

Ford shipments to dealers in Eastern Carolina during the past few weeks have been unusually heavy, necessitating the use of special boats to handle the cars. Four boat loads were landed at the wharf here last week for distribution among Eastern Carolina dealers. The cars are shipped from the branch of the Ford Motor Co., and practically all shipments billed for this section are handled over the Norfolk, Baltimore & Carolina Boat Line.

Many of the dealers have a few cars on hand now for the first time since the new Model A made its appearance.

Clothing Specialist To Be Here Tomorrow

Miss Willie Hunter, clothing specialist from State College, will spend tomorrow morning in the county. Miss Hunter will be here only a short while, going on to Edenton where she is to conduct a leaders' school in clothing with Miss Laura Hasebaker, agent of Chowan county.

HIGHWAYS IN UPPER PART OF COUNTY IN VERY BAD CONDITION

LAST MEETING OF TEACHERS HELD HERE SATURDAY

Weather and Bad Roads Responsible for Poor Attendance

AROUND 40 PRESENT

L. H. Davis and Supt. R. A. Pope Are Principal Speakers at Final Meeting Of Current School Year

The sixth and last meeting of the Martin County teachers for the 1928-29 term was held here last Saturday afternoon with hardly more than 40 present, the weather and roads making it impossible for a large number to attend the last assembly of the school year. In the absence of Professor D. N. Hix, the association's president, Mr. R. A. Pope, county superintendent, presided at the meeting Saturday.

The small amount of reading done by the average teacher was pointed out to be an inexcusable shortcoming by L. H. Davis, principal of the local school, who was asked by the chair to make a few remarks concerning the teaching profession. The teacher's work is too much of a routine, Mr. Davis stated, and once her work is carried on in that manner the inspiration to do outstanding things was lost. In bringing an end to such routine work the school man stated, "If a teacher could enough professional reading, it would create an interest in reading, and this would soon change from passive to active interest." The speaker continued by saying that the average teacher lacked a professional spirit, and that this spirit could be had by reading. That one should fail as a cause of overzealousness was pointed out as preferred by Mr. Davis rather than failure caused by laziness.

The reading program advanced by the local school principal was endorsed by Superintendent Pope, who stated that too many formalities in the school system were crushing the personalities of the teachers. Mr. Pope also pointed out that the modern interpretation of teaching was guidance, that the books used should be adjusted to this aspect, both physically and mentally. "Supervision in the right spirit helps the teacher find herself," the superintendent continued. The study of child psychology will aid the teacher in her difficulties, declare Mr. Pope, who suggested that the teachers consider such a subject.

The preparation of reports by all the principals of the 6-months schools was called to the attention of the general meeting. Mr. Pope urging the various school heads to report the material and equipment now held by the schools. The principals were also requested to see that the trucks were properly housed at the close of the six-months schools until next fall.

Before the work of the assembly was brought to a close for the year, the superintendent inquired if all the studies could be completed in the various groups, and upon assurance that the day would furnish ample time to bring the programs to a close, the general meetings for the term were ended when the teachers assembled in their respective groups for reading circle work.

Local Boys and Girls Win in Double-Header

Playing here last Friday night, the local boys' and girls' basketball teams added two more victories to their already long lists of victories, the girls defeating those of Everetts 28 to 13 and the boys winning over Beaufort's five 40 to 22.

Both games were well played, and vigorously contested by all the teams. The schedule of play for the locals this week has not been announced at this time, and it is not known at this time whether or not any games will be played before next week.

Minstrel at Bear Grass School Friday Night

Members of Bear Grass' best home talent cast will appear in a minstrel in the school auditorium there next Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock, according to an announcement made here today. Special work has been carried on in the minstrel's preparation, and a splendid performance is assured.

The proceeds of the show are to be used for the benefit of Holy Trinity Mission, it was stated. While it was not definitely announced, those in charge of the staging of the minstrel are considering carrying it to Hamilton Tuesday of next week.

2 BOYS SLIGHTLY HURT IN WRECK SUNDAY NIGHT

Accident Occurs on River Hill When Two Cars Collide

DRIVER IS ARRESTED

Roy Pritchard and Humphrey Gillam, of Windsor, To Be Tried for Reckless Driving

Roy Pritchard and Humphrey Gillam, young white boys, of Windsor, were slightly injured when they turned their car, a Ford touring, over on the river hill here shortly after 7 o'clock Sunday evening. Young Gillam was cut on the knee, but not badly, while Pritchard, the driver of the car, was unhurt.

The two boys were coming into town when they ran their car into another driven by a colored man, whose name was not learned, causing their own to turn over. No serious damage resulted, either to the cars or occupants, so the car was turned back on its wheels, and the boys started for their homes. They had not reached the bottom of the hill on their return trip, however, before young Pritchard ran the Ford down the left embankment and stuck it tightly.

The noise attracted the attention of Sheriff Roebuck, who lives near the scene of the wreck, and he went out to investigate the happenings. The negro was questioned and later released. Young Gillam stated he was riding with Pritchard and before he hardly knew it they had run into the rear end of the negro man's car and turned their own over. He further stated that they turned the car back on its wheels and started for home when Pritchard ran it off the hill into the ditch.

The Pritchard boy was said to have been drinking and was in no condition to drive a car. While young Gillam was said to have been sober, both were held under a charge of reckless driving. Bond was arranged, and the case was called for trial today before Judge Bailey in the recorder's court here. It is understood the case was continued at the request of the defendants' attorney until next Tuesday.

KITCHENS AGAIN BEING SCORED

Nine Contestants Waiting To Have Kitchens Scored

The scoring of kitchens in Martin County's kitchen contest is being continued today by Misses Smith and Sleeper, demonstration agents. There are nine contestants waiting to have their kitchens scored for the first time, and since these contestants represent several sections of the county, it is doubtful if the agents will complete their work today. Miss Smith was unable to return to the county last Friday, but she expects to remain here until the work of scoring all the kitchens is completed.

Prizes to be awarded in the contest are now being collected by the agent and a number have already been received. Miss Sleeper states that mayonnaise mixing sets, Wesson oil, a book, "Feeding the Family"; a slow cutter, measuring cups and spoons have already been contributed by various companies in several parts of the county. Miss Sleeper stated that the local bank will offer a nice prize, and that several local merchants will add to the list of prizes. With all these prizes before them, the contestants are expected to enter into a lively race for first place in the contest.

A pedometer, measuring the distance one walks, will be used by two or three of the contestants during the campaign. Simple as it is, the pedometer will add greatly to the value of the "Better Kitchen Campaign" by checking the work of the housewife carried on in and around the kitchen. The contest is attracting much attention among the housewives, and is signalled out to be one of the outstanding features in home demonstration work in this county.

Hearing on Plymouth Bridge on Thursday

Plymouth, Feb. 18.—Postponement of the meeting at Raleigh with the State Highway Commission relative to the proposal of the series of bridges to span Roanoke, Middle and Cashie rivers and Broad Creek and a causeway linking the bridges together thus connecting Bertie and Washington counties from Tuesday of this week until Thursday, February 21, was announced here today by Vance Norman, president of the local chamber of commerce. Mr. Norman received a letter today from highway officials notifying him of the change in date. No reason was given for the change in the date. Plans had been made by the local commercialists and others to begin the journey to Raleigh early Tuesday morning.

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