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CONCERTS HERE BY SINGING CLASS WELL RECEIVED

Approximately \$75 Raised For Orphanage By Singers Here

Making its annual visit here over the week-end, the Oxford Orphanage Singing Class gave one of the best concerts heard here in several years. The little singers, unusually alert in their parts, were well trained under the direction of Mrs. Hutchinson, and their numbers were well received. More than 350 people heard the young singers in the regular concert Saturday evening in the high school auditorium, and a large congregation assembled in the Methodist church Sunday evening for a special performance. Singing class receipts are said to have been much smaller in many towns visited by the singers, but the offering here was about the same as it was last year. Approximately \$75 were raised at the two performances, \$52.60 Saturday evening, and the remainder Sunday night at the union service.

The little visitors were pleasantly entertained in private homes during their two-day stay here. They left yesterday morning for Washington, where they appeared in a concert last night. Leaving Oxford about two months ago the singing class has already visited a goodly number of lodges in Eastern North Carolina, and before they return home next December the little folks will have visited nearly every town and city in the State, from the sea to the mountains.

The orphans' visit, sponsored by Skewerke Lodge of Masons, was greatly enjoyed by those attending the concerts and those who came in contact with the little folks.

JAIL 2 NEGROES RESULT OF FIGHT

Fight Said To Be the Most Brutal One Reported in Several Years

Paul Josey and Garland Jones are in the county jail following a murderous fight in Oak City last Sunday. Said to have been fighting over a 10-cent pair of glasses, the two negroes nearly killed each other. Josey is nursing a fractured skull and one or two cuts about the body. Josey claims Jones pounded him over the head with a shovel. In the meantime Josey was carving Jones, slicing the muscles of the right arm and blood vessels at random on the neck, head, and body. Jones was also knocked in the head. The two men were patched up in Oak City and brought here Sunday for a hearing in the county court today. Jones, apparently in a daze, sleeps much of the time. Josey maintains Josey started the fight. According to reports received here, the fight started over a woman or the wife of one of the fighters. The attacks were said to be the most brutal seen in this section in some time.

CARS COLLIDE HERE FRIDAY

Chevrolet Turns Over Near School Building; No One Is Injured

Louis Horton, Plymouth white man, and Oliver Gillam, local colored man, escaped injury early last Friday evening when their cars, two Chevrolet coupes, were in a head-on collision on the Washington road near the colored school building. Both cars were considerably damaged. Gillam was traveling out of Williamston when Horton rounded the curve just the other side of the school building. The colored man claims Horton was traveling rapidly and holding to the middle of the road. Gillam did not turn to the shoulders, he claims, and the smash-up followed, the Horton car continuing down the road for 50 yards or more, where it turned over. The left side running boards and wheels of both cars were smashed and the rear end of the Gillam car was damaged. Apparently discrediting Gillam's account of the wreck, Horton procured a warrant yesterday charging the colored man with reckless driving.

Baby Show Postponed on Account Whooping Cough

The baby show planned by the ladies of the local Methodist church has been postponed on account of the whooping cough that has reached epidemic stage here. The ladies plan to hold the show some time next month, provided danger of whooping cough is over.

Nemar To Make Blindfold Drive Tomorrow Afternoon

Arrangements for the Nemar blindfold automobile drive here tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon at 3 o'clock are complete, and many visitors are expected to be on hand to see the event. The mystery man will be blindfolded in front of the Watts Theatre promptly at that hour, and he will drive a new Ford V-8, furnished by the Williamston Motor Company, for about 30 minutes all over town. Nemar, a native of Sydney, Australia, will be alone in the car, and during the drive he will make stops at several stores. He will go in, while blindfolded, and find gifts for distribution among the visitors.

Madame Nemar will ride in a second car about 100 feet behind the one driven by the blindfold driver. No words will be spoken or other signs exchanged by the driver and his wife. Nemar guarantees perfect safety to every one and says the more congested traffic is, the better he will like it. Thousands of people have seen the mystery drive in this section of the State, and big crowds are expected here for the neighborhood day event. Wednesday and Thursday nights Nemar will appear on the Watts Theatre programs. His presentations in other towns of this section have been well received.

WHOOPING COUGH

Whooping cough, thought to have been brought here from Richmond a few weeks ago, continues to spread, according to reports coming from the office of the county health officer here yesterday. Up to that time 31 cases had been reported and quarantined, and it is believed that many more cases are now developing. All the cases are confined to white children in this community. Failure on the part of a few parents to observe the quarantine instructions has been reported, but so far no violations have been prosecuted.

TWO COURSES IN COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE ELIMINATED

Local Districts Will Not Be Allowed To Vote for Two Departments

The agricultural department in the Jamesville school and the commercial department in the Robersonville school were eliminated a few days ago from the curricula of the two schools when the legislature passed a bill prohibiting supplementary taxation for a ninth month of school and for any activities handled in the agricultural and commercial departments. It was first understood that the bill was passed by the legislature to make sure that no effort would be made to add an extra month to the regular state-supported eight-month term. It was later learned that the bill was directed against all supplements, and it is understood that the schools in this county will receive only what the state is pleased to give them.

With the passing of these two departments, it can be reliably said that they have proved of great value to the two communities and even to others near by. They have probably been of more direct benefit to the young people and to the communities in which they operated than any other subjects in the curricula.

The Jamesville agricultural department, under the direction of the late W. T. Overby, has paid many dividends and will continue to influence the lives of those students who had the opportunity to take advantage of the instruction offered therein. But the door is closed to those who follow.

Jean Watts Wins First Prize in Dress Contest

Jean Watts, pupil in the local schools, won first prize in a dress-making contest sponsored here last week by the economics department in cooperation with the educational service and McCall Company. Second prize went to Christine Rogerson, ninth grade student. Pattie Ray Bennett, also a ninth grade pupil, won third prize. Forty-two dresses, all made of cotton, were entered in the contest, Miss Ora Finch, home economics teacher, said.

Dance at Woman's Club Here Next Friday Night

The Woman's Club will sponsor a dance in the club hall Friday night, May 19. The Windsor orchestra will play at that time, it was announced.

Weather Has Retarded Cotton and Watermelons

Cotton, watermelons and cantaloupes have been retarded by the recent cool weather in Hoke and adjacent counties.

Home for Week-end
Mr. Maurice D. Watts, a patient in the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., spent the week-end here with his family.

FINAL PROGRAM AT FARM LIFE IS HELD FRIDAY

Senior Class Will Present Annual Play There Wednesday

Closing exercises were held in the Farm Life School last Friday evening when Rev. E. F. Moseley, local Episcopal minister, delivered the commencement address to the nine seniors and a large number of school children and patrons of that community. The minister, in his address, stressed the values of education other than that for financial gain. He said that we must get away from the idea that educated persons may live a life of greater ease than others, and we must recognize the fact that through reading and knowledge an educated person may live a life of greater satisfaction to himself and service to others.

Following Mr. Moseley's address, Rev. W. B. Harrington presented certificates to 16 pupils completing the seventh grade. He also presented certificates to 83 pupils for their parallel reading done during the term. Thirteen pupils received perfect attendance awards.

Superintendent J. C. Manning, in a short talk, congratulated the people of the community for their interest in making the high school there a standard one. The school, for the first time in its history, graduated its first group of seniors, each of whom received standard credits recognized by the State system.

Diplomas were awarded to the nine seniors by Principal A. E. Mercer. The senior play, scheduled for last week but postponed on account of illness, will be staged in the school auditorium there tomorrow evening.

Class day exercises were held there last Thursday evening with the following taking part: Archie Coltraine, president; Veona Roberson, salutatorian; Estelle Lilley, class grumbler; Eva Gray Manning, class prophet; Felton Daniel, class historian; Robert Peel, poet; Mildred Roberson, gliston, and Raleigh Harrington, class witor.

Albemarle Baseball League Schedule Is Now Complete

Meeting in Edenton last night, officials of the Albemarle League arranged the schedule of play for the season. Windsor and Williamston are scheduled to open the season on the local diamond Tuesday, June 6. Edenton and Elizabeth City play at Elizabeth City that day and Ahoskie and Colerain meet at Colerain.

A complete schedule will be made public some time this week, Mr. Bill Spivey, manager of the local club, announced today. Complete arrangements for financing the local club and the appointment of permanent officers will be handled this week. A meeting will be held here next Friday evening when players are to be signed for the season.

According to Mr. Spivey, several of the players of last season will be back this year.

Medical Meeting Is Held Here Last Friday Night

An unusually interesting meeting of the second district Medical Society was held here last Friday night, with around 75 doctors from five counties attending. The visitors were entertained by the Martin County society. Prominent physicians were here and took part in the program, which lasted well into the night. The papers were very instructive and interesting, and the discussions were enjoyed.

Announce Birth
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Rogerson announce the birth of a son in the Washington Hospital, Monday, May 15, 1933.

PER CAPITA COST PUBLIC CHARGES IN COUNTY IS 67c

Martin Ranks Sixteenth in List of 53 Counties Reporting

Martin County's per capita cost of maintaining the jail, county home, and county charities, or outside poor, was slightly over 67 cents in 1932, according to information released this week through the University News Letter. This cost was divided as follows: 19.5 cents for upkeep of jail, 19 cents for county home, and 28.9 cents for county poor, giving Martin County a rank of 16 among the list of 53 counties reporting their costs for charities and corrections. Reports from the other 47 counties were not available. Judging from the reports available, Martin County would occupy about an average rank were the costs made known in the other counties.

Halifax County spent 6.8 cents for jail, 18.6 for county home, and 31 cents for charity, a total of 56.4 cents per capita. Beaufort spent 11.4 cents for jail, 15.1 cents for county home, and 21.2 cents for charity, a total cost of 47.7 cents per capita. The per capita cost in Pitt was 45.1 cents, divided 47.7 cents per capita. The per capita to home, and 25.4 cents for charity. Buncombe County with the highest per capita cost, \$1.50, spent 22.5 for jail, 29 cents for county home, and 98.5 cents for charities.

In connection with the costs, the News Letter says: "It is interesting to note that the cost of operation of the jail varies from 6.1 cents per capita in Johnston County to 51.3 cents in Graham, and that the cost of county home varies from 5.5 cents per capita in McDowell to 38.9 cents in New Hanover. One would like to know the reason. We would also like to know why Madison County is spending 4.8 cents per capita in outdoor relief and Guilford \$1.05. Or why Graham and Swain are spending three times as much on all charities and corrections as their neighbor, Madison. Is one spending too much, or the other spending too little? These questions can not be answered, but they demonstrate very forcibly the need for more exact and illuminating accounting than now obtains in the courthouses of this state."

STOCKHOLDERS IN ANNUAL MEET

Martin County Warehouse Company Passes Its Annual Dividend

Holding their annual meeting in the courthouse here last Friday afternoon, Martin County Warehouse stockholders elected their officers for the coming year, appointed a rental committee, and passed up a dividend. Mr. E. P. Cunningham was reelected president of the company and Mr. J. L. Coltraine was elected vice president. W. H. Carstarphen was named secretary and treasurer. Directors include: Messrs. Lucian Hardison, J. E. King, G. H. Harrison, Joshua L. Coltraine, C. O. Moore, N. C. Green, and R. J. Peel. A rental fee of \$200 charged the Williamston Storage Company was approved, and Messrs. C. A. Harrison, J. E. King, and S. C. Griffin were named for renting the house during the coming tobacco season are said to be favorable.

The company has all its taxes paid and current bills have been met to date, with a cash balance on hand. However, the amount was considered too small to declare a dividend this year, but it is hoped a fair return on the investment will be available next year.

Positions with Government Open to Junior Pharmacists

The United States Civil Service Commission will accept applications until May 23 for the positions of junior pharmacist and assistant pharmacist aide to fill vacancies in the United States Veterans' Administration and in the Public Health Service.

The entrance salary for junior pharmacist is \$2,000 a year, and for assistant pharmacist aide \$1,620 a year. The salaries named are subject to a deduction of not to exceed 15 per cent as a measure of economy, and a retirement deduction of 3 1-2 per cent. Applicants must submit evidence that they are full-licensed pharmacists, such license having been obtained as the result of examination before a State Board of Pharmacy. Certain specified education and experience are also required. Full information may be obtained from E. E. Wynne, secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners, at the post office or courthouse in this city.

Legislature Finishes Work Late Yesterday Afternoon

LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS NAMED HERE MONDAY

Eason Lilley, E. H. Ange and J. W. Eubanks Take Oaths of Office

Holding their first meeting in several months, the members of the Martin County Board of Education yesterday appointed district school committees and handled a number of routine matters, all the work of the body being of no great importance. Activities of the board will be limited to detail duties until the new school commission surveys the field and hands down its orders.

Messrs. Eason Lilley, J. W. Eubanks and E. H. Ange were sworn in as members of the board by Clerk of the Court R. J. Peel, Messrs. Lilley and Ange starting four-year terms and Mr. Eubanks entering upon a term of two years' duration. In addition to these new members there are the Messrs. J. T. Barnhill and W. O. Griffin on the board.

Only a few district committees were appointed, action in other districts pending instructions from Raleigh. All appointments will be made just as soon as the school commission makes its report on areas of districts. During the meantime all members of the various committees whose terms have not expired will continue to function in so far as their activities permit to the approval of the state commission, it is understood. In other words, the election of teachers is subject to approval or disapproval, as the case may be, by the state authorities.

Committee appointments made yesterday are as follows:

- Dardens District: Mr. J. R. Knowles.
- Farm Life District: W. T. Roberson.
- Williamston District: Dr. P. B. Cone and Mr. R. L. Coburn.
- Lilley's Hall District: Mr. S. J. Lilley.
- Robersonville District: Messrs. Eli Rogers and S. T. Everett.
- Parmelee District: Mr. J. M. Dixon.
- Oak City District: Mr. Avery Smith.

COUNTY HEALTH CONTEST SOON

Ten Martin Club Girls Will Compete in Contest This Year

By Miss LORA E. SLEPPER

Girls examined in the 4-H clubs in the county early in the spring will enter their club contestants in the county contest in the very near future. There are some very healthy looking contestants to enter the county health contest this year. The girls who will compete in the contest will be Misses Alberta Keel, of Everetts, Doris Teel, of Williamston, Ida Taylor Walters, of Williamston, Florine Moyer, of Oak City, Doris Thomas, of Robersonville, Hazel Ward Roberson, of Robersonville, Glen Willoughby, of Hamilton, Selma Ange, of Jamesville, and Idell Wells, of Jamesville, and Katherine Griffin, of Farm Life.

The county eliminations have been held for the past two years in the county with high scorings each time on the county champion. The health program is in its infancy and many girls have become more interested in taking better care of themselves, correcting defects in posture, bad eating habits, and other defects as a result of the health contest. All girls in the contest must be 14 years old. The doctors in Williamston have cooperated in this work. The district contest will be held in Washington May 29, and the county contestants will enter the district contest.

Snake Is Found Coiled Up In Window During Service

Rock Hill, S. C.—Preaching a sermon while realizing that a huge snake, was coiled a few feet away in the unique experience of the Rev. A. H. Key, pastor of the Bethel Presbyterian Church.

Just as he began the services, the pastor noted the snake lying on a window sill just back of the pulpit. Fearing his congregation would be panicked by a sudden announcement of the snake's presence, he calmly proceeded with the full hour's service although he was admittedly frightened.

When the services were over and the congregation had departed, the pastor killed the snake with a poker.

BANK HOLIDAY

Mecklenburg Day, the anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, will be observed as a holiday by the Branch Banking and Trust Company here next Saturday, Cashier C. D. Carstarphen announced today. The document was signed on May 20, 1775.

Other banking institutions throughout the State will also observe the day as a holiday, and big program commemorating the event will be arranged in the larger cities, particularly in Charlotte, where North Carolinians registered their objection for the first time to British rule.

SAY FUTURE FOR COTTON FARMER IS ENCOURAGING

Feeling Everywhere That 1933 Spells a Higher Price for Cotton

Ten thousand, five hundred and seventy-two miles by automobile, throughout the cotton belt and everywhere the feeling that 1933 spells higher cotton prices and better times! This is the bright prospect reported recently by Herbert C. Brewer, director of the Chilean nitrate educational bureau. Mr. Brewer has just completed a long trip. Driving alone in an old Chevrolet, Mr. Brewer visited every corner of the old South, talking with farmers, extension workers, newspaper editors, dealers and bankers.

"I found farmers buoyed with an optimistic feeling," Mr. Brewer asserted. "Improvement everywhere, that's the general outlook. The farmers feel that the heralded 'new deal' really is a new deal, and that it promises better things to the man who farms. Higher prices and general improvement are confidently expected. The belief that the worst is over, is widespread. I am impressed with the new spirit I found wherever I went."

On the subject of this year's cotton crop Mr. Brewer expressed the opinion that the farmer is putting forth most intelligent production effort. The farmer is following the fertilization program he has found to be successful over the years. In making his fertilizer investment the farmer is buying strictly on the basis of lowest risk and greatest economy. There is tremendous demand for natural Chilean nitrate.

"For years we have advertised Chilean nitrate of soda in the small newspapers of the South," he declared. "We have never made exaggerated claims. We simply tell the true advantage of Chilean nitrate, the fact that it is the world's only natural nitrate and the only nitrate that contains the vital 'impurities' such as iodine, boron, magnesium, calcium, potassium. I find on close, personal investigation that the importance of these facts are coming to be recognized by many farmers which proves to me how closely your papers are read. Our appeal to the farmer through the newspapers always has been on the sound belief that truth in advertising implies honesty in product and in dealings. It is gratifying to see the degree to which this policy has won unflinching confidence of the farmer."

Sale of Chilean nitrate, Mr. Brewer reports, has reached such volume already that the supply at the ports has been greatly reduced. New supplies are en route, however, and there is no prospect of a shortage. Dealer supplies at present are adequate, but the way orders are being placed, dealers everywhere are urging their customers to arrange at once for their Chilean requirements to avoid possible delay and to make certain of the present low price which, today, is by far the lowest in all history.

Episcopalians To Attend Meeting in New Bern

On May 17 and 18 the Diocese of East Carolina will hold its annual convention at New Bern. This marks the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Diocese and will be observed with a fitting program. Major Huske, of Fayetteville, will read a history of the Diocese, he being one of the few delegates now living who attended the first convention.

The minister of the Church of the Advent, Rev. S. F. Moseley, and several delegates from Williamston and from St. Martin's, Hamilton, will attend.

LOWER TAXES ON PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY

Sales Tax Will Probably Overshadow All Other Acts Passed by Body

The North Carolina General Assembly quit Raleigh yesterday afternoon after establishing a record for the largest number of bills ever introduced in one sitting of that all-wise body. And from now on the people of the State will be wondering what it was all about. Law changes, variations in handling the schools, the collection of taxes and other alterations will perplex the people of the Commonwealth from now on, and many, no doubt, will pass into the far beyond without ever knowing what the 1933 legislature did and did not do. Gradually the work of the assembly will make itself felt in one way or another. Probably the 3 per cent sales tax will be reckoned as the one act that every one will know about and particularly so in the humble homes of the land.

The acts of the 1933 General Assembly will affect directly every citizen of the State—particularly the general sales tax which will become effective July 1. This departure in taxation stands to overshadow all else done by the law-makers in their long stay at Raleigh, eclipsing even the realization of the 8-months State school term.

Revolutionary Acts

Other revolutionary legislation already has become effective. Beer became legal on May 1. Banks are now operating under radical statutes enacted under the stress of the general bank holiday in early March. Divorces are being filed under the two-year separation statute which was substituted for the five-year statute that has been on the books for many years. Important sequels to the session's accomplishments soon will take the limelight. Next November there is to be an election on repealing the eighteenth amendment. The following November the people will vote on a brand new constitution.

Shifts Tax Burden

Taxes in business and on incomes were increased while taxes on real and personal property were reduced thru the State taking over the entire support of a uniform eight-months school term.

The school situation will bring numerous sequels in elections over the State on supplementing State support for the eight-months term and on whether localities shall tax themselves for nine-months terms.

Last Major Battle

This school supplement problem was the last major battle of the legislature. Adjournment would have come last week had it not been necessary for the Senate to remain over yesterday to pass on third reading the conference report putting back into the bill the nine-months provision stricken by the Senate on its original passage there.

In Raleigh, where consolidations and curtailments have been effected in State departments, and salaries cut by a third, the effects of this Assembly will be felt heavily. In State institutions, whose appropriations were greatly reduced, readjustments must come.

Great Public Interest

In no assembly has there been more public interest. Although it fell only nine days short of equalling the all-time record for length, the 1933 General Assembly was not the second longest. The legislature of 1868-69 lasted 135 days.

This session there were 1,408 laws passed, as compared with 1,206 last session.

There were 2,469 bills introduced this session. Last session the total was 2,108. One factor in the huge number of bills was the unprecedented number of measures repealing and amending laws passed at the same session. These measures took every known form, many of them being exemptions for particular counties from State-wide measures.

Women Auto Drivers Have Small Number of Accidents

New York—Although women make up nearly 24 percent of automobile drivers, they are responsible for less than seven percent of accidents, according to William Gottlieb, vice-president of the New York automobile club.