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## EVERETTS PLANS COMMUNITY FAIR ON NOVEMBER 11

Is Sponsored by Parents-Teachers Association And School

## SEVERAL WILL SPEAK

Congressman John H. Kerr and G. A. Cardwell Are Main Speakers On Program

The Everetts Parent-Teacher Association and the school are busily engaged this week in preparing for a community fair to be held in the school building there next Monday afternoon and evening. Present indications point to a successful event, the people of the community cooperating fully in the fair's preparation.

The program, starting with the viewing of the exhibits at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, includes the names of several widely known speakers and agriculturists. At 4 in the afternoon, Mr. G. A. Cardwell, agricultural agent for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, will deliver an agricultural address. Mr. Cardwell is well acquainted with farming conditions and methods found in the Southern States, and his talk will, no doubt, be of marked value, especially to the farmers.

Following supper, served by the parent-teacher association, a representative of State College will deliver an address having to do with livestock raising.

At 8:15, Congressman John H. Kerr, of Warrenton, will deliver an Armistice Day address. While Mr. Kerr represents the second congressional district, he is a near neighbor, and is well known throughout this section.

Strictly a community planned and a community prepared event, the fair is offering \$22.50 in cash prizes, and it is understood that many articles will be on exhibit.

## JURY LIST FOR DECEMBER TERM

Session Will Begin 9th of December, Continuing Two Weeks

The selection of a jury list by the county commissioners in session here yesterday brings the number to two, one list having been drawn October 2 for the civil term convening here the 18th of this month, and the other yesterday for the December term, beginning the 9th of that month. The term this month, continuing two weeks, will handle civil cases only.

Jamesville Township: G. H. Mizelle, C. W. Mizelle, F. W. Holliday. Williams: P. E. Manning, Clyde Roberson.

Griffins: Geo. E. Peel, jr., W. G. Hardison, N. W. Bissell, Lewis H. Peel, Allen Griffin, S. E. Manning, Geo. P. Roberson.

Bear Grass: Jos. L. Holliday. Williamston: W. L. Taylor, W. J. Keel, Harry A. Biggs, A. S. Roberson.

Cross Roads: George C. James, H. L. Roebuck, Elisha Jones, Willie Roberson, G. H. Forbes.

Robersonville: L. L. Crisp, Geo. P. Bullock, H. A. Jenkins, Jasper Johnson, H. L. Everett, H. C. Norman, Joseph Roberson.

Hamilton: K. B. Etheridge, M. O. Besch, G. R. Haislip.

Goose Nest: W. O. Council, A. P. Hyman, Joe Harrell, and W. D. Smith.

## Robersonville To Play Edenton This Friday

Defeating Vanceboro's eleven last Friday afternoon by a 31 to 0 score, the Robersonville football squad is now following a heavy practice schedule, preparing for the strong Edenton eleven this Friday. The game, promising to be one of the best of the season, will be played on the Robersonville field at 3 o'clock, according to an announcement made last evening by Coach Ira T. Ainsley.

## Autoist Runs Into Toll House on Chowan Bridge

The small toll house on the Chowan bridge was said to have been torn from its foundation and the keeper, Mr. J. H. Cobb, badly hurt about the head last Sunday afternoon when Lafayette King, colored minister of New Bern, ran his car into the toll office.

King, who is out under a \$500 bond, stated that the brakes on his car failed to work and that he hit the toll office to avoid crashing into another car. The cash register was knocked several yards down the highway and completely demolished, according to reports received here.

## College Girls' Program Pleases Church Audience

Sunday at the Memorial Baptist church a group of young college women, from Chowan College, delighted the large congregation with their musical numbers.

## 275 Taxpayers Pay Total of \$75,000 to Martin County During Month of October

### EXPECT EQUAL NUMBER TO PAY IN NOVEMBER

1-2 of 1 Per Cent Discount Allowed on Taxes Paid This Month

### DISCOUNT ENDS DEC. 1

Taxes Will Be Payable At Par During December and January; Many Will Have To Pay Penalty

Tax collections in this county during the month of October furnish interesting facts resulting from the recently passed law allowing discounts and imposing penalties. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck made a second turn over to the treasurer here this morning amounting to \$57,088.05, bringing the total paid to the treasurer to \$74,520.51.

Of the approximately 8,000 taxpayers in Martin County, 275 of them took advantage of the 1 per cent discount. It is reasonable to believe that 275 additional taxpayers will take advantage of the 1-2 of 1 per cent discount now in force before the month is over. The amount will be far less than that so far received. Many accounts will be settled in December and January, when the taxes carry neither a discount nor a penalty. When the penalty is first presented, it is roughly estimated that around one-half the taxes will have been paid. Where the county has already allowed \$752.73 in discounts and will allow a little more during this month, it will, it is believed, receive that sum and over in penalties that are to be imposed during February, March, April, and May. The 275 taxpayers reaped the advantage in the form of a discount while a large percentage of the remaining 7,725 is going to be faced with a 1, 2, 3, and even a 4 per cent penalty.

A review of the collections shows that the Griffins-Township is making the best record, 69 of its taxpayers having paid \$4,100.99. Fifty-three in Williamston Township have paid \$45,249.39, that amount including the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad taxes, which will be proportionately distributed to several of the townships. Seven citizens in Poplar Point have paid \$99.96. Collections in other townships vary from \$1,500 to \$3,700.

## ROBERSONVILLE HAS BIG BLAZE

Price and Taylor Tobacco Warehouse Completely Destroyed

Fire, its origin unknown, completely and rapidly destroyed the Price and Taylor tobacco warehouse, Robersonville, last night, the flames razing the building in a little over an hour's time after the fire was discovered. A favorable wind and wet weather saved the town a more serious loss.

Starting to the rear, the fire rapidly spread to all parts of the building, large volumes of smoke pouring from windows and doors when the alarm was sounded, it was stated. The Robersonville volunteer firemen made a hurried call, but the flames had gained too much headway to be checked.

Fearing that the fire might spread and cause a greater loss of property, citizens called for help from neighboring towns, the fire companies at Washington, Greenville and Williamston each sending out apparatus. None of the emergency equipment was used as the Robersonville company held the flames to the one structure.

## John Sawyer Investigated By Sanity Commission

John Sawyer, convicted in the superior court here last September for the murder of John J. Britton last July, is being investigated by a State sanity commission, according to reports reaching here. Sawyer was to have been electrocuted last Friday, as appeal staying the sentence. While his appeal is pending, the sanity commission is investigating the man's mental condition.

## Town Commissioners Call Off Meeting to Go To Fire

The meeting of the town commissioners had hardly gotten underway here last evening when the fire company was summoned out, the officials postponing the scheduled business to witness the fire at Robersonville. It is understood that the officials will meet in a call session, some time this week.

## RESUME OF WORK DONE BY WOMAN'S CLUB PAST YEAR

Club Has Excellent Report Submitted at Recent District Meeting

## TOTAL OF 65 MEMBERS

Sponsorship of Tuberculosis Clinic and Clean-Up Campaign Are Two Outstanding Features

Reporting their activities during the past club year at a recent meeting of the fifteenth district of women's clubs, the local unit was highly commended for its work during the period. The report follows:

"With a membership of 65, the Woman's Club of Williamston conducts its work through the efforts of five departments and 10 committees. There have been some additions to the roll, but we have been unfortunate in having to lose some of our members, for various reasons, consequently our membership remains about the same. Average attendance at regular meetings is about 30.

"The regular meetings are held each month on the fourth Thursday, in our club rooms. All work on our newly acquired property has been delayed on account of the work of building a street which approaches the property. However, evergreens have been planted on the lawn of our present quarters. The club rooms are used often, and for various occasions.

"Our club has contributed to the Sallie Southall Cotton loan fund, the Near East Relief, the Boy Scouts, two patients who were sent to Sanatorium for treatment, besides many charity cases.

"The Woman's Club has done several outstanding pieces of work this year, one being the Tuberculosis Clinic, which the club sponsored for all the children of school age in the Williamston School district. There were 48 children entered for examination, 55 X-ray pictures made, and only two children were found who needed treatment.

"Another outstanding piece of work was the presentation of a beautiful curtain with all necessary stage equipment to the high school building in Williamston. The cost of this amounted to \$1,000, all of which has been paid, with the exception of \$150.

"Our club unanimously endorsed the Kellogg Multilateral treaty outlawing war, we observed Shubert Week, also Better English Week and Better Homes Week.

"We had the Wake Forest Band for a concert.

"The club is still serving Kiwanis luncheons, giving dances and bridge parties for the purpose of making money, and at present there is a play, 'Hi-Ha!', in rehearsal to be presented by the club on the 24th of this month.

"Our club was represented at the State convention by two delegates. This convention met in Charlotte. There are 20 members of the club who have received the Bulletin for the past year. Our State and district dues have been paid. We are carrying 5 shares of building and loan stock. During the ten-day-adeon clinic, which was held in Williamston, the members served lunches to the parents of the children who were entered for treatment and gave every possible aid.

"Another worthy undertaking was the clean-up campaign put on by the club. This was for the whole town and lasted the whole week, beginning on Monday with a parade of all the school children. The members of the club had made posters and these had been placed in conspicuous places, and the cooperation through the entire week was very gratifying. Many of the town's people bought trash burners as a result of this campaign. This campaign was put on during Better Homes Week, and during the time many of the lawns and private premises were improved.

"While we might have made greater strides in the year-gone-by, we have been whole-hearted in our aims and purposes, and the year ahead is bright with promise for the Woman's Club of Williamston.

"Mrs. J. H. Saunders, president; Mrs. W. B. Watts, secretary; Mrs. W. H. Biggs, treasurer."

## 25 on Honor Roll at Farm Life School

Twenty-five students of the Farm Life School made the honor roll during the first month, as follows:

First grade, B: Levaughn Hardison, Lida Smithwick, Lucy Clary.

First grade, B: Ida Corey.

Second grade: Mittie Brown Manning, Bettie Louise Lilly.

Third grade: Sarah Getsinger, Joseph Peele, Noah Hardison.

Fourth grade: Eria Ruth Corey, Mamie Clyde Manning, Annie Getsinger, Eva Manning, John B. Roberson, Marjorie Daniel.

Fifth grade: Jay Daniel, James Peele, Emma Blanche Colerain.

Sixth grade: Beulah Roberson, Thelma Clyde Colerain, Daisy Roberson.

Seventh grade: Louise Manning.

Eighth grade: Verona Roberson.

Tenth grade: Albert Colerain, Archie Colerain.

## School Teachers and Pupils Are Guests of Fair Today

FULL SCHEDULE TO BE IN EFFECT THIS AFTERNOON

## Bad Weather Yesterday Causes Delay in Placing Of Exhibits

## BIG MIDWAY IS OPEN

Horse Racing and Fireworks Tonight Are Main Features

Overcoming handicaps caused by a steady downpour of rain yesterday, the eighth annual Roanoke fair opened here this morning with a bright sun overhead and with hundreds of bright faces representing the dozen or more schools in the county. It is school day and the numbers of fair and show employees worked untrudgingly yesterday and late last night to have the amusements ready for the kiddies today.

Rapidly the shows and rides were being opened today, the managers stating that a full schedule would be in effect this afternoon despite the obstacles caused by rain and a muddy field. Tons of sawdust and shavings are being placed on the midway, and the exhibits are pouring into the halls. Several well-planned and prepared booths were practically complete in the main building this morning, and work is going forward rapidly on other exhibits. Once the departments are straightened out, and it is believed they will be completed today, indications point to a successful fair.

The W. T. Stone shows, with over twenty shows and rides will hold sway on the midway all week. Such tented amusements as the House of Wonders, athletic arena, Oriental revue, Hawaiian paradise, Ko-Ko-Mo, Circus Side Show, Stone's Old Plantation, Congress of Fat Folks, Law and Outlaw and numerous others. In the garden of rides will be found the tilt-a-whirl, whip, chair, Ferris wheel, pony racers, merry-go-round and the kiddie rides, baby carousel and seaplanes. Mr. Stone has made every possible effort to give the Roanoke fair its best midway. "Nothing to offend the most skeptical of amusement seekers will be offered and every attendant will be found the most courteous to come in contact with," he stated.

The free acts, it was stated by the fair's manager this morning comprise the best seen at the big state fairs and the racing will bring together the most experienced and capable racers and drivers in the East this season. Friday and Saturday will be featured with 'sanctioned' A. A. A. races bringing daring and thrilling drivers of the dirt tracks.

It was pointed out that the racers participating in these events are all record holders and veterans of auto racing. The season which began in the New England fairs this summer will come to a close here and drivers who raced at all the big Eastern fairs are anxious to settle the supremacy of the track here. It is stated that Bob Robinson holds the world championship title as a dirt track driver. Some of the boys participating in the finals here have broken Robinson's record and are anxious to meet him in these finals. Many of the drivers who will race here are said to be millionaire drivers who race for the thrills and titles gained on the track only.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETS MONDAY

County Board Rules Schools Must Maintain 6-Hour Schedule

In session here yesterday, the Martin County Board of Education centered its work on routine matters, very few other problems confronting the body. One of two committees were appointed for colored schools, the board members spending a part of their time examining reports.

Library aid was granted the Everetts and Williamston schools, the county allowing \$50 to each. This allowance is matched with two others, one raised by some school organization or the teachers and pupils, and the second by the State. The total sum for each school, \$150, will be used in the purchase of books.

According to the minutes of the meeting, every school in the county must maintain at least a six-hour schedule. Heretofore, the six-hour schedule has been required, but 5 or 10 minute deviations are said to have been made in some of the schools. In the future, statements prepared by the individual school principal and certified by the local committee will be necessary before salaries will be paid, it was stated by the board officials.

## BAND CONCERT PLEASES CROWD

Program by Higgins' Cadet Band Sunday Is Well Received

## County Board Meets Monday

To Turn County Prisoners Over to Edgemont Without Pay

Frank F. Higgins and his Cadet Band, with Mr. Holden as master of ceremonies, entertained the hundreds in the grand stand at the Fair grounds here Sunday afternoon. The same musical organization will maintain its standard in music of popular and classic selections every afternoon and night throughout the week, also playing for the big program of free acts, which takes place twice daily in front of the grand stand.

This evening, at 7:30, the band will render the following program:

March: "Atlanta."

Overture: "Poet and Peasant."

Vocal, "Pagan Love Song," by Maude Maury Laurence.

Waltz: "Marie."

Fox trot: "Louise."

Characteristic: "Trombonium," by Frank Higgins.

Fox trot: "I Get the Blues When It Rains."

Finale: March, "Faust."

## LAUD EDITORIAL STAND OF PAPERS

Enterprise One of Several Papers Mentioned in Resolutions

The Enterprise is in receipt of the following resolutions, which were recently adopted by the Norfolk-Portsmouth Typographical Union:

"Whereas, there has occurred in North Carolina an unpleasant condition of affairs brought about by failure of understanding or failure to seek an understanding between employer and employee, with the result that law has been disregarded and citizens done to death; and

"Whereas, the Raleigh News and Observer, Greensboro News, Winston-Salem Journal, Williamston Enterprise, Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, and many other newspapers in North Carolina and Virginia have editorially shown a fair attitude toward the matter by demanding equal justice be given to all.

"Therefore, be it resolved that the Norfolk-Portsmouth Typographical Union, in interest of all labor, hereby express its appreciation to said newspapers for their efforts in behalf of impartiality and justice.

"H. F. Furlow, Ed. F. Grace, H. T. Hux, Committee."

## District Teachers to Meet Friday of Next Week

A district meeting of all the school teachers in Eastern Carolina will be held in Elizabeth City Friday of next week, according to an announcement made in the office of the superintendent here yesterday.

In connection with the announcement, it was stated that the schools will not close before the regular closing hour that day, that teachers desiring to attend shall hire substitutes to fill their places during the day.

These district meetings have been largely attended by Martin County teachers during the past two years, and probably a goodly number will again take part in the meeting.

## Program of Roanoke Fair For Thursday and Friday

Thursday, November 7, 1929

8:00 a. m.—Gates open, with W. T. Stone Shows on the midway. All departments and exhibit halls open.

1:00 p. m.—Band concert by Higgins' Band in grand stand.

1:30 p. m.—Races called. Two harness races and a 1-2 mile dash running race. Greatest program of free acts ever offered in this section between the races.

7:30 p. m.—Band concert in the grand stand; also full program of free acts will be presented.

9:00 p. m.—Fireworks display. Midway will remain open until midnight.

Friday, November 8, 1929

8:00 a. m.—Gates and midway open. All departments and exhibit halls will be open for inspection.

12:30 p. m.—Band concert in the grand stand by Frank F. Higgins' Washington Cadet Band, assisted by Maude Maury Lawrence, lyric soprano, in characteristic songs.

1:30 p. m.—Automobile races called. The races are sanctioned by the Contest Board of the American Automobile Association and feature some of the world's greatest dirt-track drivers in seven sensational speed-events. Free acts program will be presented between the races.

7:30 p. m.—Band concert by Higgins' Cadet Band. Full program of free acts will be presented in front of the grand stand.

9:00 p. m.—Fireworks display. Midway will remain open until midnight.

There Will Be a Full Program Presented Saturday, Featured by the Automobile Races

**WATTS THEATRE**

Wednesday November 6

**'BUDDY ROOSEVELT**

in "The Devil's Power"

Also COMEDY and SERIAL

Thursday-Friday, Nov. 7-8

**JOHN BARRYMORE**

in "TEMPEST"

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