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Local Schools Begin Session Wednesday

BRIEF INFORMAL EXERCISES WILL MARK OPENING

No Exercises Will Be Held for Children in Lower Grades Tomorrow

Brief and informal exercises will mark the opening of the local schools tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock in the high school auditorium, it was announced today by Principal D. N. Hix. Members of the school committee and other patrons of the school are expected to attend and make short talks in connection with the opening of the new term. Only those children in the sixth through the eleventh grades are expected to attend the exercises in the high school building. Children in the other grades will report directly to their respective rooms in the grammar grade building, Mr. Hix said. Parents are invited to attend with their children.

Immediately following the opening exercises in the high school, the children will repair to their respective rooms for book and lesson assignments. Schedules for various courses of study will be announced. Arrangements for starting activities after a complete schedule the following day will, in all probability, be handled by 11:30, the schools dismissing for the day at that time.

Seventy-five pupils, or about three-fourths of the expected enrollment, registered in the eighth and ninth grades yesterday, and registrations were handled rapidly in the two higher grades this morning.

Teachers in the school are holding a meeting this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, when local organization plans will be effected. All teachers have reported for duty with the exception of Miss Ora Finch, teacher of home economics, who was held at her home by a death in the family. She is expected to reach here late today or early tomorrow, Principal Hix said.

HEAVY RAINS IN SOME SECTIONS

All-day Rain Here Friday Was Only Sign of Coast Storm

The tropical storm moving northward last Friday bounced off the North Carolina coast and spent itself at sea, causing no damage of consequence to the coastal country but bringing quantities of rain in some sections. Rain fell here during a greater part of the day, but only an inch and one-half was reported at this point. Some sections reported as much as 7 inches, and Norfolk experienced a 3-inch fall in a comparatively short time. Residents in the Norfolk area were expecting a storm similar to the one that struck there last fall, but the change in course prevented any damage.

The Robersonville and Poplar Point sections reported one of the largest rains last Sunday morning at any time in years. No great damage resulted, however.

Rainfall so far this month at this point totals 3.09 inches, or almost half the entire amount falling in August.

Miss Hardison Hurt In Auto Wreck Last Sunday

Miss Hazel Hardison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hardison, of Jamesville, was badly cut on the forehead last Sunday night in an automobile accident near Rocky Mount. Mr. Wallace Fleming, also of Jamesville, driver of the new Hudson car in which Miss Hardison was riding, escaped uninjured, it was learned here. Damage to the car was estimated at \$200.

The Hudson car was struck by another automobile, complete details of the accident being unavailable here today.

The wreck was the third in which Martin County people had figured in during the past few days.

James Boston Arrested on Drunken Driving Charge

James Boston and a man named Walker were arrested Sunday afternoon by Patrolman Archie Rodman. Boston was jailed for alleged drunken driving, and Walker faces a drunken charge.

The two men are said to have dangerously interfered with traffic on the highway in the Dardens section that afternoon, and when officers found them they had stopped the car on the hard surface and fallen asleep. They were jailed here pending trial in the county court.

MEETINGS HELD

Minute details, falling under a routine head, were completed for opening of the schools tomorrow at a meeting of the several principals held here yesterday afternoon.

Following a meeting of the principals, a session was held with the school bus drivers in the high school. Routes and trucks were assigned, and safety was stressed in the operation of the trucks. The trucks, 31 in number, and about 7 below the requirements, were delivered to the drivers. Seven new buses are expected within the next two or three weeks. Until the arrival of the new units, several trucks will make two trips each way daily. The local school is operating with two buses less than the necessary number.

SCRAP SALES TO BE ENTERED ON TOBACCO CARDS

Rules for Disposing of Scrap Tobacco Announced by J. B. Hutson

Under an administrative ruling announced this week, it is believed that very little scrap tobacco will be sold this year, indicating that the farmers whose marketing quotas have been offset will find it to their advantage to use their scrap as fertilizer on their own farms.

The announcement, released by J. B. Hutson, chief of the Tobacco Section, follows:

"If any contracting producer sells scrap tobacco, the sale must be entered on his allotment card and must be covered by a tax-payment warrant. Contracting producers cannot sell this tobacco and pay the tax without violating the terms of their contracts. A grower violating the terms of his contract may have his contract terminated and be required to refund any previous payments in addition to an amount equal to the value of tax-payment warrants issued to him.

If scrap tobacco is sold to a registered dealer at the farm, to a redrying plant, or to a warehouse, the producer should get his bill of sale from the buyer and take this bill of sale together with his allotment card to an agent of the Secretary of Agriculture issuing tax-payment warrants at a warehouse. This agent will make the necessary entries on the allotment card and issue a tax-payment warrant covering the sale of tobacco. The producer will then turn over the bill of sale to the buyer with the tax-payment warrant attached. The buyer will make a monthly report of such sales, as well as other sales made to him, to the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue in the district in which such sales are made.

If scrap tobacco is sold at the farm or elsewhere to a buyer who is not a registered dealer, the producer should obtain a bill of sale and present this bill of sale to the agent of Secretary of Agriculture at the warehouse for the purpose of obtaining a tax-payment warrant and having entries made on his allotment card. In this case, the producer will be required to file a tax return, accompanied by the bill of sale and the tax-payment warrant, at the office of the collector of internal revenue in the district in which the sale is made. Forms and information about the filing of returns can be obtained from local warehousemen or from the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue.

VANDYKE PLANS SELLING EVENT

Local Store Starts Its Sale Thursday Morning At 8:00 O'clock

The Vandyke Furniture Company will, beginning Thursday, stage one of the largest furniture selling events ever held in this section. With its store and warehouses crowded with furniture, the company has smashed its prices to an unusually low point, making it possible and easy for nearly everyone to fill his furniture needs. Prices have been reduced on all items, and a rush for the bargains is expected.

To further attract the attention of those in need of furniture, the company is giving away absolutely free a number of 81 by 90 inch sheets and many stick brooms. The sale goes into effect promptly at 8 o'clock Thursday morning of this week at its store on Main Street here. The company carries a few of the many bargains in this paper.

MORE CATTLE ON WAY TO COUNTY PASTURE LANDS

Government Plans To Purchase Feed from Local Farms for Cattle

Five hundred head of cattle are now en route to pasture lands in this county from the dry areas of the west, according to information received by the relief office this week. The shipment, the second consigned to this county, is expected to reach here in about two weeks, it was stated.

The approximately 300 western cattle shipped to this county several weeks ago are doing unusually well in the pasture lands of Griffins and Jamesville Townships, Administrator J. R. Manning said. Many of the cattle have fattened and are now ready for slaughter houses. Only four of the animals have died, and one of those was killed by lightning.

The next cattle to reach the county will be pastured for the most part in the old Dymond City tract in Griffins and Jamesville Townships. Additional men will be employed to look after the cattle, Mr. Vance Price now being engaged in caring for the first shipment.

Very little feed has been given the cattle in this county, but preparations are now being made for the purchase of feed for the cattle during the coming winter. Farmers possessing a feed surplus are almost certain to find a market outlet this season.

An order from the State Relief Administrator has been received in this county and reads, in part:

"In view of the feed shortage it is necessary to conserve the food raised within our state to supply feed for the drought cattle shipped into the state.

"You are requested to proceed immediately with the following plan for purchase of feed from the farmers in your county.

"Organize a county advisory cattle feed committee of three members. The personnel of the committee to be the county relief administrator, the county farm agent, and an outstanding farmer to be selected by the first two members of the committee. The duties of the advisory committee will be to promote a plan and method for purchase for all kinds of cattle feed available in the county and to determine a fair price to be paid for same.

PEANUT MEET IS HELD IN WINDSOR

Government Planning The Purchase of Peanuts and Hay in the Field

The tentative plan of the government to purchase about 20 per cent of the present peanut crop was discussed by growers from Martin and Bertie Counties at a meeting held under the auspices of the East Carolina Chamber of Commerce in Windsor last evening.

The plan revealed at the meeting would provide the purchase of peanuts in the stack, and effect a reduction in the crop for market. The peanuts and hay purchased would be ground and fed to government cattle now on pasture lands in this section.

Several phases of the government's proposed plan were discussed, but definite plans will be worked out at a meeting to be held in Raleigh Saturday of this week. A committee was appointed to represent this section at the meeting, when prices will likely be determined and arrangements outlined for a sign-up of growers desiring to participate in the movement.

Start Revival at the Holly Springs Church Tomorrow

Revival meeting will begin at Holly Springs Methodist church Wednesday evening, September 12, at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced today by Rev. C. T. Rogers, the pastor. Rev. Joyce Early of Oxford, will do the preaching. All are urged to attend and to be present the first night.

Legion Auxiliary To Meet Saturday With Mrs. Ward

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion will be held Saturday, September 15 at 4 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Vernon Ward, Robersonville. All members are urgently requested to attend.

Kiwanians To Entertain Tobacconists Tomorrow

A hearty welcome is being planned for Williamston's splendid tobacco warehousemen and the market's accommodating buyers at a Kiwanis dinner in the Woman's Club hall tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock. All members of the marketing personnel are invited, and all members of the Kiwanis Club are urged to attend and take part in the entertainment.

HEAD OF COUNTY F.E.R.A. HANDS IN HIS RESIGNATION

Failing Health Causes J. R. Manning To Give Up Inside Work

J. Raleigh Manning, county administrator of Federal Emergency Relief Administration activities in this county during the past two years, resigned that position this week, his resignation to become effective October 1, or as soon as a successor can be appointed. When approached yesterday in connection with the resignation, Mr. Manning said that increasing activities in the office gave him little opportunity for outside work and that the confinement was impairing his health. He accepted the position only on a part-time basis, but the duties have held him closely to the office in the courthouse. He will likely continue in the service as director of field work, but this was not officially announced.

One or two applications for the position are expected shortly, and they will be considered by Miss Mary Ward field representative, of New Bern, and members of the Martin County Welfare Board. Mrs. J. W. Andrews and Mrs. Wheeler Martin, of Williamston, and Mr. R. O. Martin, of Jamesville, are members of the board. Mrs. Martin only recently succeeded Mrs. V. A. Ward, of Robersonville, resigned.

Much criticism, some just but mostly unjust, has been directed against relief activities, not only against those in this county but those throughout the nation. On the other hand, the appeals of the less fortunate have been numerous and pressing, creating a difficult task for an administrator to please every one. Mistakes have been made, no doubt, but none willfully. Much good has been accomplished, and records show that the office in this county has been conducted as successfully and more so in a majority of cases than others throughout the county.

The office pays comparatively little, and to fill the vacancy to the satisfaction of all is no little task.

HOLINESS WILL HOLD REVIVAL

Special Tent Will Be Used On North Houghton Street Here

Arrangements are being completed this week by leaders in the Pentecostal Holiness church for holding a series of revival services in a big tent to be located on Houghton Street, near the Anderson home. The first of the services will be held there Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, it was announced.

Rev. W. H. Turner, widely known evangelist and missionary to China for a number of years, and his evangelistic party, of Greenville, S. C., will conduct the services. The minister is a leading figure in the Holiness denomination, and he and his party are expected to attract large congregations.

The services, scheduled to run through Sunday, October 14, will be held daily at 7:45 p. m. and at 3 and 7:45 on Sundays.

Two Marketing Cards Lost Are Recovered by Owners

Reporting their marketing cards lost the early part of last week, Farmers Zeb Vance Price and George Hoyt Mizelle, of Jamesville Township, recovered the tax-free marketing slips later in the week, they said last Saturday. One other card, lost by Farmer H. L. Leggett, has not been recovered, as far as it could be learned here today.

Regular Meeting Local Masons Tonight at 8:00

There will be a regular meeting of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, A. F. and A. M., at the lodge hall tonight at 8 o'clock, it was announced today by J. C. Anderson, master. Activities at the lodge have been at a standstill for more than a month, and it is hoped to resume the regular schedule of work with the meeting tonight. Visiting Masons are cordially invited to attend.

Autoists Urged To Guard Safety of School Children

With the schools of the county opening tomorrow, congregating hundreds of little children in numerous centers throughout the county, auto drivers are particularly urged to exercise greater care in protecting the safety of the little ones. The sight of a school bus on the highway and a street or road crossing near a school building should be sufficient cause for the motorist to decrease the speed of his car.

Prices on Good Tobacco Are Higher on Market This Week

FIRST BISHOP VISITED HERE SEVERAL TIMES

Diary of Francis Asbury Tells of Services Here 142 Years Ago

By WARREN H. BIGGS

It is interesting to note that Bishop Francis Asbury, the first ordained Bishop in America, of the Methodist Episcopal church, came to Williamston and preached in the courthouse in the year 1792. He first came to North Carolina in the year 1774 and again in 1850, and every year thereafter, with the exception of one, until 1814. The following notes were taken from his diary:

"Wednesday, 23rd February, 1803—We rode 22 miles to Williamston, Martin County. I had not been in this place since January, 1792. I find here now about 20 families and about 40 buildings. My subject at the courthouse was 'Titus.' Although greatly outdone by fatigue and heat, I had some openings of mind. I was somewhat surprised to see so many called together by 24 hours' notice, and I admired the patience of the people, many of whom were obliged to stand in the lobby of the courthouse—a house and a half. We want a house of our own.

"John Watts, a local preacher, still keeps his ground as a minister and a Christian, although the Baptists are very numerous here.

Monday, 27th February, 1804—At Gardner's Bridge I spoke to many hearers on Luke IV, 18, 19. It was very chilly. In the evening we came to John Watts' Thirty-five miles today, without fire or food, from 7 to 5 o'clock in the evening. On Tuesday, being unwell, Brother McCaine officiated for me. I groan, being burdened—seven conferences to appoint stations in; to officiate in the general conference this year; 17 states to visit, requiring a ride of 5,000 miles at the rate of 20, 30, or 40 miles a day. O Lord! Give me support! For every day, every hour and moment is a time of need with me. We rode up to Col. Samuel Williams, 20 miles. At Williams Chapel, Taylor's Ferry, truly the great ones are present to hear, and I preached to them upon the 'Great Salvation'—to little purpose, I fear; we have small fruit of 25 years of faithful labors upon the rich lands of the Roanoke.

Thursday, January 31st, 1805—We came to Williamston. I preached at Brother Watts' house; my subject was Rom. V, 1-5. Roanoke was full.

"Friday, February 1st.—We rode up to General Williams, 25 miles from Williamston. We must go 60 miles out of our way to go by Norfolk. Poor men, and weary horses.

"Saturday, 2nd.—We stemmed the northwest wind 20 miles to cross the awful Roanoke. For a mile and a half from the ferry the fences were swept away; during the freshest cattle and hogs and some slaves had been carried off; its prodigious waves were stayed when we arrived."

The courthouse at that time was located on or near the banks of the river, and was built on stilts so that the water, when the river was swollen, from one of its freshets could not enter the courtrooms. The front door was reached by means of a short ladder, and it is said that after court was "opened" and all court officials and attendants were present, the ladder was pulled up so that no one could leave or enter until court was adjourned.

The under part was used for oyster roasts and oyster barbecue dinners. For the amusement of the crowds that always came with court days, there were friendly boxing matches and fist fights. A large ring was drawn, and the one who thought himself the best man would enter and proclaim himself champion, until some one knocked him out, who would in turn be champion until some one else succeeded in gaining the mastership. When it was all over, every one shook hands and went home.

Twenty-five Boys Report For Football Practice Here

Twenty-five young boys in the local high school reported for football practice under the direction of Coach James Peters yesterday afternoon, and more are expected to compete for places on the squad after today, it was said. While the team loses several of its best players of last season, new material is entering the game this season, Coach Peters stating that it was a bit early just now to speculate on the season's prospects. A schedule for the season is in the making and will be announced within the next few days.

REV. W. H. TURNER



Noted evangelist and missionary to China, who will start a series of services here next Sunday afternoon.

FOUR HURT WHEN AUTO HITS CART SATURDAY NIGHT

Mule Is Killed Instantly In Crash On Highway 64 Near Everetts

Four people were badly hurt but not seriously and a mule was killed on U. S. Highway 64, near Everetts, last Saturday evening when a car driven by a man named Pilgreen, of near Robersonville, plowed into the mule-drawn cart, scattering the occupants in as many directions as there were numbers. A shaft of the cart was broken and driven almost through the body of the mule, killing the animal almost instantly. No one in the car was hurt with the exception of Pilgreen, who was slightly bruised on the knee, it was said.

Louise Purrington and wife and Dock Cannady and wife, all colored, were on their way to visit relatives near Everetts, driving a mule belonging to L. Closs Roberson. According to reports reaching here, a car, traveling toward Williamston, passed the cart and a very few seconds later passed the Pilgreen car, the occupants of the first machine stating that the driver of the car figuring in the wreck had no chance to pass the mule-drawn vehicle. It is the opinion of the occupants of the car traveling toward Williamston that their lights, although dimmed at the time, blinded Pilgreen and that he failed to see the cart in time to avoid the accident. The colored people said they were carrying a flashlight and that it was lighted when the car crashed into their cart.

The crippled were removed to the office of Dr. J. H. Saunders for treatment, the trip of one of the cart occupants in an ambulance creating much excitement here. Purrington, seeing the crash in the making, leaped to safety, but the others were scattered about with the broken cart parts. The women were badly bruised and one received an ugly gash on the back of her head. Dock Cannady, suffering several broken ribs, continues in a fairly bad condition, but the others are getting along all right, it was learned this morning.

BIRTHDAY MEAL

MUCH ENJOYED

Mr. John A. Griffin Given Surprise at His Home Last Sunday Noon

Mr. John A. Griffin, one of the leading citizens and best farmers in Griffins' Township, was honored at a surprise birthday dinner at his home there last Sunday when his family and many friends assembled in his honor to partake of a sumptuous dinner, embracing the choicest of foods, and consisting of too much in both quantity and variety.

Approximately 75 were present for the occasion, including all Mr. Griffin's brothers, nephews, nieces, cousins, and all enjoyed the association and friendship to the fullest extent. The company was one consisting of youngsters looking to the rising sun of life, others approaching the first quarter, some at the meridian of life, some rounding out the third quarter, and a few facing the golden sun of a fading day, all together making a beautiful chain stretching from the cradle almost to the grave, and a beautiful assemblage to behold anywhere if there are no weak links found to bring disappointments and unnecessary trouble, pain or sorrow.

MARKET SALES HERE AROUND 2-MILLION MARK

Averages of 50 Cents Per Pound Are Numerous On Floors Here

With another sharp advance in prices yesterday and today, farmers selling on the Williamston market reported themselves as being more than well pleased with their sales, adding encouragement and advancing a strong spirit of optimism among everybody. Activities on Williamston's tobacco market since the opening last month have attracted attention of farmers from nearly every county in the Bright Leaf belt, and the market is a topic of favorable conversation throughout a greater part of the county. Local warehousemen have not let up a single notch in their untiring efforts to make Williamston an advantageous marketing center for this section. As the season progresses they are increasing their efforts to meet the demands of a friendly and loyal patronage among the thousands of farmers who are more than well satisfied with their sales here.

As the season advances, the outlook for one of the market's most successful seasons grows brighter and brighter. New customers are turning to the market in large numbers from wide areas daily, and offerings are continuing large. The smoothness of the marketing activities has been unusually noticeable here this year, the operators, under the direction of an able supervisor, handling the sales in a strictly businesslike way, assuring every grower the greatest convenience possible at all times.

Sales yesterday passed the 200,000 mark, averaging 28. Much damaged tobacco was on the floors, the supervisor reported, and there were many low-quality tips offered. Good tobacco reached new high levels, averages from \$40 to \$52 being reported frequently. One farmer sold 1,594 pounds for \$83.20, a resulting average of \$52.21. Farmers reported prices today equally as strong as they were yesterday with the poundage in the neighborhood of the 200,000 mark.

Last week the market missed selling a million pounds by a narrow margin, increasing the sales for the season, including last Friday, to 1,757,318 pounds for \$460,031.41, a resulting average of \$26.18 for the season, the average, including everything.

Prices during the past few days have ranged from \$2.50 a hundred for damaged tobacco to \$1 a pound for the highest grade of fancy lemon wrap pers.

Things are looking up and up more and more on the Williamston market every day.

HEARING IS SET ON FATAL WRECK

Ollie Page, Charged With Manslaughter, To Get Hearing Tomorrow

Ollie Page, colored driver of the truck that figured in the killing of John Leavister, Raleigh man, and Marshall Andrews, Williamston boy, near Robersonville last Thursday night, will be given a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell here tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, it was announced by the trial justice this morning.

The warrant, preferred by Patrolman Archie Rodman, charged Page with speeding and reckless driving. According to unofficial reports heard here, Page was said to have been drunk, but the warrant charging manslaughter does not embrace such a charge, it was learned from Justice Hassell.

Much interest centers in the case, and a large crowd is expected here for the initial hearing, which will, in all probability, be held in the courthouse.

Funeral for Wreck Victim Held Saturday Afternoon

Funeral services were conducted in the Holly Springs Methodist church last Saturday afternoon for Robert Marshall Andrews, young white man who was instantly killed in an automobile-truck wreck near Robersonville last Thursday night. Rev. Charles T. Rogers, pastor of the church, officiated. Burial was in the Daniel cemetery near here. Andrews, 21 years old last month, had spent much of the summer with relatives in South Norfolk. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Andrews, two brothers, Delbert Lee and John Wayland Andrews, and three sisters, Kathleen Lucy, Katie Ricks, and Alice Othella Andrews, survive.