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## OPENING PRICES AROUND 12 CENTS

### Breaks Much Smaller Than Usual on All Markets; 165,000 Pounds Here

#### 648 ENROLLED IN LOCAL SCHOOLS ON OPENING DAY

Establish New High Record for Opening Day Attendance

#### 183 IN HIGH SCHOOL

Grammar School Building Is Again Crowded With Total Enrollment Of 465 Yesterday

Six hundred and forty-eight children, 183 high school pupils and 465 elementary and primary scholars, enrolled in the various grades here yesterday, establishing a new high record in the school's opening day attendance. From early morning until 10 o'clock, the children gathered at the two buildings, coming from all parts of the township. Practically every grade reported an increased attendance, and in several crowded conditions resulted.

In the primary grades, the enrollment reached the peak, forcing a number of the little tots into the basement, a necessary condition that was deplored during the past two years. With 183 students enrolled in the high school the first day and approximately 15 more expected to enter within the week, conditions there will make an additional teacher necessary, it was stated by Principal Wm. R. Watson yesterday afternoon.

The first of the opening exercises were held in the new high school auditorium at 9 o'clock, Rev. C. H. Dickey conducting the devotional service. Mayor R. L. Coburn welcomed the pupils and teachers in a short talk, and W. C. Manning, representing the Kiwanis Club, spoke a few words of welcome on behalf of that organization. At 11 o'clock, the 465 young Americans assembled in the grammar school auditorium for their exercises. Rev. Arthur H. Marshall, of the local Episcopal Church, led in the worship. Professor Watson made a few statements as to the general regulations, adding that the school will start the day's sessions at 8:30, recess for lunch at 12:08, enter the afternoon session at 1:05, and close the day at 3:28. Following the opening exercises the children were registered in their respective rooms and instructed as to the purchase of books. Today the children settled down to work, the teachers and principal forecasting a successful work during the 1929-30 term.

#### OAK CITY SCHOOL OPENED MONDAY

85 Enrolled in High School, 302 in Elementary Department

Oak City, Sept. 2.—The Oak City school opened today with one of the largest enrollments in the history of the school. More patrons, more pupils, and more visitors attended the opening than ever before and many talks were made by interested patrons. The interest seems to be great, indicating a successful year for the school. Good roads and the splendid cooperative spirit are big factors for the progress of any school, the principal stated.

Rev. George Leggett of the local Baptist church, conducted the devotional exercises in the school auditorium, beginning at ten a. m. Mr. J. A. Everett, secretary of the local school board, gave the address of welcome. In closing his talk, he explained why the Oak City school did not receive but \$166.68 from the last equalization fund, the amount being distributed upon the valuation and certified cost. Oak City or the township having a high valuation and a low cost, gave it the small amount while some of sister schools received as high as \$2,000 and over because possibly of high cost and low valuation. Each teacher responded with a few remarks relative to the year's work.

**WATTS THEATRE**

WEDNESDAY - SEPT. 4

**TIM MCCOY**

in

**SIoux BLOOD**

Also Comedy and Serial

**THE PIRATE OF PANAMA**

Thursday-Friday Sept. 5-6

**"MANHATTAN COCKTAIL"**

with

Nancy Carroll, Richard Arlen and Paul Lukas

Also News Reel and Comedy

MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE

#### 1,993 Children Enrolled at Opening of Six Schools of Martin County Yesterday

#### Kiwanis To Meet Again Wednesday

The local Kiwanis Club will hold its first luncheon in several weeks at the Woman's Club hall tomorrow at 12:30, according to an announcement made today by the organization's president. An appropriate program is being arranged for the meeting, and all members are urged to attend.

#### REGULAR MEET OF TOWN BOARD

#### 10 Citizens Ask Removal of Wooden Building Next to Tar Heel Apartments

Meeting in their regular session here, the town commissioners last night brought the business of the office up to date, handling and disposing of all matters brought before the body. Pointing it out as a nuisance and a fire trap, ten tenants in the Tar Heel Apartment Building petitioned the board for the removal of the automobile storage house, an old wooden building, located to the side of the apartments. It was stated by the tenants' representative that the old wooden structure, termed an "eyesore," was proving costly in insurance premiums, and was a source of danger for those living next to the fire-trap. The commissioners promised an investigation as to the possible removal of the structure.

The condition of a lease from the county to the town for the river warehouses were discussed at length, the commissioners ordering the lease to be placed in the proper channels.

Learning that Bruce Payton, a Washington Negro, had run rough-shod over them by opening a pool room here without permission, the commissioners frowned upon the action and ordered the town attorney to start proceedings in an effort to oust the unwelcome visitor. Payton appeared before the board on two occasions, asking permission to open a pool parlor, but the commissioners, after discussing the matter, refused to grant the request.

#### Warren Girl Returned Here for Trial Today

Arrested in this county with Archie Lee last Thursday night and turned over to Pitt County authorities the following morning, Lessie Warren, young Pitt County girl, was returned here Saturday to face certain charges in the county's court today. Lee, her partner, was retained in Greenville to answer to a charge of manufacturing liquor. Following his trial there he will, it is understood, be turned over to Martin authorities to answer charges originating in this county when he and the pretty Warren girl posed as man and wife near Dardens.

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Professor F. M. Tucker, superintendent of Scotland High School, made a very impressive and appropriate address. He spoke from five topics, emphasizing the fifth, that is reading the Bible and belief in God. The enrollment runs near the 400 mark, eighty-five enrolled in the high school and 302 in the grades. From truck reports, several families were not ready to enter their children but they will have them in by next week. We assume by the time all children have entered, the anticipated attendance goal will have been reached. Principal H. M. Ainsley stated in discussing the opening.

The splendid spirit of patrons and friends and the over-zealous attitude of the senior class of 18 pupils all promise to make the 1929-30 term a very successful one.

#### ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED TO BE LARGER LATER

#### Two or Three Schools Report Smaller Enrollments Than Last Year

#### OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK

Opening of the Larger Schools Is Characterized by Spirit of Cooperation

Vacation days for at least 1,993 of Martin County's white children were brought to a close yesterday morning when six of the twenty-one white schools opened their doors for the 1929-30 session. In long lines, the children, ranging in age from five and a fraction to eighteen years, or possibly more, filed into the eight buildings to mark one of the greatest openings of the county's schools ever recorded in its history. And there is no doubt but that the opening of these several schools would have been even more marked had the less fortunate ones been able to turn from their compelling tasks and chores on the farm. Two or three of the schools reported small decreases in their opening enrollments yesterday as compared with registrations on opening day last year. The reports carried, however, expressed hopes for a change in the conditions within the next few days and increased attendance.

A spirit of cooperation and an optimistic outlook characterized practically every opening yesterday, and it is with all earnestness the 1,993 children enter the year's work to take advantage of the large expenditures made for them by township, county, and State.

#### COMMISSIONERS MEET MONDAY

#### In Session All Day; Minor Matters Comprise Bulk of Business

The absence of major problems featured the regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners held here yesterday. While the commissioners were in session a greater part of the day, they gave their time mainly to the handling of routine duties, disposing of a few minor matters placed before the body. Chester Felton Davis was permitted to enter the school for the deaf and dumb at Morganton. Phillip Williams and wife were allowed \$4 per month, the amount to be charged to the county's poor account.

The list of J. A. Gardner, jr. was corrected when it was learned that he was charged with 75 acres of land when he only had 50 acres, the change reducing the amount \$250. James A. Davis was allowed the sum of \$5 per month, that amount to be charged to the indigent account. (The \$70,000 bond of E. S. Peel, collector of insolvent taxes, was approved and ordered filed.)

An order was passed authorizing the treasurer to borrow \$25,000 if necessary, in anticipation of tax collections.

The audit of the county's books was reviewed and the board passed on the insolvent tax list of Sheriff Roebuck. The amount, \$892.80, was regarded as very small considering the apparent scarcity of money during the year.

#### Colored Schools Opened Under Severe Handicaps

While several of the schools opening in this county yesterday reported crowded conditions, a climax to the situation was noticed in the report rendered by E. J. Hayes, principal of the local colored schools. With an enrollment of 390 the first day, and an expected increase in the number later, the colored school is being handled in three rooms, exactly 160 to the room. The Love and Charity Hall furnishes two rooms, while a large number of the children are housed in the Primitive Baptist church. If the colored principal can teach his under studies to attend lodge and church, under these conditions, it was pointed out, he will have accomplished something.

#### COUNTY TO GET TOTAL OF 43 VOTING BOOTHS

#### Board of Elections Meets Here and Completes Order Monday

#### WILLIAMSTON GETS 10

Booths Are Required by New Election Law Passed by Last Legislature; One for Every 100 Voters

Meeting here yesterday morning, the Martin County Board of Elections placed an order for 43 voting booths to be used in the eleven precincts throughout the district. The purchase of the booths is made in compliance with the recent law passed by the State legislature creating the Australian ballot. The booths will be delivered here in time for the June, 1930, primaries. Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the board, stated.

Required to provide one booth for each 100 qualified voters, the members of the board of elections were greatly puzzled in determining the number of voters in the county's eleven voting precincts. In one or two townships the registrations are twenty-five years old, making an accurate check of the number of voters impossible, it was pointed out. Where those conditions prevailed, the authorities estimated the number, allowing a certain percentage for those who have either died or moved out of the district. According to the books turned over the board of elections by the registrars in the several precincts, there are approximately 5,300 qualified voters in the county. The Robersonville precinct books were not available for a count yesterday, and the number there was estimated. Decreasing the number by 20 per cent, the board is providing to accommodate 4,300 people at the next primary.

#### SCHOOL OPENS AT EVERETTS

#### 175 Pupils Enrolled at Beginning of Term Monday Morning

Enrolling 175 pupils, the Everetts school opened the 1929-30 term yesterday with the parents, children and teachers showing a marked interest in the year's work just ahead. The number of parents attending the opening exercises was larger than that recorded at any opening in the past there, indicating a splendid cooperation in running the school.

#### SCHOOL OPENS AT JAMESVILLE

#### Enrollment is 92 in High School and 225 in Lower Grades

Jamesville, Sept. 2.—The Jamesville school opened this morning with a large enrollment and a brilliant outlook for the year. The first grade had the largest, 51 present and 9 others enrolled. The elementary school enrolled 225, and the high school had 92. The enrollment is expected to go far above this mark by the end of the first month.

Those teaching in the school for the first time are: Miss Eva Mae Scott, of Arapahoe; Miss Elizabeth Cromar, of Garland; and Miss Fannie Latham Martin, of Jamesville.

The morning exercise presented a very brief program. After the singing of two songs by the school, Rev. W. B. Harrington conducted the devotional exercises and brought in interesting facts about school and public cooperation. The announcements were made by Principal A. L. Pollock after a short talk regarding community cooperation and child benefits; the contrast being made in discord and child losses. The school is expecting good year, although crowded conditions will, unless relieved, badly handicap the progress of the school.

#### REPORTS VARY ON THE DIFFERENT MARKETS AS TO QUALITY OF WEED; PRICES ABOUT SAME AS LAST YEAR

#### DR. H. B. YORK DIES FRIDAY

#### Was One of County's Most Prominent Physicians; Funeral Saturday

Hugh Brantley York, one of the county's most prominent physicians, died at his home here on Simmons Avenue last Friday afternoon, following a ten-day illness. Taken suddenly ill on Tuesday of the week before, he developed pneumonia a few days later, that disease being the ultimate cause of his death. Interment was made in the local cemetery last Saturday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. Forty-seven years old last June, Dr. York was born in Battleboro, the son of John W. York and wife, Mary Gilliam Bernard York. After attending the county schools of Nash, he studied at Trinity Park, Durham, later going to the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore where he was graduated in 1906. Receiving his M. D. degree at that institution, he located here following his intern work, specializing in x-ray treatment and carrying on a general practice. During the past several months he was in poor health and confined his work to office practice mainly.

In May, 1912, he was married to Miss Kate M. Blount, of this place, who, with three children, Hugh Blount York, jr., Katherine Gainer York, and Brantley Bernard York, survives. He also leaves one brother, John W. York, of Georgia, and three sisters, Mrs. J. M. Oakley, of Williamston, and Mesdames Wiley Bunting and Cicero Bryan, of Portsmouth.

During the World's War, he was made a first lieutenant in the army reserve corps, continuing in that capacity until his death. He joined the Methodist Church in early manhood. Vernon D. Taylor, of Washington, Dr. Ward, of Robersonville, J. E. Smithwick, of Jamesville, C. J. Sawyer, of Windsor, and Jos. H. Saunders, James Rhodes and Wm. E. Warren, of this place, served as honorary pallbearers. The active pallbearers included Wheeler Martin, John Rodgers, Henry Harrison, Burras Critcher Collins Peel and P. H. Brown.

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#### Young Girl Being Held In County Jail Here

Without a mother or father or even immediate friends to turn to, a young Pitt County girl is being held in the jail here pending an investigation now under way in that county in a case charging her with concealing child birth. The girl, who is about 21 years of age, was placed in the jail here last Friday following an indictment made by a Pitt County grand jury. Tear after tear rolls down her cheeks as she views her present surroundings, and her embarrassment is great and very marked. No official information could be gained here, and the details in the case are now being investigated, it is understood. That the girl has been offered her freedom until the next term of Pitt Superior court under a \$2,000 bond could not be established as a truth here.

#### Paving Program Is Practically Complete

The paving program adopted by the town several weeks ago, is practically completed with the exception of a few yards of sidewalks in the various sections of the town. The widening of Main Street is practically finished and will not interfere greatly with traffic next week.

#### SCHOOLS OPEN IN ROBERSONVILLE

#### Definite Figures on Enrollment Are Not Yet Available

With a large number of the officials, patrons and visitors taking part in the exercises, the Robersonville schools opened the 1929-30 session yesterday morning with 481 pupils unofficially reported enrolled in the various grades.

The elementary exercises were held in the old building, Rev. L. C. Brothers, of the Baptist church there, conducting the devotional service and addressing briefly the assembly. Following the introduction of teachers, the pupils repaired to the respective rooms where texts were named and the work was outlined. Opening their first term in the new high school building there, the school officials prepared appropriate talks and exercises. Rev. C. B. Mashburn, of the Christian Church, conducted the devotional and offered useful advice to parents, teachers and children. Mr. S. T. Everett, president of the parent-teacher organization there, Dr. V. A. Ward, Mr. G. H. Cox, chairman of the school board, and E. S. Peel made short talks before the parents, teachers and children assembled.

The working organizations in the two schools there were effected at a meeting of the faculty last Saturday, and it is with earnestness that the pupils and teachers set out to make the 1929-30 term one of the best ever.

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#### FALSE ALARM THIS MORNING

#### Believed To Have Been Set Off Unintentionally by Group of Small Boys

Firemen were baffled and the attention of townspeople and hundreds of visitors was turned, for a few minutes, from the tobacco opening here this morning when a false fire alarm was turned in by one of a group of small boys inspecting the fire station and casually testing the alarm controls. The main apparatus was temporarily placed in a garage until workmen could concrete in front of the fire station. Upon leaving the garage the truck driver was instructed to continue out Houghton street. After the firemen aired out for a few minutes and had led a parade formed by many automobiles and a number of people afoot, the source of the alarm was checked and the truck was called in.

According to a statement made by Chief of Police Daniel, several small boys from the country were watching the workmen in front of the fire station and happened to go in to examine things in there. It was not believed that the boys willfully sounded the alarm and the matter was dropped.

#### Angle Parking on Both Sides Main Street Now

Hardly before the widening of the Main Street is completed, the parking system was automatically changed on the thoroughfare. Cars are now parked at 45-degree angles on each side of the street, where heretofore they were parked parallel on the north side and at the angle on the south curb. The change was automatic in that no ordinance was passed by the town board of commissioners.

#### LEAF IS MUCH LIGHTER THAN LAST SEASON

#### Prices Range From 3 To 30 Cents On Market Here

#### FARMERS DEPRESSED

Greenville Market Reports Million Pounds Today Against Million And Half Last Year

Farmers selling tobacco on the floors of Eastern Carolina warehouses today faced low prices, causing a down-trodden spirit to prevail in thousands of homes throughout the entire section. According to estimated reports received from several of the markets at noon today, the price received by the growers today will average around 12 cents per pound. A decrease in poundage was reported by a number of warehouses, and the quality varies as to sections, it is understood. The condition of the offerings is said to be much better than was the case on the opening day last year, and the average price is about the same as it was last season, it is believed.

The warehouses here, it is estimated, carry 160,000 pounds of the golden weed, a decrease of approximately 100,000 pounds as compared with the poundage on the floors opening day last year. Estimates offered by growers vary, many stating, however, that the market up until noon had averaged between ten and fifteen cents per pound. According to an official check made on several hundred piles sold, the average was a fraction over 12 cents per pound. While the price might vary as the sale goes forward, it is believed that the final average will be near the 12-cent mark. The quality is said to be fair by some, others stating that it is poorer than it was last year, and still others stating that it is better than it was last season.

#### PARMELE SCHOOL ENROLLS 85 PUPILS OPENING DAY

Opening the 1929-30 term yesterday, the Parmele school reported a slight decrease in its opening attendance. Principal L. B. Wynne stating that many children are being held at home to assist in farm work. The enrollment, 85, yesterday will undoubtedly be increased within the next few days, according to the school's leader.

#### Play At Farm Life School Building Friday Night

The Washington Collegiate Institute will present its commencement play of this year at the Farm Life school next Friday night, according to an announcement made today. The play, "Whose Little Bride Are You?" is a farce-comedy, and was successfully staged at the Institute commencement last May. It will be repeated in Washington next Tuesday, it was stated.

Those who saw the play at the commencement were highly pleased with the performance and many are planning to see it again, according to those who have the play in charge. There is not a single comedy role in the entire cast, and yet the piece is marked for its fun and amusing situations from beginning to end.