

TEACHERS HOLD FIRST MEETING HERE SATURDAY

Dr. George Cooper, of State Health Department, Is Principal Speaker

Holding their first meeting of the 1931-32 term here last Saturday morning, 95 Martin County teachers heard Dr. George Cooper, of the State Health Department, discuss the importance of health study and health programs in the schools.

Called to order by Principal A. L. Pollock, retiring president, a new organization was perfected at the meeting last Saturday with Principal H. M. Ainsley, of Oak City, president; Principal D. N. Hix, of Everetts, vice president; and Miss Bessie Willis, of the local schools, secretary.

In the opening talk, Superintendent J. C. Manning outlined the purpose of the county meetings this term, stating that they would be devoted mainly to combating the perils of poverty that are conflicting with the progress of the schools, especially in respect to proper food and health measures to be taught in all the schools.

Dr. George Cooper, main speaker of the morning, returning here for the first time to address an assembly of teachers in 15 years, stated that at that time the State was planning clinics and a general survey having to do with health and educational conditions and to impress upon the teachers and pupils the great need to teach rules of health. Not one of the teachers present at the last Saturday assembly was in attendance upon the meeting 15 years ago.

"Since that time," the health department man continued, "the State has held clinics in 82 of the 100 counties and operated on 22,000 school children. Approximately a half million pupils have been examined" during that time and rules of health have been placed before them in the school room and in pamphlet form.

"Although we teach this generation, we must stand and teach those of tomorrow, which is an endless process and one that must be pursued daily."

Continuing, Dr. Cooper said that the teacher is generally the pupil's hero and on that account the teacher is able to make the best and most lasting impressions on the mind of the child, which gives the teacher the best possible opportunity to do good. He emphasized the need of a school nurse to assist in regular examinations of all children of the county which would result in helping hundreds of ill at little cost, relieving the schools of their crowded conditions, partly caused by "repeaters," or children held back by some physical weaknesses. Ten per cent of failures to make grades means 110 pupils the following year instead of 100.

Dr. Cooper said he had found a fine spirit of cooperation in a meeting of the Martin County Board of Health on Friday night, in which the doctors present offered to do all in their power to give advice and help to treat such cases as could not get service on account of poverty. Dr. Cone had agreed to give service to any school child when a certificate from the welfare officer or the school showed the child was unable to pay for it.

Dr. Cooper urged every teacher to find out how many undernourished children there were in their grades, and if possible find out whether the cause was want of sufficient food or improper food, for there are many children overfed, but with the wrong kind of food. He asked that a distinction be made in the two; that is, if they do not get sufficient food, or if they get too much of the wrong kind. He particularly warned against too much sweets. Another question he asked to be given attention was how many children drink coffee, which he advised against, and what percentage of the pupils drink Coca-Cola and what percentage drink milk. He explained that he had made a recent survey of a school in Edgecombe County, with 251 children, only 79 of which are provided milk to drink.

Dr. Cooper stated that the teacher's greatest duty is teaching health to pupils, that they should teach what to eat, when to eat and how to eat, emphasizing the fact that breakfast is the most important meal for children, although many are sent to school without breakfast because the family fails to get up in time.

Practically every food the child or the adult needs can be grown on any Martin County farm, according to the health official, and he urged that the children be taught this fact.

Following the address, the principals of most of the schools were called on to tell what they are doing in their schools for the promotion of health. The general trend of the answers was that much attention is being given to teaching the need of proper exercise, plenty of fresh air and sleep, and cleanliness, the proper kind of foods, and many other ways to promote vigor and health in children.

The question of books, clothing, and

Local Man Successful With Lespedeza on Poorest Land

That there is money in the cultivation of lespedeza was well demonstrated by Mr. L. B. Harrison on his farm near here recently. In fact, Mr. Harrison found there is more money to be made in the growing of the grass than there is in the cultivation of tobacco and cotton.

Last winter, Mr. Harrison bought six bushels of lespedeza seed, paying \$16.25 for the six bushels and \$1.25 freight on them. The seed were sown along with oats, and at the proper time he harvested a large crop of oats. On one acre of the plot, Mr. Harrison pastured five mules and a cow during the season. Last week he cut

a fine crop of hay and saved 60 bushels of seed from the four-acre plot ungrazed. Basing the value of the seed on the price he paid for the first five bushels, he made \$210, in addition to a good crop of oats and a good crop of hay. He also has sufficient seed left to replant the land which he is going to sow in oats early next month.

Mr. Harrison said that the land upon which the crop was produced is by far the poorest land on the farm of 100 acres, but that the one planting of lespedeza increased its value greatly.

The cost of saving the seed was for the services of one laborer who followed the mowing machine.

Angus D. MacLean Disclaims Possessing Any Gubernatorial Aspirations At Present Time

TWO MELON CROPS

J. L. Gibson, Griffins Township farmer, has eaten from two crops of watermelons this year. The first crop ripened early in July when the farmer was curing tobacco. Seeds from these melons were planted, and last week, Mr. Gibson pulled and ate three ripe melons from the crop. The melons, of no great size, however, were of good flavor, the farmer stated.

FARMERS URGE SPECIAL SESSION

Washington County Farmers In Favor Acreage Reduction Law

Plymouth, Nov. 9.—County Farm Agent R. E. Dunning called a mass meeting of farmers in the county courthouse Saturday afternoon to consider the problem of marketing the present crop of peanuts. There was a large crowd and an unusual amount of interest in the discussion. The question was considered from various angles and questions were asked about the feasibility of holding the crop, storage facilities, credits, etc. The consensus of opinion was that the crop should be marketed gradually and that the minimum price for good quality stock should be fixed at 3 cents a pound.

Resolutions were drawn up and enthusiastically adopted to the effect that while 3 cents a pound is a very low price and that farmers can not make any money on the crop at this figure, it is perhaps in keeping with values placed on other farm commodities.

A county chairman has been appointed, and he, with other representative farmers, will attend a meeting in Rich Square next Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. It is hoped that a suitable organization can be formed at that time to make detailed plans for immediate business.

There was a resolution unanimously adopted, requesting Governor Gardner to call an extra session of the legislature to consider and pass a reduction in acreage law, for cotton and tobacco.

Dental Society Holds Its Annual Meeting In Wilson

The Fifth District Dental Society meeting held in Wilson yesterday was the best ever held, declared Dr. P. B. Cone, local dentist, upon his return here. There are 31 counties in the fifth district of the society, and 75 of the 82 members were in attendance upon the meeting yesterday, Dr. Cone added.

Next year the society will hold its annual meeting in Elizabeth City.

Local Masons To Hold Regular Meeting Tonight

A regular meeting of Skewakey Lodge masons will be held in the lodge hall here this evening at 7:30 o'clock when important business will be placed before the body for discussion. It was announced this morning. All masons are urged to attend.

The meeting was regarded as one of the best ever held in the county. The standard of teachers is higher than for any previous year, and the spirit shown indicates that the trend of educational service is much better than ever before.

BEAUFORT MAN IS FAVORITE WITH MANY IN STATE

Brummitt's Withdrawal Is Said To Have Brought MacLean To Front

"No; I'm not an aspirant to the governorship," Hon. A. D. MacLean, Beaufort County representative, answered when questioned yesterday following the release of a State news story stating that the withdrawal of Dennis G. Brummitt's name as a consideration in the Democratic state-wide primary for governor next June has brought within the past 48 hours the personality of Representative Angus Dhu MacLean into the forefront.

"Not a candidate, now?" was the next question asked of Mr. MacLean as he left the courthouse here yesterday, where he had quietly, persistently, and patiently tried a law suit.

"No; not now," was the reply, and he had very little comment to offer in return for the numerous questions asked of him.

When he was addressed in the courthouse yesterday afternoon by an Enterprise reporter as "Governor," Mr. MacLean said the salutation was very pleasing, but when a copy of the Greensboro Daily News, the paper in which Tom Bost said that the withdrawal of Attorney General Brummitt brought the personality of Representative MacLean to the fore, was shown him, the Beaufort solon: as assumed a more serious attitude, stating that he had heard nothing whatever of the story and that he had nothing to say at the present.

During the long legislative session of this year, Mr. MacLean came to the front as a wise and able man. He is remembered as the man who so persistently and ably led the fight to relieve land and physical property of heavy tax burden carried so long.

The news article appearing Monday had a dual purpose apparently. One was to tell the folks that Josephus Daniels is politically dead and if nominated 75,000 "blue-gum" Democrats would not support him because they do not understand his democracy. There seems to be a strain of sympathy for the Ehringhaus boom.

And then the statement is made that Mr. MacLean hopped into the companionship of the big men in the past two sessions of the general assembly, and on account of his championship of the ad valorem tax he got himself handsomely placed.

Mr. MacLean, while saying he is not a candidate for governor, would be acceptable as such by voters found in all classes of citizens who know his ability and his rugged honesty.

Change Is Noted In Home Agent's Regular Schedule

The regular schedule of meetings to be held by the home agent on Wednesday of this week will be changed on account of Miss Sleeper being a judge of exhibits at the Beaufort County Fair that day. The home agent will meet the Junior Robersonville girls' club Thursday morning and the two girls' clubs of Williamston Thursday afternoon. The senior girls' club of Robersonville will meet later in the month, it was announced yesterday.

Woman's Auxiliary Will Serve Supper Thursday

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal church will serve a turkey supper on Thursday evening at the club rooms at 6 o'clock. Prices will be very low, and the proceeds will be used for orphan children in a mission station. The public is kindly asked to come.

ROANOKE RIVER WILL BE LOWEST EVER THIS YEAR

Engineer of State Department Says Stream Will Go Lower Than in 1930

Last year when the water fell so low that the tide and winds reversed the course of the stream, many local people were of the belief that a dry spell had been reached. According to Mr. Thorndike Saville, chief engineer of the Department of Conservation and Development, the Roanoke River will have the smallest total annual flow ever recorded, although its daily minimum flow has not yet quite reached the low mark attained last year. The cumulative streamflow for the 11 months ending September 30 is lower than for the same period a year ago. Freight boats, plying the Roanoke last year, struck bottom in many places between here and the Albemarle Sound. The boats were very heavily loaded, however, requiring a greater draft.

With the reservoir of ground storage filled by heavy rains of 1928 and 1929 seriously depleted by almost continuous deficiency in effective rainfall in the winter and early spring months of the past two years, many North Carolina rivers face the lowest flows ever recorded.

After a study of conditions last summer, Mr. Saville pointed out that the division of water resources and engineering of the conservation department had predicted in the midst of a season of above normal rain a "stream flow drought" this fall.

At that time, the engineer advised municipalities and hydro-electric plants having storage reservoirs to operate them with utmost care, even if filled to overflowing in July or August "as later stream flows will almost surely be markedly deficient."

"It appears now," said Mr. Saville, "that flow on many streams reached new low values in October or at least values very near the minimum ever recorded."

FOREST FIRES CAUSE WRECKS

Wrecks Reported In This And Beaufort Counties Yesterday and Today

Forest fires, scattered over sections of Eastern North Carolina, including Martin county, are resulting in huge property losses to timber and crops and threatening the safety of persons traveling the highways. Several automobile accidents have been reported in the fire sections, and with a continuation of the fires, more auto wrecks are expected.

Six school children were hurt yesterday in the Pungo section of Beaufort county when a school bus turned over there. The driver, unable to see because of a dense smoke lost control of the truck and it turned over.

Slowing down to about fifteen miles an hour, an automobile was struck from the rear by a Carolina Delivery Service Company truck near Robersonville this morning, injuring Misses Myrtle and Murrell Monds and resulting in considerable damage to the machine. Running into a dense smoke Curtis Briggs, of Sunbury, decreased the speed of his car, and the truck driver, also blinded by the smoke, bumped into the car and its occupants. Briggs and Monds were jarred, but not hurt badly. The two young ladies were removed to Robersonville where their injuries were treated. While the back of the car was wrecked, the running gear was left in tact, the party continuing their journey to Raleigh.

The truck, carrying the News and Observer edition for today, was returning to Raleigh early this morning when it crashed into the rear of the car. K. D. Triplett was driving. Other accidents have been rumored in the fire areas and authentic reports state that a truck and a light coupe collided on the Belhaven and Swan Quarter highway yesterday when the drivers were blinded by smoke. A negro woman was seriously hurt and the two machines were wrecked.

While the fires in this county are limited to small areas, only vague reports as to the extent of the fires in Beaufort are accessible, but it is believed they are very serious and have much potential danger. The forests and fields in this section are dry, having had very little rain during the past two months.

It is reported that the smoke in Belhaven is so dense that it is hardly possible to find one's way about the streets and highways, even when walking.

W. H. Holt, 100 years old, of Newport, R. I., is believed to be the oldest living Odd Fellow in the United States.

Irving Coltrain, Robersonville Man, Killed in Wreck Sunday

JAS. H. JOHNSON DIED IN OAK CITY LAST SATURDAY

Death Leaves Only Two Confederate Veterans In County

James H. Johnson, an able supporter of the Confederacy in the war days of 1861-65, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. H. Johnson, in Oak City last Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, leaving only two men of the gray in this county.

Going into his 89th year, Mr. Johnson had been in feeble health for some time, but he suffered an attack of pneumonia recently and passed away within a few days, closing the book of a life that had been well spent for the advancement of good will among all men.

In young manhood, he married Miss Jane Hobbs, of Hamilton, who died about twenty years ago. Six children, Lucius Johnson, of Calypso; Ed Johnson, of Oak City; Horace Johnson, of Maryland; Mrs. J. S. Ayers, of Everetts; Mrs. Clara Everett, of Hamilton; and Mrs. Hettie Johnson, of Oak City, with whom he made his home for a number of years, survive. He also leaves 17 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home last Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor of the Everetts Baptist church. Interment followed in the family cemetery on the old home farm, one mile from Oak City, with a large number of friends in attendance to pay their last tribute.

Around Mr. Johnson's life there are many interesting stories, especially those connected with his activities in the Confederate Army during the Civil War.

At a tender age, and soon after the conflict between the States begun, he joined Captain Clemmons' company, being one of the first to volunteer in the cause of the South. Immediately after he volunteered, his company, made up principally of young Martin County men, was sent to defend the fort at Roanoke Island. He saw but little service before the fort fell into the hands of the enemy, and he was taken prisoner. Mr. Johnson, with a number of other prisoners from this county, was sent to Governor's Island, New York, later going to Boston. He was held prisoner there until Christmas, 1861, when he was exchanged.

Returning from Boston, Mr. Johnson went with the 17th Regiment, Company E, where he remained until Johnston's surrender near Greensboro in 1865.

Most of the fiercest fighting encountered by Mr. Johnson was at Bermuda Hundreds and other points around Petersburg. Although many men were shot dead by his side, he escaped with only two slight wounds, neither of which forced him from actual service.

After a stay in the conflict around Petersburg, Mr. Johnson was detailed for foraging service with General "Fighting" Joe Wheeler. He was not with General Wheeler very long before he rejoined his regiment around Wilmington. He escaped capture there when Fort Fisher fell, and managed to get with the few remaining forces in time to take part in the Bentonville fight. He was captured and recaptured before the battle was over, and went west with Johnston's Army to a point near Greensboro. He was in the final surrender there of the Johnston forces on April 26, 17 days after General Lee surrendered to Grant. Immediately after his dismissal, he started the long journey home, reaching there May 5 after long days of marching with his friend, and comrade, the late Augustus Salsbury. His war record was complete, carrying with it many trials and tribulations, as well as thrilling and exciting incidents.

INCREASE SWEET POTATO STORAGE HOUSE CAPACITY

The sweet potato storage house capacity in Carteret county has been increased by one-third this season, permitting about 100,000 bushels of sweets being cured and stored in the county this winter.

CABARRUS FARMER GROWS BIG CROP OF LESPEDEZA

P. M. Krimminger, of Cabarrus County, has harvested 656 bushels of certified Korean lespedeza seed this season.

HIGH GRADE COTTON IS GROWN IN CLEVELAND

Cleveland County farmers have picked and ginned 35,000 bales of high grade cotton so far this season.

DIED SATURDAY



James H. Johnson, Martin County's oldest Confederate veteran and Mason, died in Oak City last week.

PLAN RED CROSS CAMPAIGN HERE

Everyone Urged To Enroll In Drive Beginning In County Tomorrow

An earnest appeal is being directed to Martin County people this week, urging them to enroll in the Red Cross campaign beginning tomorrow and continuing through Thanksgiving. Throughout the nation the campaign will be conducted for one of the greatest relief organizations in the world today.

Under the direction of Mrs. A. R. Dunning, chairman, twelve local ladies, Mrs. H. G. Horton, Mrs. M. D. Watts, Mrs. W. C. Manning, Jr., Mrs. M. J. Moye, Mrs. C. B. Clark, Mrs. N. C. Green, Mrs. S. R. Biggs, Mrs. J. C. Manning, Mrs. Robert Everett, Mrs. J. E. King, Mrs. J. W. Watts, Jr., Mrs. W. B. Watts, will solicit memberships for the organization. Locations have been assigned the solicitors and drives will be conducted in Williamston and several other towns of the county.

A large portion of the \$1 membership fee is retained in the community, and all donations of 25 cents, or less, are kept at home, the chairman explained.

High Advertising Rates Charged by Magazines

The highest advertising rate of any periodical in the country is charged by the Ladies' Home Journal, which is \$9,500 for a full page. Woman's Home Companion rate is \$9,400; Delineator, \$9,200; Pictorial Review and McCall's Magazine, \$8,800 each; Saturday Evening Post, which has largest circulation, \$8,000; Collier's, \$5,500; True Story, \$4,500; and Liberty, \$4,250. AND IT PAYS!—Charlotte News.

Four Pupils on Honor Roll At Macedonia

Four pupils met the requirements to have their names appear on the first month's honor roll in the Macedonia school, reported by Miss Irene Tetterton, teacher, as follows:

First grade: Bob Coltrain and Sybil Peel.
Second grade: Charles Coltrain.
Fifth grade: Mildred Ward.

Local Fire Company Is Called Out Saturday

The local fire company was called to the warehouse district early last Saturday afternoon, when soot burning in a chimney smoked the two-story house located next to the Planters Warehouse. The house is occupied by William Stokes, colored. No damage resulted.

T. O. Hickman To Occupy Baptist Pulpit

It was announced at the Baptist church Sunday that in the absence of the pastor from the congregation, Professor T. O. Hickman, of Jamestown, will occupy the pulpit of the Memorial Baptist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Hickman is a Wake Forest man, an ordained minister and a very acceptable speaker. At present he is teaching in the Jamestown school and supplying churches as opportunity affords.

DRIVES HIS CAR HEAD-ON INTO HEAVY TRUCK

Occurred on Highway Near County Home Late Sunday Afternoon

Irving Coltrain, young Robersonville man, was killed instantly near the Martin County home on Highway No. 90 early last Sunday evening when he ran his automobile, a new Chevrolet sport roadster, into a large Corbett truck and trailer loaded with 12 hogsheads of tobacco. Coltrain never knew what happened, for his neck was broken, his back broken in two places, both arms and one leg broken, and two holes knocked in his skull. Jimmie Bullock, driver of the truck, and his brother, Charlie, both of Robersonville, escaped unhurt.

The wreck, one of the most complete ever seen in this section, occurred on a straight stretch of road, causing one to wonder just how it happened. Bullock, the truck driver, stated shortly after the wreck that Coltrain, traveling toward Everetts, was driving rapidly on the left side of the road with the right wheels on the hard surface. "It looked as if he was trying to get his car on the hard surface and on to his side of the road," the truck driver continued. "We were traveling about 30 miles an hour when we first saw the car, and I decreased the speed of our truck to about 15 miles an hour, thinking that the car would find its side of the road before we met. When we crashed, I had all brakes applied on the truck," young Bullock added. The truck was holding its position on the road, but following the crash, it rolled to the left side of the road and burned up. The blaze apparently having started from a short circuit in the wiring. The trailer was turned over on its side, and the tobacco rolled in the road.

Minus its engine, the body of the Chevrolet car was turned on its side. Forty feet away the motor rested, landing there after it had dug a good-sized hole on its first bounce, about 25 feet from where the car stopped. Coltrain's body was found lifeless on the hard surface near the spot where the vehicles crashed.

Highway Patrolman Braswell and officers investigated the wreck, but no coroner's inquest was held.

Jimmie Bullock, driver of the truck is under a \$500, and will be given a hearing tomorrow at 10:30 a. m.

Following an investigation of the dead man's stomach in the Courtney undertaking parlors here, it was learned that young Coltrain was not drinking prior to the wreck.

The truck, owned and operated by Scales and Kittrell, of Robersonville, was on its way to Norfolk with its load of tobacco.

Employed for several years by the Texaco Filling Station in Robersonville, Coltrain was said to have been a reliable worker and of good character, "but he would ride on Sundays," a citizen of Robersonville remarked shortly after the wreck was reported.

Coltrain, 27 years old, was the son of Mrs. Lucy Lee Coltrain and the late Eli Frank Coltrain. He was well liked in Robersonville, where he was in the employ of Mr. Wiley Rogerson. He leaves one brother and one sister and two half-brothers, John and Charlie Coltrain.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon by Rev. J. M. Perry, pastor of the Christian church. Interment will follow in the old cemetery there.

MUCH INTEREST IN LAND CASE

Case of John R. Coltrain Against Roberson Is Before Referee

Claiming title to a piece of mill pond land, said to be of very little value, litigants in the case of J. R. Coltrain against L. H. Roberson and others are presenting their contentions at a hearing now in progress here before Stuart Smith, referee, of Scotland Neck. The hearing was begun yesterday morning, and it was the opinion of courthouse attendants that it would last through today and a part of tomorrow and probably longer than that.

The case is being vigorously contested, with Messrs. MacLean, of Washington, and B. A. Critcher, local attorney, representing the plaintiff, Coltrain, and A. R. Dunning, representing the defendants.

It is said that the cost and fees in the case will be many times greater than the value of the land in question. Many Griffins Township residents, where the case originated, are here for the case.