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BETTER KITCHEN CONTEST PRIZES ARE AWARDED

Mrs. Lee Hardison, of Holly Springs, Is Winner of First Prize

20 PRIZES AWARDED

All Contestants Here Today for Meeting; Visiting Kitchens This Afternoon

The first contest in the four-year better kitchens campaign in this county was brought to a close today with a county-wide meet held in the Woman Club rooms here. Miss Lora E. Sleeper, the county's home agent, had planned for the contestants and others interested in the work an appropriate program, one that was very instructive and well received by the large number attending the meeting.

Just before the luncheon, prizes were awarded the winners by Mayor R. L. Coburn, Mrs. Lee Hardison, of Holly Springs, receiving first place in the contest was given \$16, donated by the Farmers and Merchants Bank here. Mrs. C. H. Ange, of Ange Town, was second and received a pressure cooker. A kitchen table with a white enamel top, donated by B. S. Courtney, was awarded Mrs. C. J. Daniel, as a third prize in the contest. Seventeen prizes in addition to the specials were awarded other contestants.

This afternoon the party is visiting several of the kitchens in Robersonville, Sandy Ridge and Jamesville to note the improvements made during the better kitchen contest started two months ago.

SMALLER SALES OF POULTRY

Loadings Here This Week 50 Per Cent Smaller Than Before

Running a fourth car of the season here this week, County Agent T. B. Brandon in cooperation with the State Bureau of Markets, has practically made possible the disposal of surplus poultry in this section. While no official reports have been made at this time, it is understood that the deliveries made here last Tuesday and Wednesday were smaller by half than former ones, indicating that the surplus stock has been sold here.

This has been one of the best years for poultry shipments in this section, and it is believed that the growers will gradually increase their flocks in the future for sale at the cars.

Program of Services At Baptist Church

The pastor will preach Sunday evening at 8 o'clock on the text "Remember Jesus Christ."

A special meeting of church workers is being called to meet at the church Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of setting up a Baptist Young People's Union in our church. Any member of the church interested in young people's work is asked to be present.

Sunday school meets as usual Sunday morning; but because of the commencement sermon there will be no morning preaching service in this church.

The pastor and church welcomes, with pleasure, all the people recently coming into our community, and will be pleased to see those so inclined in attendance upon the services of this church.

Locals Lose to Jamesville Wednesday; Score, 8-0

Playing a return game with the Jamesville baseball team here Wednesday afternoon, the local nine lost 8 to 0, after defeating the Jamesville lads in a game played here last Friday, 21 to 5. The locals are scheduled to play Scotland Neck a return game here this afternoon.

Vocational Rehabilitation Work in Martin County

AGENT EXPLAINS OBJECT OF WORK

Persons Physically Handicapped Are Assisted in Obtaining Work

SIX CASES IN COUNTY

Small Number of Cases in Martin Due To Fact That There Is No Full-Time Health or Welfare Officer

While vocational rehabilitation goes by practically unnoticed by the masses it is accomplishing a marked good in practically every county of the State, according to a review of the work furnished by C. N. Cobb, who was here yesterday in the interest of the work. Apparently satisfied with the conditions as they are, the people of this county have taken very little interest in rehabilitation work, but even then a number of cases have been handled in the county by the department and gradually the cases are being brought before and handled by the rehabilitation department, Mr. Cobb stated.

Mr. Cobb pointed out that his department is working with six cases in Martin County at the present time, two of which were examined yesterday. It was his opinion that the small number of cases brought to the attention of the department is the result of no all-time welfare or health agent. In those counties where the movement is aided by all-time welfare agents and doctors, Rotary and various other clubs, the work is more extensive, he said.

County Superintendent R. A. Pope, who heads the welfare work in this county, has reported practically all the cases that have been placed before the vocational department. His duties as school head make it impossible for him to give much time to welfare work, and with no other active agency rehabilitation goes forward slowly in the county.

Mr. Cobb, in explaining the purpose, methods of work, and other details stated:

"It is the purpose of vocational rehabilitation to render physically handicapped persons fit to engage in occupations which will make them self-supporting, thereby creating happiness and contentment among those individuals and families affected, reducing the number of those seeking charity, lowering county and State expenses for public charges, and checking social agitation and distress through proper social and economic methods.

Vocational rehabilitation consists of three phases—advisement, training, and placement. The disabled person is counseled in the selection of a desirable vocation; then given training for the occupation selected and agreed upon in such a manner that the trainee may later use the information gained to follow his chosen vocation; and upon the completion of his training every effort is made to place the rehabilitant in satisfactory employment. The placement in employment is followed up with careful, systematic regard for the ultimate success of the rehabilitation program.

"To be eligible for rehabilitation one must:

1. Have a physical defect or infirmity, whether constitutional or acquired by accident, injury, or disease.
2. Be totally or partially incapacitated for remunerative occupation.
3. Reasonably be expected to be fit to engage in a remunerative occupation after completing a rehabilitation course.

"4. Be 16 years of age or over. There is no upper age limit so long as rehabilitation is feasible.

"5. Have been a bona fide resident of the State of North Carolina at the time the disability was incurred, or have lived in the State at least one year prior to time of making application for aid.

Mr. Cobb concluded by saying that any one can materially aid this great movement by reporting any disabled man or woman in the community to R. A. Pope, welfare officer.

Joint Federal and State funds are available for defraying instructional expenses. These expenses include tuition, which may be either institutional or tutorial, and supplies, which may include books, laboratory fees, and any necessary individual equipment not furnished by the institution or shop giving training.

The General Assembly of North Carolina has made available a small appropriation for defraying the actual living expenses, for a limited period while in training, of those persons who have no other means of support.

Congressman Abernethy To Make Radio Address

Congressman Charles L. Abernethy, of the Third Congressional District, has accepted an invitation to make a farm address over the radio tomorrow night. Farmers and others interested will tune in on station WJSV at 8 o'clock.

22 CASES CALLED BY RECORDER

Despite Large Number of Cases, Work Completed By Noon

Convening here last Tuesday for the first time since April 9, the recorder's court called 22 cases, and by the noon hour it had completed the work and closed for the day. The special term of superior court caused Recorder Bailey and Solicitor Peel to suspend business for two weeks, and gave rise to the large number of cases.

The proceedings: A motion for a jury trial in the case charging John Browning with reckless driving was made, and upon granting the request the court continued the cause one week.

The case of J. I. Britton, charged with reckless driving, was heard and continued. The prosecuting witness was taxed with the costs when he failed to appear.

A nol pro resulted in the case charging Joe Hopkins with passing a worthless check.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with driving an automobile while he was intoxicated, Louis Basnight was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs. A four-months suspended road sentence was meted out and his license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for a period of 12 months.

Upon the recommendation of the prosecuting attorney A. L. Pierce escaped with a 12-months suspended jail sentence when he pleaded guilty of violating the liquor laws.

John Hollis and Bailey Richenberry pleaded not guilty to a charge of operating a car while intoxicated and the illegal possession of liquor. Hollis was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs. Richenberry failed to prove his innocence to the possession charge. Each was fined \$25 and taxed with one-half the costs.

Charged with reckless driving, John Roberson entered a plea of not guilty, the court finding that he was guilty of driving with improper lights. Judgment was suspended.

Lorenzo Austin, pleading guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, was given a 90-days suspended road sentence. The cases charging Mattie Jones with assault and Owen Jones with disorderly conduct were remanded to the mayor of Oak City.

The abandonment charge against Herbert Reaves was continued until next June.

Emily Pittman failed to face the charge of assault and capias was issued.

Prayer for judgment in the case charging Walter Stokes with abandonment was continued until December.

A nol pro resulted in the case charging Herman Reason with assault.

Capias was issued in the case against Condie Dolberry when he failed to answer for trial.

Bill Bullock, pleading guilty to a charge of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor, was fined \$75 and taxed with the costs. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for a period of six months.

Willie Taylor was sentenced to the Edgecombe County roads for a period of 90 days when he was found guilty of operating an automobile while intoxicated. Taylor entered a plea of not guilty, the evidence failing to support his plea.

Robert Edmonds and Charlie Ben McKeel waived examination and were placed under \$200 bonds for their appearance at the next term of superior court here in the case charging them with larceny and receiving.

A nol pro was returned in the case charging Council Vick with assault.

Jesse Williams pleaded guilty in the case charging him with driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor and was fined \$50. His license to operate a car was revoked for a period of six months.

Joseph Mayo failed to answer the charge of disturbing a religious worship. Capias was issued.

Henry Outlaw, pleading guilty of reckless driving, was required to pay \$25.35 damage to J. G. Troutman, prosecuting witness in the case. Judgment was suspended.

Seine Fishermen Making Large Catches on River

Interrupted by high waters, seine fishermen on the Roanoke have been given permission to carry on their work until the 11th of May, it was learned from Warden Hines today. According to the regular season's schedule, the fisheries were to cease operations today.

Large catches at the fisheries in and near Jamesville were reported today. Very few shad or rock are being caught, but the seines are taking the herring by the thousands.

FINAL EXERCISES AT SCHOOL HERE BEGIN SUNDAY

Rev. E. H. Craighill Will Preach Annual Sermon in Methodist Church

PLAY IS POSTPONED

Absence of Light Fixtures in New Auditorium Causes Postponement To Wednesday Night

With Rev. E. H. Craighill, Episcopal minister of Rocky Mount, preaching, the first of the local school commencement exercises will be held in the Methodist church Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. Special arrangements for the service has been made, according to the principal, Mr. L. H. Davis. The seniors will attend in a body and Mrs. Harper Holliday and the school glee club will furnish the music.

The senior class play, "The Four Flushers" scheduled for showing tonight has been postponed until next Wednesday evening, light fixtures failing to arrive in time for installation for the performance tonight. The new \$900 curtain has been hung and the 750 seats are in place ready for use. Special efforts are being made for the installation of the light fixtures, and while it is not certain that this work will be fully completed at once, the officials are of the opinion that there will be no further delay in the regular commencement program.

Friday afternoon the grammar grade children will appear in a May festival from 5 to 7 o'clock on the old school grounds. The term will be brought to a close Friday evening with an address by Mr. W. O. Saunders, Elizabeth City publisher.

TORNADO KILLS 19 IN VIRGINIA

Strong Winds Damage Telephone and Light Lines in Eastern Carolina

A tornado sweeping down the Nottchucky Valley yesterday shortly after the noon hour wrecked the Rye Cove, Va., consolidated school, killed 19 children, injured seven so critically that physicians do not expect them to recover and caused more or less serious injuries to 90 or 100 more.

The tornado struck about a half mile down the valley from the school, overturned several automobiles and took the roofs from several houses before ripping the two-story frame school house asunder, strewn the wreckage over a distance of several hundred yards. Some of the children were blown a hundred feet from the building while others were buried in the debris.

Fatalities were reported in certain parts of Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida.

A spring blizzard swept the Middle Western States, leaving a blanket of snow from three to six inches deep in Missouri and Illinois.

In Eastern Carolina a heavy damage resulted from strong winds to telephone and electric light wires, but no personal injury was suffered. The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company reported trouble on its lines in the New Bern, Greenville and Roper sections.

The light service was interrupted here about midnight, but repairs were made immediately and service was restored within an hour or two in all parts of the town.

A drop in temperature and a cold wind brought out regular winter coats here yesterday.

R. G. L. Edwards Speaks At Kiwanis Luncheon

Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, Plymouth minister, addressed the Kiwanis meeting here last Wednesday, basing his talk on a simple but very important question, "Where are you going?"

The Plymouth clergyman stressed the point that not only should the club ask itself this question, but every individual should do the same and then work out a proper answer. One answer pointed out by Mr. Edwards was, "living a life of service to ourselves and others." He stated that one of the mistakes man is making is the taking of short cuts in life, which he declared, too often lead men into unsafe paths.

Episcopal Rector in Columbus Hospital

Confined in a Columbus, Ohio, hospital, the Rev. A. H. Marshall, rector of the local Episcopal church, will not reach home in time to hold services here Sunday, it was stated in a letter received from Mrs. Marshall yesterday. While it was not stated that the minister will reach home within the next day or two, it is hoped he will be here in time to hold regular services the following Sunday.

FORESTRY WORK COST TO COUNTY WOULD BE SMALL

Appropriation Asked for Is Less Than 1-2 Cent Per Acre of Woodland

FIRE DAMAGE GREAT

District Forester Says County Loses Yearly Many Times Cost of Protection

The Division of Forestry of the Department of Conservation and Development in endeavoring to have the commissioners of Martin County sign a contract for the protection of forest lands in Martin County from fire, but whether this will be carried before the board of commissioners at its meeting Monday is not known at this time. According to L. C. Carter, district forester, this contract calls for an annual appropriation of only \$700 to be held in the county treasury and be available for this work. A like amount will be appropriated by the State and held in the State treasury. As the forest wardens are organized in Martin County and the work carried on the forest wardens so selected will be paid on an hourly basis for the work done by the State, and at the end of each month an itemized statement of such costs will be sent to the county commissioners and the State will be reimbursed by the county for one-half of these costs. The total cost to the county for the year is not to exceed the \$700 appropriated, and if the actual cost is less than this amount such balance as is left will remain in the county treasury.

Mr. Carter further stated that there is little doubt but that Martin County suffers, either directly or indirectly, a loss from forest fires each year many times that of the cost of forest protection. Many of the 198,732 acres of forest land in Martin County are producing only a small percentage of what they are capable of producing, due to the recurrence every few years of forest fire that harden the trees, destroy the natural fertilizer in the pine straw and leaves and slow down the growth of the trees from two to five years.

There are also many acres of waste land that would produce a crop of timber if the young trees were given a chance to grow instead of being periodically wiped out by fire. Then there are acres of forest lands that are seemingly covered with trees, but that show no growth due to the recurring fires.

The cost per acre of forest protection in Martin County will amount to approximately 35-100 of a cent per acre of forest land. In view of the fact that many of the large, progressive lumber companies of North Carolina are listing their lands for forest protection at 1 cent per acre and considering it a good business policy to do so, it would seem to be worth while for Martin County to protect its lands at a cost of less than half of this.

NOTED LAWYER IS VISITOR HERE

A. Mitchell Palmer, Former Attorney General, Here Wednesday

Had it not been for his sending a telegram from the local station here Wednesday, Hon. A. Mitchell Palmer would have been looked upon by local citizens as another rich tourist traveling north after a stay in Florida. Once his identity was learned, news of the notable's presence rapidly spread about the town and the citizens viewed him with much pleasure.

After sending several telegrams, the former Attorney General in Woodrow Wilson's cabinet bought a coco cola at C. O. Moore's and spent half an hour or more viewing the town.

Mr. Mitchell was at one time alien property custodian and was mentioned as a possible candidate for the Presidency in 1924.

Traveling in a big Rolls Royce, the former Attorney General left about 3:30 in the afternoon for Norfolk. After a night's stay there he left for Richmond, continuing from that city he goes through the Shenandoah Valley to his home in Pennsylvania.

Many See Art Exhibit In School Building Here

Many of the local people of the community examining the 150 art masterpieces on display in the new school building this week are greatly impressed with the reproductions of the old masters of the French, Italian, Flemish, English, Dutch, Spanish, German and American schools. The exhibit brought here for the benefit of the public school picture fund was opened early this week and will be closed early next week.

During the week the children have been assigned periods when they would view the pictures and make a study of them. This has proved very satisfactory and the exhibit, as a whole, has been very successful.

Soon Begin Work On New Warehouse

FIRE DESTROYS STORAGE HOUSE

2,000 Bags of Peanuts Go Up in Smoke; Estimated Loss, \$12,000

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Gurganus Peanut company's warehouse on Pearl and Railroad streets and two thousand bags of peanuts here early this morning, it being the second large blaze the town has experienced within the past few months. The damage is estimated at about \$12,000 with insurance partly covering the loss.

The alarm was phoned in shortly before three o'clock, the flames apparently having gained much headway when discovered. The company responded hurriedly and started two streams of water on the burning structure, but efforts to save the building or a part of its contents proved useless. The flames reached a box car loaded with peanuts, and while the goobers were practically ruined, damage to the car was limited to around \$200.

With a high west wind fanning the flames, large sparks fell for blocks around threatening the Sinclair oil tanks just across the street and houses nearby. Pumping two streams of water on the fire for more than two hours, firemen confined the flames to the one building and prevented a possible spread that would have swept the entire railroad siding district.

The building, a wooden structure, contained 2,000 bags of peanuts, 650 of that number belonging to Roberson and Peel; 500 bags to H. H. Cowley and the remainder to L. H. Gurganus and Brother, insurance covering, in part, this loss.

CLEAN-UP WEEK REPORTS MADE

303 Reports Are Turned In; 189 By Colored People; 114 By Whites

The success of the clean up and paint up campaign underway here last week was established yesterday when Mr. J. C. Anderson, general chairman tabulated 303 signed reports and stated that an extensive work had been carried on during the week. Sponsored by the Woman's club, the campaign is declared to be one of the most successful ever attempted here, and accomplished much in bettering the looks of the town and general health conditions.

The citizens of the town cooperated splendidly in the movement, the colored people making 189 reports and the whites 114. In addition to the work mentioned in the reports, a number of trash burners were purchased and practically all of the town's back lots were cleaned. The reports filed today follow:

White
Cleaned—alley lots 4, back yards 77, front yards 70, vacant lots 1, house gutters 1, porches 20, garages 9, furnaces 2. Painted and decorated—houses 1, porches 1, fences 1, walls 1. Planted—flower boxes, 54, flower gardens 9, vegetable gardens 17. Miscellaneous—rubbish piles burned 94, insect breeding places destroyed 4, rats killed 35, fences repaired 3, porches and steps repaired 1, roof repaired 1, water faucet leaks repaired 1, ash cans emptied 10, refuse cans provided 10, old signs removed, shrubbery trimmed 3, trees trimmed 3.

Colored
Cleaned—Alley lots 2, back yards 93, front yards 91, vacant lots 3, house gutters 3, porches 20, garages 3. Painted and decorated—floors 2, woodwork 8, porches 1, fences 1, out-buildings 1, screens 1, walls 9. Planted—flower boxes 28, flower gardens 11, vegetable gardens 30, shrubbery 37. Miscellaneous—rubbish piles burned 53, insect breeding places destroyed 6, rats killed 47, fences repaired 8, screens repaired 2, refuse cans disinfected 1, old signs removed 14, shrubbery trimmed 1, trees trimmed 21.

Town Election Will Be Held Tuesday

With so little interest in the town election next Tuesday, it is feared that the pollholders and judges of election will even forget to report for duty at 8:00 o'clock that morning. No new names were added to the registration while the books were open last week. As far as it is known now, there will be only one ticket, the one carrying the convention nominees, Robert L. Coburn for mayor and Messrs. G. H. Harrison, C. O. Moore, L. P. Lindsay, W. T. Meadows, and N. C. Green for commissioners.

COST WILL BE ABOUT \$16,000

Will Be Incorporated As Planters Warehouse Company

APPLY FOR CHARTER

Company Understood To Have Offer Of \$2,000 For First Year's Lease

With the preliminary plans complete, work will be started on the Planters Warehouse here within a very short time, according to reports announced at a meeting of representative citizens of the town and community here last Tuesday evening. Arrangements for incorporating the Planters Warehouse Company were made at the meeting and several committees were appointed and authorized to make building investigations and attend to other details that might arise.

The house will be erected on the old Brick Warehouse lot and will cost approximately \$16,000, according to figures advanced at the meeting Tuesday. Building arrangements have not been completed at this time, but the committee in charge of that work is giving the matter immediate attention, and it is believed that actual operations will be put underway around the middle of this month. Messrs. G. H. Harrison, J. K. Staton, Jim King, S. C. Griffin and G. W. Blount were named on the building committee to lease the contract and to handle other business in connection with the leasing of the house.

The Planters Warehouse Company will be capitalized at \$15,000 to \$25,000, Messrs. A. R. Dunning, G. H. Harrison, and R. L. Coburn having been appointed to handle that particular work. Papers have been prepared and a charter applied for.

While no official announcement as to leasing the house has been made at this time, it is understood that an application has been made by out-of-town tobacco men offering \$2,000 for the use of the building the first year. The building committee was also appointed to handle that part of the business, no contracts having been signed however, at this time.

Colored School Finals Begin Sunday Afternoon

The first of the local colored school commencement exercises will be held in the courthouse here Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock when Professor Charles S. Morris, Jr., head of the English department in the Virginia State College, Petersburg, delivers an address. Professor Morris is a very young man, but during the past few years he has done a splendid work for Negro education, and has been seated out as an orator of note. Seats will be reserved for white people and Professor Hayes of the local school is extending a cordial invitation to all to attend.

The second of the colored school exercises will be held Wednesday night in the courthouse, the seventh grades, followed by the presentation that time. Thursday night the term will be brought to a close by a comic operetta by the 8th, 9th and 10th grade appearing in an operetta at of certificates.

County Commissioners To Take Up Listing Monday

While nothing authentic has been reported at this time, it is believed that the county commissioners will have a busy session when they meet here next Monday in regular session. Methods of tax listing will be up for discussion, the list takers and Tax Supervisor John D. Lally meeting with the commissioners early in the day to receive instructions for carrying on the work this year.

United States Is Nation Of Seventh Graders

Washington, D. C.—The average number of years of school life in the United States is 6.92.

A decade ago we were a nation of sixth graders. We have made progress since that time. Now we are a nation of seventh graders. Some States definitely have come out of the grammar school. Massachusetts, Utah, New Jersey, Maine, and a few other States seem to have reached high school.

Some States are still fourth graders. The Southern States since 1870 have had to build a school system from the ground up for a large percentage of their population. As a result, most of these States on the average give their children only four or five years of schooling.

WATTS THEATRE
Saturday May 4
BOB CUSTER
in
"The Manhat Cowboy"
Also COMEDY and SERIAL
Monday-Tuesday May 6-7
LON CHANEY
in
"WEST OF ZANZIBAR"
NEWS and FABLES
Shows at 7:15 and 9 P. M. Daily
MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE