

SPECIAL SERVICE HONORS MEMORY OF A. R. DUNNING

Number of Associates and Friends Take Part in Service Tuesday

Honoring the memory of the late A. R. Dunning, former friends and acquaintances met in the courthouse here last Tuesday evening for a memorial service arranged by the Martin County Bar Association and presided over by Judge Clayton Moore, a former law partner of the man whose memory was honored. With profound reverence the group listened to the eulogies made by the members of the county bar and others out of respect for a man whose friendship was sought after and always cherished by every one.

"It is quite appropriate," J. L. Hassell, nominee for mayor, said, "that the court has set aside this hour to do honor to the memory of A. R. Dunning, for the family lost a thoughtful husband and father, the community lost a valuable citizen, and the bar lost a shining light." Forming an early acquaintance with him, Mr. Hassell stated that the friendship ripened as the years passed, that his friend's life received its greatest dividends in the interest and care of the less fortunate.

"Just why the death angel should have knocked at the door of our friends just as the old year was passing and the new year was coming in, we can not understand," W. C. Manning, the next speaker, said, "but even though he is gone, a friendship created during his years of life causes his memory to live with us today."

"Ever ready to render aid to his friends and his constituency, ever spreading a ray of sunshine and hope in the lives of others, A. R. Dunning built a monument that will abide long in the memories of all," Mr. R. J. Peel said.

Rev. C. H. Dickey, eulogizing the social traits of his departed friend, said he was considerate of every one; he was attentive to every one; he had a place in his heart for every one, even unto the least. He was devoid of class distinction, and he had time to listen to the pleas of all. He looked through all superficiality and made a place in his heart for me, the minister concluded.

Attorney Burras Critcher reviewed the career of his departed friend as an attorney, stating that he was always ready for his work and had no superior in the practice of law.

After a brief sketch of Mr. Dunning's life, Attorney E. S. Peel said, "Dunning," as we all called him, was greatest when representing poverty or the less fortunate. He fought their battles and defended their rights with vigor. He was greatest as a citizen for his compassion for the poor; and he still lives in the minds and hearts of those he administered to."

"Always standing where the need was greatest, Mr. Dunning was kind and considerate of the younger members of the bar," Attorney H. G. Horton said, adding that it was a privilege and pleasure to have been connected with him in the practice of law.

"His heart was always open to the down-trodden; he was big-hearted and happy in his work for others," Attorney Robert L. Coburn said in eulogizing his departed friend's jovial character and magnanimous spirit.

After reading a letter from Attorney H. L. Swain, who was called out of town, Judge Moore recalled the 10 years they maintained a law partnership. Possessing an undaunted courage in his undertakings, Dunning was friendly and intensely human, always looking upon the bright side and always doing his best. "He was the most profound all-around lawyer I ever knew," the judge concluded.

Rev. J. M. Perry, of Robersonville, spoke for the people of that town, where Mr. Dunning lived for several years, and where he married. Following a few well chosen words, Mr. Perry brought the memorial service to a close.

Fishing On River Is Halted By High Water

Fishing on the Roanoke is at a standstill at the present time on account of high water. Seines at the fisheries below here were forced from the waters this week, and small-scale fishermen at this point found the business unprofitable.

The fishermen are planning to start operations again just as soon as the water falls.

Remodeling Building Here For Opening Lunch Room

The building between the S. R. Biggs drug store and Willard's shoe shop is being remodeled preparatory to the opening of a lunch room. Mrs. J. G. Godard and son are planning to operate the new establishment.

TAX LISTING

The listing of property for taxation for the year 1933 is progressing slowly in all those townships where reports have been made. Several of the list-takers were planning to complete the work by tomorrow, but present indications are not at all favorable for the early completion.

Under the law, a penalty is effective after the end of this month, but it is believed no penalty will be imposed during the first few days of May, as the work was temporarily delayed pending the passage of certain laws in the legislature. It is advisable to list property for taxation at once to avoid any penalty should it be imposed immediately in accordance with the law.

LITTLE INTEREST BEING SHOWN IN TOWN ELECTION

Small Vote Is Anticipated At Municipal Election Next Tuesday

The municipal election here next Tuesday will be just another passing event of little importance as far as present indications go. An independent ticket has been jokingly advanced, but the main business of the day will be electing the convention nominees, J. L. Hassell for mayor, and N. C. Green, L. P. Lindsley, G. H. Harrison, Luther Peel, and V. D. Godwin for commissioners.

While 120 new names have been added to the registration books, very little interest is expected to follow in the election. There are 546 names on the books at the present time. A challenge of voters is in order tomorrow, but the names will be accepted without a single complaint, it is believed.

The polls open in the mayor's office at 8 o'clock next Tuesday morning and remain open until sunset. Hardly more than 50 or 75 votes will be cast unless a last-minute upset is developed by an independent ticket, which is considered not at all probable. Messrs. J. E. Pope, R. T. Griffin and A. T. Perry are scheduled to conduct the election.

MAY DAY EVENTS AT SCHOOL HERE

Program Will Be Given at Graded School Monday Afternoon

May Day exercises, the initial event in the finals schedule for the local schools, will be held on the grammar school grounds next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. More than 150 children from the first through the fifth grades will take part in the program, it was announced this morning. Virgil Ward will be queen.

The following program will be followed in the main:

Procession: Pages, May pole dancers, chimney sweeps, milk-maids, and farmers; balloon dancers, jesters, maids, maid of honor, flower girls, crown bearer, queen, train bearers.

Queen's Court: Crowning of queen, ladies of queen's court, jesters, special dances.

Festival: Flowers, chimney sweeps, milk maids and farmers, May pole dancers.

The public is cordially invited to witness the exercises.

Town Water Tower Will Get a New Coat of Paint

Williamston's water standpipe will be a shining in the bright summer sun before long, as workmen are now making arrangements to put two bright coats of silver or aluminum paint on the bleak, rusty surface of the steel tower.

Rust accumulating over a period of years has been scraped from the inside and a coat of preserving paint is now being applied. As soon as that work is completed, the outside will be painted.

At the present time the town's water supply is being forced direct from the reservoir into the mains.

To Form Baseball Club At Meeting Here Tonight

A baseball league, made up of teams from Edenton, Ahoskie, Coleraine and Williamston, was organized at a meeting of the clubs' representatives in Ahoskie last night. Elizabeth City may enter a team later, but if the fifth club is added, that club will have to get another to take part, it was said. Local baseball fans are meeting in the City Hall tonight at 8 o'clock, when efforts will be made to complete the organization of the club here. Any one interested in baseball is invited to attend the meeting.

ERNEST PIPPEN, HAMILTON MAN, SHOOTS HIMSELF

Not Expected To Live; An Operation Planned for This Afternoon

Ernest Pippen, Hamilton resident, is near death in a Washington hospital as a result of a self-inflicted bullet wound in his head. He continues in an unconscious condition, attending doctors stating there is little chance of his recovery.

As far as it can be learned, there was no underlying cause for the man to try and take his own life, the suicide attempt perplexing his immediate family and friends in and around Hamilton.

Pippen, about 30 years of age, was said to have been drinking during the past few days, and it is believed that led to the drastic act.

Just before completing the day's work as a mechanic in the Perkins garage in Hamilton Wednesday afternoon, he went to a mill house just to the rear of the garage and fired a bullet through his head. The bullet plowed its way through his head, barely missing the front part of the brain and severing the optical nerves. A few minutes later a customer called at the garage, and not finding him there he went to the rear of the shop and entered the open millhouse door. Help was summoned and the man was removed to Dr. Long's office. Following an examination there, Pippen was removed to the hospital.

Should he live, doctors state he can never regain his eyesight.

Much of the time during the past three weeks, the young man is said to have carried a pistol on his person, friends believing that he was considering taking his life all during that time rather than carrying the weapon for protection.

Reports from the hospital at noon today stated the man's condition continued grave, and that there was little hope for recovery. However, an operation was being contemplated at that time for this afternoon, it was stated.

The young man is the son of Mr. Thurston Pippen, of Hamilton. He has a wife, formerly Miss Carrie Dell Roebuck, and two children.

PROCEEDINGS IN SUPERIOR COURT

Adjourned Tuesday; Large Number Judgments Are Being Entered

After clearing more than half the cases from the calendar, the Martin County Superior Court adjourned Tuesday. In session since Monday of last week for the trial of civil cases only, the court heard comparatively few jury cases, only three such cases being called this week.

Several judgments were granted, and they are now being entered in the records. No startling or unusual cases were called, and a goodly number were continued, including the Cochran case against Dr. L. B. McBrayer. Unless there is a settlement effected between now and then the case will probably be called at the June term.

S. C. Griffin was awarded a judgment of \$340 against W. T. Meadows et al, the case centering around a balance alleged due on some tobacco baskets sold the defendants by the plaintiff.

George Lee Roberson Breaks Arm Thursday

George Lee, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Roberson, fell and broke his arm while playing ball on the school grounds here yesterday afternoon after school had recessed for the day. The boy is said to have stumbled backward over a bicycle and broke his arm about the elbow.

Baptists To Have Service Sunday Afternoon, 5 P. M.

Instead of the regular Sunday night service, the Baptist church will have a short afternoon service Sunday at 5:30 o'clock, taking the place of the usual night service.

To this afternoon service the congregation and friends are invited. The pastor will preach Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour, following the Sunday school.

Revival Begins Sunday At Holiness Church

Starting Sunday evening at 7:45 o'clock, the Rev. F. M. Britton, of Greenville, S. C., will conduct a series of revival services in the Pentecostal Holiness church here, it was announced yesterday. Services will be held each evening at 7:45 o'clock during two weeks. The public is invited to attend.

SALES TAX

The general sales tax, taxing everything sold in North Carolina 2 or 3 per cent, the exact rate to be determined later, was adopted by the Senate last night by a vote of 24 to 23. The House adopted the 2-per cent sales tax some time ago, and now that the Senate has adopted the tax, the only thing remains is the rate. The House voted for a 2 per cent rate and the Senate voted for a rate of 3 per cent.

STOP TAKING APPLICATIONS

Total of 700 Applications For Seed Loans Filed In County

Time for filing applications for seed feed, or crop production, loans is spent. Farmers desiring to float loans now will find they are too late. Applications bearing postmarks on or before midnight Sunday, will receive attention, but it will be impossible to prepare the blanks and approve them for mailing tomorrow.

Field Inspector Hearne said yesterday that 700 applications had been forwarded to Washington from this county, and that all checks should be in the hands of the borrowers within the next few days. In Washington County 150 applications were received and up to yesterday, 55 had been forwarded from Tyrrell County. None had been filed in Dare County which is a part of Mr. Hearne's district.

NO EDUCATION BOARD MEETING

Waiting on Legislature To Pass Act Confirming Board Members

With the appointment of three members of the county board of education still pending the passage of the omnibus bill by the General Assembly, no meeting of the educational body will be held here next Monday, it was announced today. The bill will probably be passed some time next week, and until that time no acts of the board will be considered legal, it is understood.

The election of teachers will necessarily be postponed until the bill is passed, according to information coming from Raleigh.

The appointment of school committeemen and the election of teachers will be handled at a special meeting of the county board of education to be called immediately after the board members are named by the legislature.

T. O. WOOLARD DIES IN AYDEN

Was Father of Mrs. R. J. Peel; Burial Tomorrow at 4 In Plymouth

Thaddeus Oliver Woolard, father of Mrs. R. J. Peel, of this place, died at his home in Ayden at 10 o'clock this morning, following a short illness. Relatives here were notified of his sudden illness this morning, and a few minutes later news of his death was received.

Mr. Woolard was born in Yeatsville, Beaufort County, 87 years ago. After living there until early manhood, he moved to Washington County and engaged in the lumber business for many years. He married in this county, Mrs. Peel being the only child surviving that union. He later moved to Ayden and leaves several children by his second marriage. He is also survived by several grandchildren and one great-grandson, Elbert Peel, Jr., of Williamston.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon and burial will follow in the cemetery at Plymouth at 4 o'clock.

What! No Beer?

"What! No Beer?" An exclamation, a question, and a negative answer will feature the beer situation in this section next Monday, the day the sale of the 3.2 per cent stuff can be made legally, provided there was some for distribution and sale.

Local distributors for this and several counties in the section will have no beer Monday for distribution, according to information received here yesterday afternoon. Just when they will receive a shipment they do not know. The breweries advise them to be patient and wait. There will probably be a little beer for sale here and there throughout North Carolina next Monday, but it may be a week, two

COUNTY BOARD TO HOLD MEET HERE MONDAY

Not Known Yet Whether Tax Sale Will Be Held Or Not

The Martin County commissioners will hold their regular monthly meeting next Monday with no definite schedule of business before them. However, there are a number of problems that should be handled, but the authorities will probably find it difficult to determine on any one course because they have not been informed up until now as to certain laws passed by the legislature governing their actions.

The disposal of the past year's taxes ordinarily comes up for consideration before the board at the May meeting. New laws controlling the handling of taxes and tax sales have been passed, but their contents are not known by the board at this time. It is understood that he law does not affect taxes for the year 1932, and that the taxes for that period will be handled under the old law. Should that be the case, the sale of the delinquent tax list will be in order the first Monday in June. The sale has been delayed during the past two years, but the legislature so far has not ordered a delay this year. Whether the commissioners will have the right to delay the sale is not known. In other words, as the matter now stands, and as it is understood here, the 1932 delinquent tax sale is about on top of property owners with many of them knowing nothing about it.

Recent laws passed by the legislature greatly favor those whose taxes have not been paid during the past several years, but 1932 taxes are not included in the list. A property owner who has not paid his taxes during the past several years is given a 10 per cent reduction in the amount of the taxes due, freed of all interest and penalty, and can give a note payable within the next five years.

It is understood that a few Martin County merchants and filling station operators will apply to the commissioners for licenses to sell beer. But the law controlling the legal sale of beer has not been passed and ratified at the present, and that leaves the commissioners somewhat in the dark as to the proper handling of applications for beer licenses. Maybe something definite will be learned before the commissioners meet Monday, and everything will work out all right. Suffice it to say, however, that routine matters, especially the appeals of the poor, will be in order at the meeting Monday.

FIREMEN CALLED TO WATER PLANT

Insulation on Small Wires Burns, But the Damage Was Negligible

Members of the local fire company were puzzled shortly after 10 o'clock last night when they received a call informing them the municipal water plant was burning. And to add to the mystery of it all, the pumps were known to have been in operation at the time.

The fire-fighters, even though believing the alarm to be false, took no chances and made the run, the usual crowd following the apparatus to the pumping station.

Workmen, decorating the rusty tank were scraping the inside of the water tower and were using lights. The wire serving the lights in the tank were weather-worn and caught fire from a shortcircuit. The insulation and rubber burned from the outside into the inside, catching one or two small instrument boards. Passersby, seeing the fire, and not knowing there was little or nothing to burn, started yelling and the alarm followed. No damage resulted.

Home of E. N. Hardison Is Burned Wednesday

The home of E. N. Hardison, farmer living near Jamesville, was destroyed by fire last Wednesday afternoon about 5 o'clock, resulting in complete destruction of the seven-room building and just about all its contents. The fire started in the upstairs section, it was said, but the origin of the fire could not be determined. Mr. Hardison was working in the fields at the time, and although some of the children were there when they discovered the blaze, they could not put it out.

The value of the home could not be learned here, but it is understood that the loss was partially covered by insurance.

Linwood Roberson Bitten By Water Rattler Tuesday

Linwood Roberson, young white boy living near here, was bitten by a water rattlesnake last Tuesday while catching bullfrogs. The boy was wading in water and felt something strike his leg. He reached down and while holding it in his hand, and it was while olding it that the reptile, measuring about one yard in length, struck twice, once on the thumb, and a second time on a finger.

Taking his knife from his pocket, the boy sliced both wounds and sucked the poison out. He is getting along all right so far as it could be learned today. He killed the snake by tramping it under his feet.

MANY APPLY

A second group of applications entered by young Martin County men desiring to do reforestation work under President Roosevelt's plan is being considered by relief workers. It is not known now just how many will be accepted, but more than 100 have entered their applications. According to unofficial information received here the county's quota might be increased from 30 to 45. No details in connection with the time the boys will leave and where they will go from here have been made public. It isn't likely that they will leave before some time next week.

HONOR ROLLS AT LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR PAST MONTH

Total of 95 Students Are on List; Decrease From Last Month

The number of honor pupils in the local schools underwent a small decrease during the seventh month recently ended. The names of 95 pupils appear on the roll as follows:

Grade 1-A: Marshall Ange, Donald Dixon, Fred Hardison, Richard Margolis, Collin Peel, Luther Peel, Jerry Raynor, Courtney Jenkins, Della J. Mobley, Susan Moore, Lenora Melson, Mary T. Peel.

Grade 1-B: Willie Gray Lee, Lillie Mae Lee, Burkley Nicholson, Clarence Pate.

Grade 2-A: Mary O'Neal Pope, Dorothy Watson, Madeline Taylor, Velma Perry, Patricia King, Betty R. Gurganus, Evelyn Griffin, Mildred Biggs, Mary Warren, Joseph Gurganus, Bill Griffin, Franklin Lilley, Jimmy Leggett, Jimmy Manning, Hurley Shaw, Benny Weaver.

Grade 2-B: Daisy Manning, Daisy Roberson.

Grade 3-A: Susie Griffin, Mary C. Godwin, Dolly Godard, Carrie Jones, Bina Jackson, Mary L. Manning, Mildred Moore, Elizabeth Parker, Reg Griffin, Garland Wynne.

Grade 3-B: Evelyn Wynn, Kathleen Nicholson, George H. Wynn. Grade 4-A: Nina Bland, Katherine Manning, Marjorie G. Dunn, Mary G. Osborne, Esther Rawls, Maude Taylor, Anita Wheelless, Arthur Anderson, Martin Anderson, Stuart Critcher, Warren Jones, Jerry Manning, Warren Pope, Raymond Rawls, Joseph Thigpen, Dale Wagner, Jimmie Watts.

Grade 4-B: Fate Roebuck, Jr., Luther Jones.

Grade 5-A: Gordon Manning, Bernice Cowen, Delsie Godard, Sallie G. Gurkin, Louise Melson, Doris Moore, Virgil Ward.

Grade 5-B: Ellen Coburn, Dixie Daniels.

Grade 6-A: Reg Manning, Grace Barnhill, Thelma Griffin, Ida Walters, Bernice Ward.

Grade 7-A: Burras Critcher, E. G. Wynne, Velma Bennett, Addie Lee Meador, Surreatha Peaks, Felen Shaw, Janie Strawbridge, Donnie Mae Tetterton.

Grade 8: Edna Ballard, Marie Griffin, Ben Manning, Clayton Moore.

Grade 9: Grace Manning.

Grade 11: Russell Taylor Roebuck, Jennie Green Taylor.

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FINAL EXERCISES AT SCHOOL HERE ARE SCHEDULED

Begin Monday, May 1, and End Friday, May 12; Public Invited

The program of exercises featuring the closing of the 1932-33 term in the local schools has been completed, and carries many interesting events, beginning next Monday.

The schedule of events, announced by Principal William R. Watson, is as follows:

Monday, May 1: May Day Exercises by grammar school pupils, 4 o'clock p. m. Grammar school grounds. Friday, May 5: Music recital by pupils of Mrs. E. A. Greene, high school auditorium, 8 o'clock p. m.

Sunday, May 7: Commencement sermon to graduates by Rev. J. M. Perry, high school auditorium, 11 o'clock a. m. All the local churches are asked to unite in this service.

Wednesday, May 10: Senior class day exercises, high school auditorium, 8 o'clock p. m.

Thursday, May 11: Graduating exercises: Address to graduates by Prof. M. O. Fletcher, of Washington, N. C. Seventh grade certificates will be presented before the awarding of high school certificates and diplomas. High school auditorium, 8 o'clock p. m. Friday, May 12: Violin recital by pupils of Miss Melba Russ, high school auditorium, 8 o'clock p. m. The public is cordially invited to all of the programs.

The Oxford orphanage singing class will present a concert in the high school auditorium on Saturday evening, May 13, at 8 o'clock. The public is invited and urged to attend. No admission will be charged, but an offering will be taken during the concert. The orphans are appearing here under the sponsorship of Skewakee Lodge of Masons. It is understood that the class will present one or more concerts in the churches on Sunday, May 14.

INSPECT COUNTY RELIEF GARDENS

Special Inspectors Now At Work in 4 Township; No Reports Yet

The inspection of the several hundred relief gardens started by welfare subjects a few weeks ago is now under way in several districts in the county, it was learned from J. R. Manning, director of relief work. No reports have been received so far from the inspectors, but findings will be made to the director within the next day or two, it was said.

Special inspectors are now at work in Robersonville, Hamilton, Oak City, and Williamston districts, in addition to the work carried on by individuals in the rural sections.

Unofficial reports received here yesterday indicate that the relief subjects are down after bumper garden crops, and it is believed that sufficient food will be available for the unemployed next fall and winter if the preservation process proves successful.

No relief work projects are now under way in the county, but a few men will probably be given employment within the next week or so if the plan meets with the approval of the district and state directors of relief.

TAX PENALTY IS SOON 4 PER CENT

Many Property Owners In County Paying Taxes To Avoid Penalty

Tax collections in the county have been unusually large during the past few days, property owners making settlements in sizeable sums to avoid the 4 per cent penalty going into effect after next Monday. Approximately \$8,000 was collected during the past few days, and many more collections are expected to follow between now and next Tuesday.

Collection also increased at the office of the town treasures during the past few days, it was learned this morning.

Many of the taxes paid during the past few days followed the rise in peanut prices from one cent to one and three-quarter cents.

Kiwanis Baseball Team To Play High School Tuesday

Athletic members of the local Kiwanis Club will combine their energies to do battle in a baseball game with the local high school nine on the diamond here next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, it was announced today by S. H. Grimes, the Kiwanis baseball knish.

A small admission fee will be charged to assist the school children over their financial difficulties.