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FARM LIFE SETS UP NEW RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Sixty four Of 67 Students in High School Attended Regularly This Week

The Farm Life School, it is believed, established a new attendance record in the county for the first month of the 1933-34 term, according to figures announced yesterday by Principal Charles A. Hough. The record, showing an attendance just 5 per cent short of perfect for the month, is unusual in that it was established in a strictly rural community in the midst of the busy season and when pink-eye cases were numerous in sections of the county. Both the high school and the elementary department reported an average attendance of 95 per cent. Sixty-four of the 67 pupils enrolled in the high school were present each day. In the elementary grades 122 of the 129 pupils enrolled were present on an average each day. The senior class reported a 100 per cent attendance record, three of the group, Ulysses, Maurice, and Charles Peel attending from one family.

Mr. Hough pointed out the favorable attendance record was attributable to the interest shown by the local committee in the school.

That Griffins Township, the Farm Life section in particular, is interested in a complete educational program as far as it is humanly possible to provide is shown in the addition of a music teacher to the school this week by the local committee. Miss Olive Stokes, of Battleboro, entered upon her new duties as music teacher there Monday.

TOBACCO SALES BEST OF SEASON

Farmers Generally Pleased With Prices Paid Here This Week

Although sales have been comparatively light here all the week, the local tobacco market ends the period with the best sales of the season. With prices continuing slightly below the parity mark, tobacco is still somewhat cheap, but the averages this week have shown an increase from 3 to 4 cents a pound.

Prices for individual piles went as high as 55 cents here this morning, and farmer after farmer expressed themselves as being greatly pleased with their sales.

According to first-hand reports, the prices on the market here are comparing very favorably with those received by farmers on the larger markets, and even some better in many cases.

Presbyterians Announce Services for Sunday, 22nd

Sunday, October 22, 1933:
Church school at 9:45 a. m.
Worship service and sermon at 11 a. m. The Rev. W. S. Harden, of Greenville, will bring the message of the morning.

Bear Grass
Church school at 9:30 a. m.
Evangelistic service at 7:30 p. m.
Young People's meeting at 6:45 p. m.

W. S. Harden, of Greenville, has been conducting services each night here during the week. Good congregations have greeted him each night. The services may close with this one. Be sure and come.

Roberson's Chapel
Church school at 4 p. m.
Rev. W. S. Harden will speak to the Sunday school at this hour.

The meeting held at this point October 5-15 was one of the best held in the history of the chapel. On last Sunday night the chapel was packed to overflowing and some were unable to get inside. The baptismal service will be held Sunday, the 29th.
Prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30 p. m.

Ballard's Farm
Church school at 2 p. m.

Prison Camp
Services at 3:30 p. m. Rev. G. T. Hill.
Come and worship with us.

Schedule of Services at the Local Christian Church

Preaching at the Christian Church at 11 o'clock in the morning and at 7:30 in the evening. Bible school at 9:45 and Christian Endeavor at 6:45 p. m. Public cordially invited to all services. All members are urged to be present at both services, as plans are being laid for the new ministerial year. The pastor will preach Sunday morning on "In Search of Eternal Life," and at 7:30 p. m. on "Why the Church Cannot Fail." Take your family and friends out. Good inspirational music and friendly fellowship.

Plan for Big Armistice Day Program Being Worked Out

Plans for a one-span bridge and the removal of the center supports to the A. C. L. Railroad bridge at the end of West Main Street here have been approved by the authorities. Mr. G. H. Harrison was told during a visit in Raleigh last Wednesday. Other highway projects, planned here under the Federal aid program, are being considered but none had been finally approved this week, Mr. Harrison said yesterday.

The highway authorities have been asked to widen that portion of the highway from the Watts Street intersection to the next corner below the courthouse and

probably to the top of the river hill. The commission has also been asked to widen Main Street from the Cowen home to the underpass on West Main Street and to widen the highway from the tobacco warehouse district to the A. C. L. tracks on the Washington road.

It could not be learned just when work would be started on the underpass, long a "Jonah" to motor traffic on No. 90. Mr. Harrison said, however, that the project had been approved and that the State Commission and railroad company were anxious to improve the underpass.

DON'T FORGET

Every citizen in Williamston, visitors and other friends included, are urged to attend a meeting in the courthouse tonight at 7:45 o'clock, when matters of vital importance to the commercial life of the town will be discussed. Topics of interest and open discussions will feature the meeting, it was announced. A large attendance is expected.

HONOR ROLL AT FARM LIFE

Names of 36 Pupils Appear on List There for the First Month

The names of 36 pupils appear on the Farm Life School honor roll for the first month ending last Friday. Twelve pupils in the high school and 24 in the elementary grades were singled out for their scholastic achievements during the period. Their names:

First grade: Doris Peele, Hazel Hardison, Thelma Hardison, and Thelie Griffin.

Second grade: Noah Roberson, Nannie M. Roberson, Dorothy Roberson, Georgie Dean Roberson, and Josephine Hardison.

Third grade: B. F. Lilley, Alton Faye Peele, Hazel Corey.

Fourth grade: Cecil Brown, Carlyle Manning.

Fifth grade: Ida Mae Corey, Lavaghn Hardison, Oscar Wiggins.

Sixth grade: William Lilley, Ola Lee Lilley, Evan Griffin, Ethel Lilley, Bettie Louise Lilley.

Seventh grade: Sarah Getsinger, Ruth Lilley.

Eighth grade: Mamie Clyde Manning, Annie Getsinger, Thurman Griffin.

Ninth grade: Jay Daniel, Albert Wilson Lilley, James Peele.

Tenth grade: Sarah Roberson, Verne Griffin, Thelma Coltrain, Daisy Roberson.

Eleventh grade: Lillian Daniel, Louise Manning.

Mrs. Roy Ward Hurt In Car Accident Tuesday

Mrs. Roy Ward was seriously hurt and Mrs. C. D. Anderson was painfully bruised when their car, a Ford coupe, was wrecked at the intersection of Main Street and Highway No. 90 in Robersonville last Tuesday night. Mrs. Ward suffered a bad injury to her head and was hurt about the back, and although she was in a semi-conscious condition for about two days following the accident her recovery is expected. After first-aid treatment in Robersonville, she was removed to her home here.

The car was struck by an old Durant driven by Jimmie Harris, of Greenville, R. F. D. 3, just after it cleared the intersection, according to information received here. Harris and other parties in the wreck were not hurt, and no great damage was done to either of the cars, it was stated.

To Hold Welfare Meeting In Kinston Next Tuesday

An unusually interesting program was made public yesterday for the northeastern district welfare conference to be held in Kinston next Tuesday, and it is believed that large numbers of relief workers, county authorities and others will attend from the 22 counties comprising the district.

Dean Justin Miller, of Duke University, will be the luncheon speaker, and interesting discussions on relief problems will be held. Dr. Harry W. Crane, director of mental health and hygiene, State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, will discuss the new sterilization law, and there will be other very interesting phases of relief work discussed, particularly as it affects the delinquent child.

RECORDER HAD SMALL DOCKET

Half Dozen Cases Called At Session Held Last Tuesday

The Tuesday session of the Martin County Recorder's Court was of little consequence, as far as the collection of fines was concerned. The court, however, taxed the several defendants with running expenses. About a half dozen cases were called, and the court held an afternoon session. Compared with the session Tuesday of last week, the docket was unusually small.

Charged with non-support, Robert B. Starling was required to pay \$25 a month until further notice, the court continuing the prayer for judgment.

Willie Inusson was found guilty in the case charging him with larceny and receiving, and he was sentenced to the roads for a period of 90 days.

Found guilty of operating an automobile while intoxicated, William Bell was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs, the court remitting the fine. The man's license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for a period of two years.

The case charging Eugene Anderson with non-support was continued one week.

The case charging Roy Moore with trespass was also continued one week.

The case charging James Henry Brown and Rachel Hunter with fleeing Leroy Lanier, Goose Nest farmer, out of about \$108 in Robersonville last week was transferred to the superior court for trial. The warrant charges the two defendants with larceny, Lanier claiming that the two got him drunk and relieved him of his money.

Full Schedule Services at Baptist Church Sunday

There will be a full schedule of religious services at the Baptist church Sunday, to which every one coming will be welcome. This church is making an effort to provide a place in its program of services for all ages.

The Sunday school, the B. Y. P. U., the worshiping and preaching services, the women's missionary meetings provide a variety of ages and preferences among those participating.

Any visitors are welcome, newcomers are invited to worship with us; and the membership requested to participate in as many services as is possible.

Program of Services At Local Methodist Church

Rev. C. T. Rogers, pastor.
Sunday is our benevolence Sunday. Bring the envelope recently sent to you with a liberal offering. The need is great, the gift is for those who are hungry and cold, both physically and spiritually. I had much rather be able to help than to be in the destitute circumstances of those who are looking to us. Don't forget.

Sunday school and church services at the usual hours, and everybody needs to go to church once a week. We make special prayers for the absent members, so if you cannot come you are not forgotten.

Sale of Furniture Is Postponed One Week

The auction sale of household and kitchen furniture scheduled by Mr. J. W. Hight here tomorrow has been postponed and will be held in the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse here Saturday afternoon of next week at 2:30 o'clock, Mr. Hight said today.

Services at St. Martins In Hamilton Sunday

There will be two services at St. Martin's Episcopal church, Hamilton, this Sunday. At the morning service there will be a special message for the members of the church.

SOUP KITCHENS ARE OPERATED BY 5 SCHOOLS

Approximately 300 Needy Children Will Receive Hot Lunches Daily

Approximately 300 needy children lined up in soup kitchens opened this week in five Martin County schools. It was learned from the county welfare office here yesterday. Forty children called for hot soup in the Jamesville school this week, and 30 were given hot lunches at Hamilton. Definite reports as to the number of "needy boarders" in the three other schools, Oak City, Robersonville, and Williamston were not available here yesterday.

In three of the schools, Oak City, Williamston, and Robersonville, the lunches will be prepared and served under the direction of the home economics teachers. Mrs. Mary C. Holiday will have charge of the lunches prepared and served in the Jamesville school, and Mrs. Ernest Pippin will be in charge at Hamilton, it was learned.

Only those children whose parents are now receiving aid from the welfare office are entitled to the free lunches, but the authorities are considering arrangements whereby undernourished children will be included in the list eligible for the free lunches.

J. R. Manning, director of relief, said yesterday that the welfare department had a large quantity of potatoes, soup mixtures, molasses, and other food on hand for use in the kitchens. In addition to that, the relief office will allow 5 cents for each lunch served, it is understood. The amount spent for each child will be checked against the relief provided by the parent, but those children whose parents are not on the relief list will be required to pay 5 cents in cash, or an equal amount in raw food, for each meal received, provided, of course, arrangements are made to include all undernourished children.

FULL SUPPORT IS PROMISED

President Roosevelt Says Every Effort Made To Raise Tobacco Price

The full support of the administration in securing fair prices for flue-cured tobacco has been pledged by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in a personal letter to Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, receipt of which was announced at the governor's office in Raleigh Tuesday.

The letter, which was in reply to two telegrams sent the President by Governor Ehringhaus early this month stated that the President had conferred with both Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace and George N. Peek, administrator of the Farm Adjustment Act, and that he had personally examined the contract entered into by the domestic companies.

In the absence of the governor, the text of the letter, which was of a personal character, was not made public by Charles G. Powell, secretary.

Club Members Shown How To Make Cheese

Home demonstration club members are much interested this month in learning to stretch the family food dollar by making American Cheese at home. Many women have expressed a desire to have a cow as a result of the meetings held. A small cheese has been made at each club meeting teaching the members methods which can be used at home. This will help very much wherever there are numerous cows or a surplus amount of milk and the housewife can not dispose of her dairy products readily.

September Sales Total \$162.19 On Curb Market

The curb market total for September was \$162.19. We are glad to have the patronage of regular customers. Sales continue very satisfactory. One seller here last week realized over \$10 on her products.—Home agent.

County Firm In Hands of Temporary Receiver

Under an order issued by Judge M. V. Barnhill, of Rocky Mount, last week, the firm of Barnhill Brothers, prominent merchants in the county for a number of years with stores at Robersonville and Everetts, was placed in the hands of E. G. Anderson, temporary receiver last Monday. The receivership was ordered to wind up the affairs of an old partnership of Bailey and Barnhill and with guardians of the late J. G. and W. S. Barnhill.

A final hearing will be held in Tarboro today on the question of a permanent receivership.

To Remove Center Support From Railroad Underpass

Plans now under way indicate that Armistice Day here this year will be an unforgettable day in the annals of this community. For on that date members of the American Legion, their wives and mothers, will come here from five Eastern Carolina counties to enjoy an all-day celebration.

According to announcements made today by H. L. Swain, chairman of the General Committee, the Legionnaires and other former service men will come to Williamston on Saturday, November 11, where the day will be taken up by a full program that is now being worked out.

There will be a big parade, speaking, a barbecue dinner, football

is thought that the occasion will bring many hundreds of visitors into Williamston that day.

It is understood that Mayor Hassell of this town will have the flags up that day and that the merchants and business places will be asked to decorate their fronts for the occasion. An effort is being made to secure a good brass band. And with the cooperation of the entire community the Armistice Day program will mark a big event for Williamston and the J. W. Hassell Post. And with the cooperation of the entire community the Armistice Day program will mark a big event for Williamston and the local post, which will be host to those coming here for the celebration.

FORGES CHECKS ON WAREHOUSE

Five Bogus Checks Cashed in Neighboring Towns In Past Few Days

Police in several counties are looking for a white man of medium build, about 35 years of age, with dark hair, in connection with the forging of several checks drawn against the Farmers Warehouse here last Friday and the early part of this week.

According to the latest information received here, five forged checks amounting to approximately \$300, had been cashed in Plymouth and Washington, and while there may be one or two more out at this time, it is believed that the crook will hardly attempt to pass another one.

The two checks handled in Plymouth were made payable to R. R. Castellone. Going to the bank there the criminal explained that he wanted to open a savings account and deposited half the money, taking the remainder in cash. He told the bank that he lived in the Gum Neck section and would add to the savings account from time to time. He showed two fake warehouse bills, and avoided any and all suspicion by answering promptly and carefully questions asked him. Three of the forged checks were cashed by individual stores in Washington.

The forged signatures were very similar to the one of Mr. C. B. Riddick, who writes checks for the warehouse.

1934 License Plates To Be Distributed Soon

1934 automobile license plates will soon be distributed to the various agencies throughout the state for the convenience of the motorists of North Carolina. The new plates will be distributed within a few days. The plates are outstanding this year in the smallness of size, which is much smaller in every dimension, and with holes cut in the bottom of the plates as well as the top. The colors will be orange background with black letters. The plates, according to a statement issued at Raleigh, will be placed on sale about November 15th.

Football Schedule For Highs Nearly Complete

With the exception of one open date, Coach Peters has completed the schedule of play for his inexperienced but promising football team here this season. Two games, one with Hobgood and another with Ayden, have already been played. This afternoon Washington sends its Northeastern Conference team here. Other games on the schedule:

October 27, Hobgood at Hobgood; November 3, Windsor at Windsor; November 11 (Armistice Day, Saturday), Ashokie at Williamston; November 17, Hertford at Hertford.

"Everybody" Attended the Circus In Wilson Thursday

Upon reliable authority it was learned here today that there was a circus in Wilson yesterday. Surely, there were sufficient numbers left in town to extinguish a fire, provided, of course, the fire was of small size. It was the opinion of several Wilson people that there were more seekers of the sights from Williamston than there were from Wilson at the show last evening.

Everetts Reports Average Daily Attendance of 250

With an enrollment of 277 pupils, the Everetts school reported an average daily attendance of 250 for the first school month. The attendance was 93.9 per cent of perfect, it was learned from Principal Russell today.

Six names appear on the honor roll, as follows:

Second grade: Lillian Cox, Dalmond Keel.
Third grade: Dora O'Neil Bailey and John Mobley, jr.
Fourth grade: Florine Clark; sixth grade, Grace Clark.

W. E. Dunn Suffers Broken Arm Tuesday

Mr. W. E. Dunn, owner of the Dunn Plumbing Company here, suffered a broken arm last Tuesday afternoon, when he accidentally stepped into a pit in the courthouse basement. The break was not a very severe one, and Mr. Dunn is able to continue his work in supervising the installation of a boiler in the courthouse.

Episcopal Women To Meet Next Monday

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of the Advent will meet at the rectory Monday afternoon at 4 p. m. This is the devotional meeting, and every member is urged to be present.

COLLECTS OVER \$3,000 1933 TAXES WITHOUT BOOKS

Marked Increase in the 1932 Collections Expected Before Advertising

Even though all the tax books for the tax year 1933 have not reached his hands, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck is already making progress in the collection of taxes for the current year, it was learned from his office yesterday. Approximately \$3,000 has been paid by individual property owners, and including the money paid by two or three corporations the collections will amount to more than \$6,000, it is estimated.

A marked increase in payments is expected between now and the 2nd of November, when the discount is decreased from 1 to 1-1/2 per cent.

Collections for 1932 taxes were described as only of fair size, the sheriff stating that he had collected about \$3,000 during the past week. Collections for that period are expected to out-distance those for the current year between now and the first of November, when the delinquent list for 1932 is scheduled to be advertised.

Officers are making concerted drives for personal property taxes, but in only a few cases have they levied on that type of property. Mr. S. H. Grimes, special collector for 1928, 1929, 1930, and 1931 personal property taxes, is reporting fair progress.

In stubborn cases he is garnishing the property owners, and as a result the county will receive a considerable amount it has apparently been impossible to collect by regular methods. Those taxpayers charged with poll tax and a small amount of personal property tax will certainly find it to their advantage to make voluntary payments and save the garnishee costs.

PEANUT MEET IS BEING HELD IN CAPITAL TODAY

Appeal to Members of AAA To Set Fair Price for Crop This Year

A public hearing in connection with a proposed marketing agreement for peanuts is scheduled to be held in Washington City today when representatives from this section will appeal to the officials of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration for a fair price on the 1933 peanut crop. The agreement being advanced for consideration today was prepared at a meeting held in Murfreesboro last Friday.

Incorporated in the proposed agreement are rules and regulations for its administration, giving representation to all interests of the peanut industry. Parties to the formal agreement are peanut millers of all growing states, including Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Oklahoma and Texas.

A control board is set up for administration and its members shall regulate the industry within itself if possible, with the assistance of the Secretary of Agriculture when needed. The section dealing with the control of purchase prices of farmers' stocks and the grading of peanuts offered for sale fixes a minimum or average price to be paid for the different classes of stocks in the states where peanuts are grown.

The minimum price section of the proposed agreement reads as follows: "Until such times as they are changed by action of the Control Board, the minimum prices, which shall be paid by millers for farmers' stock peanuts delivered at mills are as follows:

"Southeastern Spanish, \$65.00 per ton; Southeastern Runners, \$60.00 a ton; Southeastern Spanish, 80 cents a bushel (3 cents a pound); Virginia Bunch, 3 1-4 cents a pound."

It will be seen from this schedule that peanuts of this belt, most of which are Virginia Bunch and better (Jumbos) are fixed at 3 1-4 cents per pound.

This section of the agreement is of greatest interest in this locality where the price factor is the item that will affect conditions generally. Other sections of the agreement deal with trade practices that will govern millers or peanuts and with the administration of the document.

It is almost time for the 1933 crop to begin moving to market and the short period in which to conclude the negotiations on the agreement is seen as something of a threat to a better price average than is prevailing at the present time. Growers and other interests that are largely dependent on what takes place in the peanut market this fall are watching with keen interest the negotiations in Washington today.