

OUTLINES AIMS OF WOMANS CLUB IN COMING YEAR

New Officers Planning Big Program of Activities—During Period

Mrs. J. G. Staton, entering upon the duties of president of the Williamston Woman's Club recently, outlined the aims of the organization for the coming year, as follows:

Every administration has certain aims. This one will emphasize one word—Beautification. Under this broad heading let us do our routine duties in a beautiful way. In details may be strive to make our town beautiful. Let us have the empty garbage pail, clean streets, no mosquitoes, and lovely yards. Perhaps we may have a playground so attractive that even the colored nurses will take the tiny children there. Maybe we shall get the swimming pool and have it beautifully sanitary and healthy. Perhaps we shall arouse the town to such an extent that two public parks will be possible, one for white and one for colored. Perhaps we shall cooperate with the town authorities and enable them to buy a street sprinkler for hot days. Perhaps we shall have sufficient influence with the fire department to have the town zoned, ringing a bell, or tooting a horn, to indicate in which part of the town there is a fire, not leaving us in fear and trembling that our own is in danger when from home we hear the siren.

"Let's get rid of flies, trash, hitchhikers, stained streets, paper, and weeds. Let us make the life of the town beautiful by forming a town choir. Perhaps we shall have only two or three big musicals a year, perhaps we shall have community sings on Sunday afternoons, in winter. Carols at Christmas, songs at Easter.

"Women have ever set the standards for men. Of course, we know men set them for us, we do as they like us to do. Our responsibility is to demand high standards of the men of the town.

With such a membership as constitutes the Woman's Club, we new officers are sure of cooperation and support.

The new department members and committee members follow:

American Citizenship Department: Mrs. E. S. Peel, Mrs. John A. Ward, Mrs. G. W. Harrison, Mrs. C. B. Roebuck, Mrs. B. A. Critcher.

American Home Department: Miss Lora E. Sleeper, Mesdames T. F. Harrison, B. S. Courtney, G. H. Harrison.

Fine Arts Department: Mesdames W. H. Biggs, W. K. Parker, J. H. Saunders, W. C. Manning, Wheeler Martin.

Public Welfare Department: Mesdames L. B. Harrison, M. S. Moore, E. P. Cunningham.

Garden Department: Mesdames Clayton Moore, J. E. King, C. B. Clark.

Program committee: Mesdames J. C. Manning, L. A. Slade, J. H. Saunders.

Membership and absentee committee: Mesdames Myrtle Brown, A. R. Dunning, Lawrence Lindsley.

Press and publicity committee: Mesdames T. B. Brandon, Jack Frank, F. E. Wynne, M. J. Moye.

Finance committee: Mesdames S. R. Biggs, N. C. Green, Clayton Moore.

House committee: Mesdames L. T. Fowden, C. D. Carstarphen, Anna Crawford, Eloise Bennett.

House rental committee: Mesdames F. U. Barnes, C. G. Crockett, C. A. Harrison.

Civic committee: Mesdames Frank Margolis, J. S. Rhodes, P. B. Cone, Erab Cobb, J. W. Andrews.

Social committee: Mesdames Ray Goodmon, H. L. Barnhill, J. W. Watts, Jr., Z. T. Piephoff, J. R. Everett.

Judge Drops Dead As He Argues Over Fence

San Pedro, Calif.—Harold L. Arnold, 75, retired New York judge, living here, died unexpectedly today during a quarrel with a young woman over a fence.

Police expressed the belief he succumbed to a heart attack during his argument with Betty Gardena, 23, at her mother, who asserted he was building a fence on their property.

Miss Gardena, police said, struck Arnold in the face with a lathe. Both women were questioned by the officers, who indicated they would be released.

Start Revival Service at Everett Next Sunday

Beginning next Sunday, Rev. Kermit Taylor, of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, will start a series of revival services in the Christian church at Everetts, it was announced today. The public is invited and urged to attend.

Opening Albemarle League Game Here This Afternoon

Mr. Asa T. Crawford, president of the local club, will officially open the 1933 season for the Albemarle Baseball League here this afternoon at 4 o'clock on the high school diamond. Windsor is sending its aggregation over to do battle with the locals in the season's opener.

Manager V. J. Spivey announced the following as a tentative lineup:

Earp, shortstop; Gaylord, left field; Latham, third base; Brake, second base; Hallie James, right field; Uzzle, catcher; Taylor, first

base; Kugler, center field; Herring or Cherry, pitcher. James, a young Robersonville boy, reported for play here yesterday. He has just completed a successful season with High Point College, batting .365 there during the season.

Local club officials are much pleased with the prospect of a successful season, and large crowds are expected to attend.

The locals go to Windsor tomorrow and play Colerain at Colerain Thursday. Next Friday, Colerain plays the locals on the high school diamond here.

Coburn Finishes His 8th Year as Mayor

WHERE THEY PLAY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7
Williamston at Windsor.
Edenton at Elizabeth City.
Colerain at Ahoskie.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8
Williamston at Colerain.
Ahoskie at Elizabeth City.
Windsor at Edenton.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9
Colerain at Williamston.
Elizabeth City at Ahoskie.
Windsor at Edenton.

HEALTH PAPERS NOT NECESSARY TO GET MARRIED

Some Couples Continue To Take Medical Examinations, It Is Said

Lovers, so wrapped up in each other and thinking nothing of the rest of the world and its laws, often forget that new marriage laws were passed by the last legislature making that final leap very soothing and far more easy than it once was. According to reports coming from the courthouse a goodly number of couples applying for marriage licenses present their doctor's certificates proving the applicants well of body, probably of mind and at the same time proving they can't keep up with the doing of a changing law-making body.

Surely, the mistake is forgivable, but those who find sailing difficult in these distressed times will do well to remember that an examination by a doctor is no longer a pre-requisite in procuring a marriage license in North Carolina, that that fee might well be used for other purposes later on. The willing girl only has to prove her age over a certain limit and that the jump is approved by her parents when there is a question about age. The man is no longer required to undergo an examination proving his mental state and physical condition; he only has to swear he is free of tuberculosis and that he has had no venereal disease during the past two years. The oath he takes under the new law is almost known to be useless. But the register of deeds, discarding his file for medical certificates, has a pigeon hole, just as a matter of form, for keeping the believed worthless oaths.

And so the important thing in procuring a marriage license now is the fee of \$5. The oath required of the young man is administered without cost by the register of deeds at his office in the courthouse.

LISTINGS SHOW BIG VARIATION

Reduction in Personal Values Vary from 4 To 34 Per Cent.

Some marked variations in property values are noted in the first few lists turned in by list-takers. Present indications point to a decrease in real values of about 33 per cent, or a fraction less than the horizontal reduction authorized by the legislature.

Recent lists turned into the county offices reveal a wide range in personal values, the reductions ranging from 4 per cent in Cross Roads and Robersonville Townships to 23 per cent in Jamesville and 34 per cent in Bear Grass Townships.

Solvent credits apparently are responsible for the greatest losses in personal property values.

It is now believed that the total valuation decrease in the county will be 31 per cent below the 1932 figures.

IS GIVEN WATCH BY CO-WORKERS ON TOWN BOARD

Reviews Major Activities Of Authorities During Long Term

Completing a term of eight years as mayor of Williamston, Robert L. Coburn last evening made his farewell address to the small group of men with the aid of whom the affairs of the town he had administered during that period. He referred to his work with the board as being very pleasant, adding that in all those years he had found each and every one with whom he had served working as best they knew how for the best interest of the town and its people. There had been some differences in the matter of viewpoint, but as a whole the best interest of the town was foremost in the minds of all.

Probably some of the largest problems ever to confront the town presented themselves to the town authorities during Mr. Coburn's term as mayor. In the way of improvements, he referred to the paving program, an investment that property owners are finding it difficult to maintain just at this time, but at the same time one that would not give up. The modernization of the fire department was pointing out that the new equipment and its volunteer operators were saving property owners thousands of dollars annually in reduced insurance costs.

The sale of the power and light franchise to the Virginia Electric and Power Company was referred to as probable one of the most constructive steps taken by the town government during the eight-year period. Mr. Coburn was confident that the light users of the town would still be paying 15 cents for their electric energy had the franchise been maintained by the municipality. The power company has fulfilled its every promise, and even though it is operating in a sparse ly settled country it is offering electric energy as low, if not lower, than other companies throughout the State Mr. Coburn said.

"We are striving under adverse conditions just now, but the future of the town is very promising," Mr. Coburn continued. "Williamston is the hub of a promising industrial development, and its continued growth is assured," he concluded.

Just before departing, Mr. Coburn was awarded a handsome white-gold watch by the board members.

Clerk of Court R. J. Peel administered the oaths, and the change in administration heads was effected smoothly and the town's business continued under the direction of Mr. John L. Hassell, member of a prominent family and mayor 10 years ago.

County Board Education Re-elects Superintendent

Holding a meeting here yesterday, the Martin County Board of Education re-elected James C. Manning superintendent of Martin County schools, the term to run for the next two years. Although the board discussed several of the changes made in the school laws by the recent legislature, the reelection of Mr. Manning as head of the county school system was the only official act.

The board members acquainted themselves with the new school laws and adjourned subject to call by District School Commissioner T. B. Attmore, of Washington. The State School Commission will consider the restricting of the several schools as soon as it is possible, and when that is done it is understood another meeting of the county board of education will be held.

TOWN BOARD IN REGULAR MEET HERE LAST NIGHT

Discuss Unsanitary Conditions; Order Owners To Display Auto Tags

Meeting in regular session last evening, the local town commissioners ordered a survey of sanitary conditions in the town, and passed an ordinance requiring town automobile owners to display their town license tags on their cars.

After taking the oath of office, the commissioners, all old members of the body, and John L. Hassell, the new mayor, perfected their organization by selecting L. P. Lindsley mayor pro tempore, G. H. Harrison, clerk; N. C. Green, treasurer. Several applications for places on the police force were received and considered, the board, however, making no change in its list of officers. Former Mayor R. L. Coburn was retained as town attorney with an annual fee of \$50.

The sanitation question was discussed at length following a review of deplorable conditions reported in certain sections of the town. The health of the towns nearly 3,000 inhabitants is being jeopardized by ill-kept toilets, two citizens explained to the board, in urging the authorities to take some action against the careless practice. Mayor Hassell said he had made an investigation and he and the police were planning to take some definite action against unsanitary conditions.

When police complained that several citizens had refused to display town license tags on their cars, the board passed an ordinance making the practice unlawful and provided a fine of not less than \$1 nor more than \$5 for each violation.

Mr. Hassell immediately entered upon his duties, ignoring all formalities to dispatch the work before the body. The calendar was cleared in short order, and the body adjourned subject to call of the new chief.

8 PERMITS TO MARRY ISSUED

Number Marriages Drops from 21 In April To Eight In April

Cupid, that bird which gets the credit for shooting the arrow, was not very active in the county last month. Probably he postponed his work until this month, and more's likely there will be more June brides as a result of light activities in May.

There were eight licenses issued by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger in May, four going to white and four to colored couples. April was a fairly busy month for the bureau, 21 licenses having been issued during that period.

Licenses went to the following:

White
William P. Byrum and Lena Rivers Castello, both of Bertie County.

Henry A. Early and Leona Blanch Newton, both of this county.

Ira J. Peel and Margaret C. Chesson, both of Martin County.

John Hoggard and Lettie Cherry, also of this county.

Colored
Sam Jones and Delzora James, of Martin County.

Robert Simpson, jr., and Ethel Alexander, Martin County.

Johnnie Pugh and Arie Bonds, of Bertie County.

Soloman Baker and William Anne Savage, of Martin County.

Many Cases of Whooping Cough Reported in May

The May health report for Martin County was dominated by whooping cough; in fact, had there been no whooping cough and no cases of measles, the report would have been a perfect one.

There were 69 cases of whooping cough reported in Williamston during the period, and all but one case were confined to white children and one or two adults. The lone colored case put Thelma Williams, 3 years old, in bed and developed into pneumonia.

There were 5 cases of measles during the period and all were in Williamston Township. One patient was pestered with measles, whooping cough and mumps at the same time.

Fred Goetzinger Dies in Frankenthum, Michigan

Fred Goetzinger, a cousin to the Getsingers of this county, died in Frankenthum, Mich., Sunday of last week. Mr. Goetzinger, 76 years old, was a prominent citizen of Frankenthum for a number of years, going to the Michigan city from Germany when he was only three years old.

Mr. Goetzinger had visited relatives in this county on several occasions, coming here for a last visit about five years ago.

Vaccination Against Typhoid And Diphtheria Offered Free

COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS MEET HERE MONDAY

Board Demands Payment 1932 Taxes Before Old Ones Are Financed

The Martin County commissioners met here in their regular monthly session yesterday, ordering an anti-typhoid fever campaign and handling a few tax matters as well as business of a routine nature.

County health authorities were instructed to conduct an anti-typhoid fever campaign beginning Monday, June 19. The State furnishes the serum and the county pays the doctors.

All delinquent taxpayers will be required to pay their 1932 taxes before they will be allowed to refinance by note taxes due in former years, it was ordered by the board. Many property owners are said to have ignored their 1932 taxes and turned their attention on those unpaid in former years, reaping a 10 per cent reduction with penalty and interest exempted. The notes given in refinancing the unpaid taxes are payable during the next five years at 5 per cent interest.

A contract for an audit of the county books was awarded Greathouse and Butler at \$250.

The bond of G. D. Pearson, Goose Nest Township constable, was approved.

Two beer licenses were issued, one to Leland L. Roberson, Robersonville, and one to Theodore Roberson, Williamston. P. P. Peel, Williamston, was issued a license during May, making the total number of beer licenses issued in the county stand at ten.

The board was in session a greater part of the day glancing over first tax returns for the year 1933. The commissioners will meet as a board of equalization and review Monday, June 19, when appeals will be heard.

REVIVAL WILL END TOMORROW

Special Service Tonight for Young People At The Methodist Church

The series of revival services started by Rev. Mr. Rees, of Washington, in the local Methodist church more than a week ago, will be brought to a close tomorrow evening with the 8 o'clock service.

Tonight is young people's night, though all ages are invited and urged to be present. Subject "What Will I Do With My Life."

Tomorrow (Wednesday) night the service is to be family night. The community is invited to come, and in family groups, so far as possible.

The Rev. Mr. Rees is bringing helpful and inspiring messages. The sad part is so many church members are not availing themselves of this spiritual food. "And in hell a church member cried for the lost opportunity, but it was too late."

Only three more services, tonight, Wednesday, 10 a. m., and Wednesday, 8 p. m. Make the best of these remaining services, people of Williamston, some of you perhaps will never witness another meeting. "Today is the day of salvation." Come.—C. T. Rogers.

Peanut Man Urged For Department Agriculture

Secretary of Agriculture last week informed Representative Lindsay Warren that the serious situation of peanut growers had been discussed several times in his conferences and that it was agreed that there was need for helpful action. The Secretary stated that the commodities specifically named in the new farm bill would give the right of way, but some time later peanuts would be considered. Mr. Warren has urged that a man familiar with peanuts be placed in charge of the commodity in the Department of Agriculture.

Legion Post Holds Its Regular Monthly Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the John Walton Hassell Post, American Legion, was held in the Legion Hall here last evening with 35 or 40 members in attendance. A barbecue supper was served, the veterans hearing one or two speeches and transacting regular business.

At the next regular meeting, to be held Monday, July 3, the Legion members will elect officers for the following year.

RUN OVER BEAR

Returning from New Bern last Saturday night, C. B. Coltrain, driving a Ford truck with trailer attached, ran over a big bear a few miles this side of Vanceboro on Highway No. 30. The bruin when almost clear of the approaching truck, reared up and fell in the part of the wheels on the left side of the truck and trailer.

Gaylord Modlin accompanied Coltrain, but neither of the young men dared go back in the dark to see if the animal had been killed.

In other words, they were afraid the bear had only been crippled, and they were of the opinion that crippled bear were ferocious.

LESS TOBACCO ON HAND APRIL 1 1933 THAN YEAR AGO

Tobacco Stocks This Year Are Less by 95,857,000 Pounds Report Shows

Stocks of leaf tobacco in the United States owned by dealers and manufacturers amounted to 2,277,904,000 pounds on April 1, 1933, compared with 2,373,761,000 pounds on April 1, 1932. This is a decrease in the total stocks of 95,857,000 pounds under the stocks of a year ago April 1. From January 1, 1933, to April 1, 1933, total stocks increased 133,171,000 pounds. The increase during the first quarter of 1932 amounted to 360,981,000 pounds.

Stocks of flue-cured tobacco on hand April 1, 1933, amounted to 680,280,000 pounds, compared with 845,642,000 pounds on April 1, 1932, a decrease of 165,362,000 pounds. During the first quarter of 1933 flue-cured stocks decreased 89,217,000 pounds, compared with a decrease of only 47,456,000 pounds during the first quarter of 1932.

Stocks of fire-cured tobacco were reported as 242,389,000 pounds on April 1, 1933, compared with 201,424,000 pounds on April 1, 1932, an increase of 40,965,000 pounds. Virginia fire-cured, type 21, reported as 35,820,000 pounds, shows a decrease of about 5,000,000 pounds under stocks of a year ago April 1, but types 22 and 23 show increases of 18,000,000 and 14,000,000 pounds respectively. Type 24 also shows considerable increase. Kentucky and Tennessee, types 22 and 23 combined, show total stocks on April 1, of 198,234,000 pounds.

Burley tobacco stocks totaled 744,164,000 pounds on April 1, or about 41,000,000 pounds higher than a year ago. Burley stocks increased about 124 million pounds during the first quarter of 1933, compared with an increase of 212,000,000 pounds during the same period of 1932.

Tobacco Stocks Reduced By 54,000,000 Pounds

According to a recent government report, tobacco dealers and manufacturers had on hand April 1, 1933, 220,189,000 pounds of tobacco flue cured in Eastern North Carolina. On April 1, 1932, the dealers and manufacturers had on hand 274,020,000 pounds of tobacco. In other words, the crop was decreased by near 54,000,000 pounds in the twelve-month period.

Mattern Attempting Solo Flight Around the World

James Mattern, United States aviator, is establishing a record all his own in the attempt to fly around the world. It was feared at one time that the aviator was lost. He was long overdue in Paris when it was learned that he had landed in Moscow, Russia, more than three hours ahead of the schedule set by Post and Getty in their flight around the world a few years ago.

At 11:35 o'clock this morning the flyer had covered 1,400 miles on his second lap, landing at Omsk. He made the run in 12 hours and 21 minutes against head winds. Clear weather, favorable winds and good visibility await him on his third lap of the round-the-world journey.

In Brazil, S. A., during 1932, more than one billion pounds of coffee were destroyed in an effort to stabilize the price.

O locust tree with its trunk so crooked that it is growing in 6 different directions—up, down, north, south, east and west, is located on the side of a highway, near Hagerstown, Ma.

CAMPAIGN WILL BEGIN JUNE 19; LASTS 4 WEEKS

Planned for Rich and Poor, Old and Young, White and Colored Citizens

In accordance with health regulations, the Martin County Commissioners yesterday ordered a campaign against typhoid fever and diphtheria in this county, the first of the clinics to be held June 19 and each week thereafter through July 14th.

One of the most concerted and extensive drives to stamp out typhoid fever and diphtheria has been arranged, County Health Officer J. H. Saunders stating that the doctors of the county are planning to vaccinate around 6,000 subjects during the first week. Among white and colored, rich and poor, young and old, the treatment will be administered. "It promises to be the most complete campaign against the two diseases ever planned in this county," the health officer said in commenting upon the precautionary work.

Nearly all the physicians in the county, under the direction of the health officer, will take part in the campaign. Each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, beginning June 19, the doctors will administer the vaccine during a four-week period.

Only a few cases of typhoid fever were reported in this county last year, and only a few deaths have resulted from the fever during the past two or three years. The period of immunization has about expired, making another campaign against the disease vitally necessary just at this time. Through the administering of the vaccines, the fever has been greatly limited, and it is believed that the treatment this year will continue to hold deaths from that cause to a very small number.

The treatment is not compulsory, but health officials declare it very essential to the very life of the people. They are urging a full attendance at each of the dispensaries during the period beginning Monday, June 19.

MERCURY CLIMBS TO 104 IN SHADE

No Damage Has Resulted To Crops In This Section So Far

After a few days of unusually chilly weather during the latter part of May, the mercury started climbing last week and was well on the road to shatter all high records today with readings of 104 in the shade being reported at this point. And right now there is no relief in sight.

No serious damage has resulted to crops so far in this immediate section, it is believed, but farmers said this morning that the land was getting mighty dry, and water in ditches and small streams was falling rapidly to low levels.

The nights have been fairly comfortable so far, but ole sol has had during the past few days and is still having complete control by day.

Out in Kansas mercury readings up to 111 prompted federal and state departments of agriculture to forecast further wheat crop damage unless relief comes prior to the imminent invasion of harvesters into the fields of prematurely golden grain.

At Topeka, Kansas, where the mercury went to 100, the federal and state agencies reported prevailing hot winds would cause poor filling of wheat if they continued.

Drought, dust storms and other factors already had reduced the Kansas wheat crop expectation to 58,486,000 bushels, or less than one-fourth of the state's record harvest of 1931.

Heat records for this date were broken and the all-time highs for the month of June were in danger of being surpassed.

Harvesting in northwest Oklahoma was advanced several days by the heat and combines are going into the fields this week for what promises to be a light Oklahoma harvest.

Bright Outlook for Crop Of Tobacco at This Time

The outlook for a tobacco crop of quality and quantity is unusually bright just at this time, according to reports offered by Mr. W. H. Adkins, veteran Robersonville tobacco warehouseman. Mr. Adkins believes many farmers will be curing tobacco in June as the crop on many farms is almost large enough to be topped at the present time.