

EHRINGHAUS IS MAIN SPEAKER AT FINALS HERE

Thirty Youthful Graduates Complete Their Work In Local School

Thirty seniors, completing their work in the local high school, were urged to build up a reserve of physical, intellectual, and moral strength by the Hon. J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of Elizabeth City, in his address bringing to a close the 1930-31 school term here last Friday evening. A fair-sized audience gathered to hear Mr. Ehringhaus and see the 41 seventh-grade pupils and the 30 seniors receive their certificates and diplomas.

Mr. Ehringhaus, introduced by Judge Clayton Moore, pointed out the word "strength" as one of the most complete in the English language, and after defining the word he developed it from three phases. "We refer to strength often in the physical sense, but that isn't a measure of man," the speaker declared. In the second phase Mr. Ehringhaus stated that intellectual strength was a wonderful thing, that it enables man to reason with the infinite, but that is not a measure of man within itself, he declared.

There is another element vitally necessary to determine the man, and that is moral strength. It can not be defined, but it is something that makes us discontent with our unworthy acts," the Elizabeth City attorney stated. "It's the extra mile that we go with our brother and the way we respond to unforfeitable things that count," he continued.

In explaining the reserves necessary for one who would succeed, the speaker stated that sacrifices would be necessary, that one must live in deeds and not in years. And, in conclusion, Mr. Ehringhaus stated that one must cultivate all three phases to be successful, referring to the moral phase as the most important to cultivate.

The graduating class was one of the largest ever sent out from the local school, seven of the pupils receiving certificates for work completed, and 23 others receiving their diplomas. In distributing the certificates and diplomas, Principal Watson announced that Reginald Simpson had led the class with eighteen units to his credit.

A review of the work done by the seniors during their high school training was made, the school establishing the senior class honor roll. The following names were signalled out in evidence of the efficient scholastic work done by the pupils during the time, Joseph Griffin, Joseph Gurkin, Wheeler Martin Manning, Reginald Simpson, Janie Frances Bowen, Edith Peel, Thelma Mae Peel, and Mary Clyde Williams.

Little Jim Critcher was awarded honors for his faithful services rendered the graduating class as mascot.

POISON LIQUOR BELIEVED CAUSE OF MAN'S DEATH

Will Haislip Found Dead In Poplar Point Last Saturday Morning

Will Haislip, 60-year-old white man, was found dead along the roadside in Poplar Point last Saturday morning, a coroner's jury advancing the belief that he was killed by poison liquor. No arrests have been made in connection with the man's death, it was learned from the sheriff's office here yesterday.

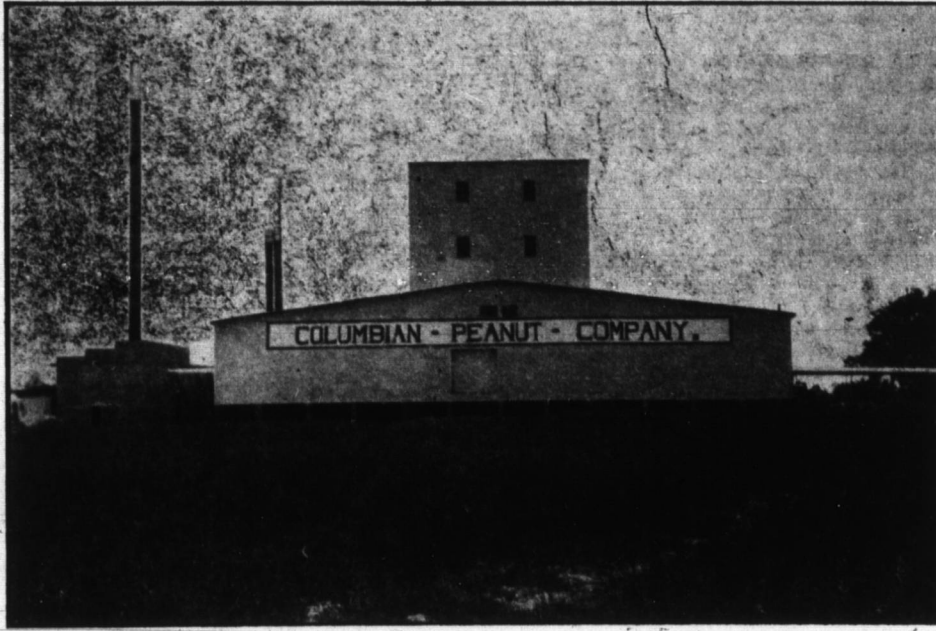
According to information received here, Haislip left the home of a man named Scott, with whom he lived at Poplar Point Landing on Roanoke River, Friday shortly after the noon hour, to visit his sister, who lived on the Hamilton road a few miles away. It was learned that Haislip stopped at the home of a negro along the road. Later that afternoon Harry Girvin was traveling the road and saw Haislip lying a few feet away in a field on the T. B. Slade farm. Thinking that the man was drunk and asleep, Girvin passed by. Saturday morning, Girvin traveled the road again and found the man had not moved. He investigated and found that Haislip had died several hours before. Officers were notified, and the following jury was empaneled: John S. Ayers, Fred Silverthorne, Henry Grivine, Will Baker, and J. H. Roebuck. In their investigation, the jurors found no evidence of foul play, concluding that the man died from drinking poison liquor.

Haislip had never married. He is survived by one brother, David Haislip, and one sister, Mrs. Nancy Pritchard. Burial was in Poplar Point Saturday afternoon.

Opens New Barbershop In Gurganus Building

Mr. C. E. Jenkins has opened a new barbershop in the Gurganus building adjoining the five- and ten-cent store on Main Street.

WILLIAMSTON FACTORY OF THE COLUMBIAN PEANUT COMPANY



Construction work now underway on a new storage warehouse, 64 by 112 feet, will make the plant of the Columbia Peanut Company here one of the largest of the 19 units in the Columbian system. The new storage unit, when completed, will house approximately 25,000 bags of unshelled peanuts, giving the unit here a storage capacity of nearly 100,000 bags.

County Ballot Boxes Ordered Impounded

BALLOTS IN TWO DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN REMOVED

Chairman S. Peel Collects Ballot Boxes In Ten County Precincts

Under Federal orders, election officials in this county last week gathered and impounded the ballot boxes from the several precincts, pending further developments in the George M. Pritchard and J. W. Bailey senatorial election contest. The orders were served on Clerk of Superior Court R. J. Peel and Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections last week, or more than six months after the election was held last November.

The contest, waged by Mr. Pritchard, is lightly looked upon, and it is almost certain that an investigation will not change the election outcome. It has been unofficially stated, however, that the contest was started in an effort to disclose unfair election tactics. The plaintiffs in the case have been criticized for waiting so long to contest the election, as many of the election officials, thinking the returns were to be accepted, have disposed of the ballots.

Chairman Peel collected the boxes in 10 of the 12 precincts, the ballots in the other two having been destroyed. In the two precincts, Bear Grass and Williams, where the ballots were not available, Bailey polled 170 votes and Pritchard polled 8 votes. In several other precincts, the ballots were thrown together and placed in one box.

The returns reported in the Bailey-Pritchard contest in this county November 4, 1930, are as follows:

Precinct	Bailey	Pritchard
Jamesville	211	6
Williams	61	1
Griffins	128	1
Bear Grass	109	7
Williamston	391	19
Cross Roads	151	0
Robersonville	327	12
Gold Point	62	1
Poplar Point	48	0
Hamilton	70	4
Hassell	69	2
Goose Nest	109	3
Totals	1,736	56

FORMER CITIZEN IS BARGE MASTER

Mr. C. W. Keith Brings Up Large Shipment of Landplaster

Mr. C. W. Keith, who opened the Atlantic Hotel here 25 years ago and managed it for many years, returned here this week as captain of a barge plying the waters of the Chesapeake and connecting tributaries. He brought in a cargo of landplaster weighing 950 tons. Mr. Keith for a number of years was clerk on the steamer "Plymouth" and feels very much at home on the water again after operating the hotel here and farming for a number of years.

Accompanied by his wife, Mr. Keith will leave within a week or two for New York with a barge load of cross-ties. The ties will be loaded by R. S. Critcher and Sons and are scheduled for delivery to a railroad company in New York State.

SHOOTING LANDS NEGRO IN JAIL

Aaron Biggs Fires at Isaac Keys and Strikes Small Colored Girl, Sunday

Aaron Biggs, colored man of Darlens, was arrested at his home there last Sunday afternoon by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Chief W. B. Daniel for an assault with a deadly weapon. He gets a hearing before Judge Bailey here today.

Biggs, said to have been drinking about the time he made the assault, had quarreled with Isaac Keys, a colored neighbor, supposedly over their wives. Enraged, Biggs went to Keys' home and threatened to kill him with an axe. Unable to reach Keys with the axe, Biggs returned to his home for his shot gun. With the weapon, he again visited the Keys home and fired at Keys, missing him and hitting the 11-year-old girl of Will Smith, who was visiting at the Keys home at the time. The shot was small and hardly more than pierced the girl's clothes. Two or three lodged in the skin, but the wounds were not serious.

PASTEUR TREATMENT GIVEN TWO

Boy and Woman Attacked by Animals In County Last Friday

Lawrence Gay, young white boy of Griffins Township, bitten by a dog last Friday, and Anna Mason, colored woman of near here, bitten by a cat the same day, are taking the Pasteur treatment here to prevent the possible development of rabies. And even though the treatment is a very painful one, the two patients arrive here early each morning and eagerly await an additional injection.

The dog bite is not considered serious, but physicians advised the treatment to insure safety to the young boy. The dog was infuriated at the time and attacked Gay as he walked along the road, it was stated here. Mr. James L. Coltrane, owner of the dog, is keeping the animal penned that any change in the dog's actions might be noticed.

Investigating the cat bite, Dr. J. H. Saunders advised immediate precautionary steps be taken in an effort to save the life of the Mason woman. The head of the cat was carried to Raleigh, where experts were of the opinion that the animal had been mad three or four days before it attacked the woman. The cat attacking the woman is believed to have attacked the other cats on the lot, and all were disposed of except one, and that one could not be found.

Ford Caravan Parades Streets at 2:30 Today

The Ford Commercial Caravan, 12 trucks displaying the various types of bodies, arrived here from Robersonville shortly after the noon hour today for a public demonstration this afternoon. At 2:30, the caravan will parade the principal streets of the town, later returning to Washington Street where individual demonstrations will be continued.

STORAGE HOUSE BEING ADDED TO PEANUT PLANT

Columbian Plant Here One of the Most Modern In Entire Peanut Belt

Construction work on the Columbian Peanut Company's new storage warehouse here was started last Friday, when workmen prepared the foundation for the 64 by 112 feet structure that will house approximately 25,000 bags of farmers' peanuts. The plant, one of the 19 operated by the Columbian company, will be one of the largest of the group at the completion of the additional storage unit, it is understood. With a milling capacity of more than 1,000 bags daily, the plant and its warehouses will have storage space of nearly 100,000 bags of peanuts upon the completion of the new unit now under construction.

Plant operations were temporarily suspended last Friday, when the stock was exhausted, and the workmen were transferred from the mill to the construction work. Yesterday the plant had only a few bags of farmer's stock, but recent purchases have been made by the company buyer, Mr. A. Hassell, and Manager Pritchard, and mill operations will again be resumed for a while within the next few weeks, Mr. Pritchard stated yesterday.

The new storage unit, facing the Jamesville road, will be connected to the main plant by a platform. While construction work is progressing very rapidly on the storage house, Mr. Pritchard stated that there would probably be a delay in completing the building, as the men would be transferred back to the factory when sufficient stock was secured to warrant operations there. However, the new unit would be completed during the early months of the summer, it was stated.

Cleaned and shelled stock is moving very slowly to the markets at the present time, Mr. Pritchard stated, leaving large stocks on hand for future shipments. The plant, one of the most modern in the entire peanut belt, has handled thousands of bags of peanuts since it was put in operation here last year, and it has been of marked value in the economic life of the town and community during the past few months.

Fire Company Answers Call Sunday Morning

The local fire company was called out Sunday morning shortly before eleven o'clock, when fire started in the home of Ed Hardison on Church Street. Woodwork in the house caught fire when sparks fell from a burning chimney into the attic of the house. The damage was negligible. There was some confusion when the call was given, and the company circled a block before the firemen learned that it was the Hardison home owned by Mrs. Lucy Godard.

The call was the first recorded this month.

New Frigidaire Called Advanced Refrigerator

What is the advanced refrigerator? You will find the answer to this question in the local showroom of B. S. Courtney, where the latest Frigidaire, finished in pure white porcelain on steel inside and out, are on display at the annual spring showing. If you are contemplating the purchase of an electric refrigerator you will want to see what advanced refrigeration really means. You will have many surprises at this spring showing. You are cordially invited to visit during this week.

REVALUATION ORDERED TO PROCEED IN COUNTY

Dental Clinics for Children of County Scheduled This Month

Completes Work In Three Schools And Comes Here Tomorrow for Three-Days Stay; Children Urged To Take Advantage of Free Examinations

Dr. D. W. Dudley, State school dentist, will conduct a three-day clinic in the local school beginning tomorrow, it was announced by the superintendent of schools' office here yesterday. All children in this district between the ages of 6 and 13 years are urged to visit the clinic for the treatment, which is offered without cost to the pupils.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week, the dentist goes to Robersonville to conduct a clinic there for the children of the Robersonville district. Next Thursday and Friday and Monday of the following week the dentist will locate in the school building at Hamilton. He will go from Hamilton to Oak City Tuesday, May 26, and complete his work in the county on the 28th.

Dr. Dudley has visited the schools in Jamesville, Griffins, and Bear Grass Townships, and has examined and treated many children who had defective teeth. Yesterday he went to Everett, and he is completing his work there this afternoon. The work is a part of the State Board of Health field work and much value is derived from the clinics. This is the second one that has been conducted in this county, Dr. Butler having examined and treated hundreds of children throughout the county several years ago.

TAX SUPERVISOR SLADE IS URGING PROMPT ACTION

Assessors Asked To Consider Fertility of Soil and Types of Buildings

The revaluation of all real estate in the county was ordered through Tax Supervisor T. B. Slade yesterday. The listing of all properties is practically completed, but with one or two exceptions, listing was handled without an attempt to revalue properties other than that coming under the personal heading.

It is understood that the assessors will meet with the list-takers and study the property descriptions made at the time the property was given in for taxation.

Supervisor Slade is urging that the work be done immediately in an effort to prevent possible delay in completing the books for the annual levy later on. His letter sent out this week follows:

"This is to advise you to confer with the assessors of your township as early as possible and proceed with the revaluation of real estate.

"Please bear in mind that you should equalize values as nearly as possible; taking into consideration location, fertility, and the type and condition of buildings.

"It is the opinion of the board that the total reduction of real estate in each township should not exceed 25 per cent. This does not mean, however, that you should make a horizontal reduction of 20 or 25 per cent on each individual piece of real estate, but that this is meant for a basis to work from. Some to be increased in value, some to remain practically at its present value, and some to bear even a greater reduction.

"It is suggested that the list-taker in each township act as chairman in getting your board together, and that you proceed as quickly and as rapidly as possible due to the delay in getting started."

THREE YOUNG MEN CHARGED WITH LARCENY

Alleged To Have Stolen 18 Hams from Mr. Clyde Williams' Home

Julian Roberson, J. S. Godard, and Marshall Andrews were bound over to the superior court by Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell here yesterday morning on a larceny charge. Roberson was required to give bond in the sum of \$400, the other two furnishing bond in the sum of \$200 each. John Hatley, charged with receiving, was required to furnish bond in the sum of \$200.

According to evidence heard at the preliminary hearing here yesterday morning, Roberson, Godard, and Andrews went to the home of Mr. Clyde Williams, near here, in Williams Township, and raided the smokehouse, removing 18 hams. Each of the boys took six of the hams and carted them to a tobacco barn near the home of George Roberson, father of Julian Roberson. It was stated that Roberson entered the smokehouse by tearing away a plank at the rear, and that he removed and carried the hams to the grape vine, where the meat was divided.

After placing the hams in the tobacco barn, the boys came to Williamston, where Roberson held private conversations with several. Later the boys hired Daniel Bateman to carry them to John Hatley's, four miles from here, where it was stated Roberson had a private conversation with Hatley. Leaving soon thereafter, the boys met Hatley that evening about 8 o'clock at the tobacco barn. The hams were loaded in Hatley's car and carried to his store, where weights were checked and a check for \$18.60 was paid to the boys, the hams selling for 15 cents a pound.

Sunday evening, Mr. Williams missed his meat and notified Sheriff Roebuck, who with Chief W. B. Daniel, took the case in charge and effected the first arrest yesterday morning shortly after the boys had cashed the check. Andrews was first suspected and when questioned, he told the officers the details of the stealing. The other arrests followed.

Fourteen of the hams were recovered, and Andrews and Godard refunded their portion of the money received from the sale of the hams to the merchant cashing the check. Roberson stated that he had spent his.

All four of the young men furnished bond and were released, the case to be called at the next term of Martin County superior court, convening here in June.

Severe Hail Storm in This Section Sunday Afternoon Does Considerable Damage

LOCALS LOSE TO JAMESVILLE, 5-0

Sexton, for Jamesville Fans Fifteen Men; Allows Only Three Hits

Coming here last Friday afternoon, Jamesville's baseball team defeated the local nine by a 5 to 0 count. Clarence Sexton, pitching for the visitors, allowing only three hits and striking out fifteen men. Homer Barnhill, on the mound for the locals, went well until he reached the sixth inning, when three runs were pushed across by the visitors. Winley, went in for the locals in the eighth and held the visitors hitless for the remainder of the game.

Up until the sixth frame, the boys played good ball, Jamesville making only one score during that period.

Jamesville	AB	R	H	E
Bailey, rf	5	0	2	0
Brown, 3b	4	1	0	1
Martin, lb	4	0	0	0
Gaylord, ss	5	1	2	0
H. Gardner, cf	5	1	2	0
S. Gardner, p	5	1	2	0
Gurkin, 2b	4	1	1	1
Holliday, c	4	0	1	0
Sexton, p	4	0	0	2
Totals	40	5	12	3

Williamston	AB	R	H	E
R. Taylor, 3b	3	0	0	0
Grimes, 2b	4	0	2	0
Piephoff, cf	4	0	0	1
E. Taylor, lb	3	0	0	0
Cook, ss	4	0	1	1
Griffin, lf	3	0	0	1
Bauknight, lf	1	0	0	0
Gurkin, rf	1	0	0	0
Barnhill, rf	3	0	0	0
Godard, c	3	0	0	0
J. Barnhill, p	3	0	0	0
Winley, p	1	0	0	0
Totals	33	0	3	3

Score by innings: R H E
Jamesville 010 003 100-5 12 3
Williamston 000 000 000-0 3 3

BRIBERY CHARGE MADE IN SENATE WILL BE PROBED

House Members Continue Firm for the MacLean School Measure

The all-important MacLean School Law was all but overshadowed in the General Assembly yesterday when the Senate ordered an investigation of the bribery charges advanced on the floor a few days ago. The senators voted unanimously for the investigation, and Senators Pritchett, Hayward, Ward of Beaufort, Lovell and Nixon were appointed by the lieutenant governor to look into the charges.

Senator Ward, introducing the resolution providing for the investigation, stated to the Senate that he had definite information of offers of bribery and that he would secure a bench warrant for the arrest of the alleged offender and secure an investigation that way if the resolution was not passed. During the meantime, the strength of the House for the MacLean Law was tested, and the lines were found still strong for the school law.

New proposals are presenting themselves, and now the anti-sales tax group are advancing support of the six-months school term but limited to the elementary grades, and an ad valorem tax of 25 cents as a contributory factor in the \$10,000,000 proposed equalization fund.

MANY WINDOWS BROKEN; AUTO TOPS PIERCED

Storm Centers In Windsor Where Several Hundred Windows Are Broken

Considerable property damage was reported last Sunday afternoon, when a hail storm struck in this section, the stones, some as large as goose eggs, beating through automobile tops, puncturing windows, and damaging to some extent garden and farm crops.

According to reports coming from the various parts of the county, hail damage to crops was limited, the plants being too small for the stones to destroy. A few tobacco plant beds were damaged in the path of the storm, but the many farmers questioned here yesterday were of the opinion that the hail had not seriously affected crops in their sections.

Coming from the southwest, the storm covered a distance estimated at seven miles wide, the town of Windsor apparently falling in the center of the hail path. Several automobile tops were punctured here, and the glass in a few windows were broken. Many leaves were torn from the trees.

A report on the damage in Windsor reads as follows:

"One death was attributed to a hail storm visiting Windsor and vicinity Sunday afternoon around 2:30 o'clock. Floretta Winborne, wife of a negro blacksmith, died of heart attack, thought to have been brought on by fright from the storm. She had suffered for some time from heart disease and had nearly died several times. An aged white man, Jim Gray, was bruised about the head and body when caught in the storm while out riding on a horse. He was able to come in to a doctor and was reported as not badly injured.

"Poultry, pigs, and other animals were killed by the hail stones, some of which were as large as a man's fist. One farmer reported the loss of a goat that was struck in the head by the stones and killed. The sidewalks of Windsor were lined with broken glass from store windows, and practically every house in the city had several windows broken out. The storm lasted three and a half minutes.

"Truck farms and gardens were badly damaged, as well as tobacco beds and fruit trees, which were reported stripped in many sections."

Arthur Gillam, attorney of Windsor, is said to have lost around 400 young chickens in the storm, and other poultry raisers lost 100 or more.

Jesse Harrell, of this place, was in Windsor at the time, and his car was badly marked by the stones, several puncturing the top and radiator.

Mother of Mrs. Watson Dies in South Carolina

Mrs. John C. Kammer, mother of Mrs. W. R. Watson, of this place, died suddenly at the home of her daughter, Mrs. I. N. Dunn, in Orangeburg, S. C., Sunday morning.

The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon and burial was in the Blacksville cemetery. Professor and Mrs. Watson and children left here Sunday morning immediately after learning of Mrs. Kammer's death. Mr. Watson is expected to return home some time the latter part of the week.