

RELEASE HONOR ROLL FOR LOCAL SCHOOL TODAY

Record Number of Names Appear on List For Fourth Term

The names of 150 pupils appear on the honor list for the fourth term of the local school, Principal L. W. Anderson announced recently. The number of honor pupils is the largest reported by the school in some time. The names:

Eleventh grade: Mary Helen Boykin, Addie Lee Meador, E. G. Wynn, Whit Purvis.

Tenth grade: Frances Humble, Kathreen Mobley, Grace Barnhill.

Ninth grade: Dixie Daniel, Helen Lindsley, Dorothy Manning, Virgil Ward, Reid White, Bill Ballard and Susie Whitley.

Eighth grade: Nancy Biggs and Mary Ruth Ward, Katherine Manning, Marjorie Dunn and J. E. Boykin.

Seventh grade: William Bowen, Simon Griffin, Virginia Corey, Bettie Hoard, Mary Godwin, Bina Jackson, Elizabeth Parker, Daisy Peaks, Edith Andrews, and Estelle Perry.

Sixth grade: Theron Gurganus, Joseph Gurganus, William Griffin, Mildred Biggs, Evelyn Griffin, Mary O'Neal Pope and Madelyn Taylor.

Fifth grade: Susan Moore, Nancy Mercer, Lenora Melson, Ann Lindsley, Virginia Hines, Della Jane Mobley, Mildred Thomas, J. D. Woolard, Jr., Richard Margolis, Bill Peel, Jerry Raynor, Conrad Getsinger, Luther Peel, Martha Whitley, Sallie Gray White, Frances White, Frances Thomas, Warren Nicholson.

Fourth grade: Isabelle Anderson, Frances Booth, Alberta Swain, Betty Davis Rodgers, Joseph Wynn, Jack Mobley, Ann Meador, Frederick Wheeler, Reuben Williams, Thelma Howard, Annie Chesson, Mildred Lassiter, Alice Brown, J. D. Lilley, Susie Revels, Estelle Crawford, Sarah Wobblenton, Sam Whitchard.

Third grade: John Daniel, Hal Dickens, Billy Myers, Erwood Old, Sylvia Green, Frances Griffin, Ettes Mizelle, Lucille Shaw, Dora Twiddy, Alma Jones, Lelia Wynn, Adoline Hopkins, Marjorie Martin, Ida G. Cherry, Malatha Price, Elmo Wallace, Joseph Coltrain.

Second grade: Hugh Horton, Jr., Charles Siceoff, Dan Bowen, Lucy Andrews, Annie Chesson, Louise Griffin, Suzanne Griffin, Elizabeth Hopkins, Dorothy Leggett, Elizabeth Manning, Jeanette Parker, Jeanette Myers, Elizabeth Parker, Burnell White, Lucille Allen, Edward Beach, Frank Bennett, Elic Cherry, John Johnson, Burt Moore, Jeannette Andrews, Gertrude Melawhorn, Vannie Williams, Fanny Bowen, Joyce Taylor, Catherine Wynn.

First grade: John Gurkin, Alton Howard, Dennis Moore, John Rogers, Clayton Savage, Jack Thomas, Mac Manning, Betty Sue Clark, Mary Lou Coltrain, Mary Evelyn Hadley, Barbara Margolis, Laura Peel, Lucy Robertson, Ola Rogers, Doris Savage, Myrtle Ward, Lola Peel, Earl Bowen, Charlie Coltrain, Billy Davis, James Manning, Archie Lee Perry, R. J. Perry, Asa Roger-son, John Wobblenton, Blanche Bowen, Louise Cullipher, Maxine Lassiter, Holly Lilley, Mary Pate, Garneda Stephenson, Margaret Strawberry and Thelma Ward.

Centenarian Dies At Hassell Home

Peggie Cherry, native of Virginia and a former slave, died at her home in Hassell a few days ago at the ripe old age of 102 years. Eleven children, 85 grandchildren, 65 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren survive.

Bought by the late Mark Cherry, she was brought to the Hassell section of this county in 1851. She made her home with the Cherrys until some time after the slaves had gained their freedom, but she continued to live in the Hassell section until her death.

The old woman, one of the few persons in this county to pass the 100-year mark, remembered many happenings of the war days, and she was highly respected.

Local Seniors Visiting In Washington This Week

Twenty local high school seniors left early this morning for Washington, D. C., where they will visit places of interest. Accompanied by their teacher, Miss Annie Shields Vandyke, the students are to return Friday evening. They are traveling in a special charter bus.

Board of Health To Consider Full-Time Service for County

The proposed establishment of an all-time health department for Martin County will be considered by the county board of health at a meeting to be held some time between now and the first of next month, Mr. John E. Pope, chairman, said today. The board chairman explained that he had received several petitions bearing the names of a large number of representative citizens asking him to call a special meeting of the health group that the proposed service might be considered. No exact date for the meeting has been mentioned, but it is possible that the group will be called into special session probably

Bases and Allowances Explained This Week

SEED LOANS

Effective this week, the Martin County seed and feed loan office will be open in the courthouse on Wednesdays and Saturdays between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. It has not been definitely announced but indications now are that no applications for loans will be received after next week.

The office in the county has handled 130 loans amounting to approximately \$17,000.

2 AMENDMENTS GO TO VOTERS NEXT ELECTION

Proposal To Lengthen the Terms of Sheriff Rejected In County In 1932

The two proposed amendments to the North Carolina State Constitution approved by the recent general assembly are already causing much speculation, although it will be November of next year before they are submitted to the voters. One of the proposed amendments, allowing the establishment of a state department of justice is not attracting much attention, but the one extending the terms of sheriffs from two to four years is already in the political pot and boiling away.

In 1932, the voters of the State refused to extend the term for sheriffs from two to four years. Martin County voted 1,242 for and 1,498 against the proposed amendment. There is some possibility that Martin voters will support the amendment a year from next November, but in those counties where the Democrats are afraid the Republicans will win and hold a sheriff in office for four long years, and where the Republicans are afraid the Democrats will win and do the same thing, the four-year term is not expected to pass.

300 Hear Orphan's Singing Class Here

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class, making the annual visit here last Saturday evening, was well received by more than 300 people of the community in the high school auditorium. The youthful singers, just a few weeks out of the orphanage on a tour that will take them into nearly every county in the state between now and next December, were entertained in private homes over the week-end, the group continuing on to Plymouth yesterday morning.

Williamston people and others in the community responded liberally and contributed a total of \$128, or nearly twice as much as the class received here a year ago. The collection received here was the largest the class had received since starting the tour about four weeks ago.

Ranging in ages from 9 to 15 years, the boys and girls apparently enjoyed their stay here, one little fellow stating that it was a very considerate act when they were not called on to sing Sunday night.

by the middle or latter part of next week.

Petitions were circulated in Williamston and Robersonville, and they carried the names of a number of people living in other areas of the county. The county proposed service was heartily endorsed by the Robersonville Rotary Club and the Robersonville Junior Order Council in separate petitions received by Mr. Pope Monday.

The members of the county health board are Messrs. J. E. Pope, chairman; J. C. Manning, as superintendent of schools; J. L. Hassell, as mayor of Williamston; Dr. J. S. Rhodes and Dr. W. C. Mercer, of Williamston; and Dr. V. A. Ward, of Robersonville.

Series of Meetings Being Held Over County by Agents

Continue Distribution Soil Conservation Checks To Farmers in County

The 1937 crop bases and maximum payment allowances will be certified to each Martin County farmer this week under the new soil conservation program. T. B. Slade announced from the office of the county agent Monday. The compulsory feature absent, the instruction sheets merely point out a crop schedule whereby the farmer can qualify for maximum benefits under the program.

In a series of community meetings now underway, the county agents are holding discussions in connection with the new program, and the bases and allowances will be explained. The first of the meetings was held in Cross Roads last night. Other meetings are scheduled as follows: Goose Nest, April 13; Hassell, for Hamilton Township, April 14; Griffrids, Thursday night; Robersonville, Friday night; Williamston, for Williams, Poplar Point and Williamston Townships, in the county courthouse Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All the meetings will be held at 8 o'clock except the one here. Next Monday night a meeting will be held in Jamesville immediately following the town election in the school auditorium there.

Additional soil conservation checks are being received in the county from time to time, and it is believed that all payments will have been made within the next week or two.

Episcopal Church Meeting Friday

The Commission on Evangelism of the Diocese of East Carolina is sponsoring a series of institutes throughout the diocese on the general subject of "Know Your Church." An institute of this nature will be held at the Church of the Advent on Friday of this week. The Episcopal churches of Martin and Bertie counties will send representatives.

The institute will open at 9 a. m., with a celebration of the Holy Communion, and there will be several informal speeches and discussions, concluding with a lunch at 1 p. m. Williamston is fortunate in that among the speakers will be Bishop Darst of this diocese and Bishop Gribben, of the Diocese of Western North Carolina.

The furnace of the church is repaired this week, and if the weather is cold, there is assurance that the church will be comfortable.

Jamesville To Hold Election Next Week

Jamesville citizens will carry their municipal politics into an election to be held in the school auditorium there next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, a member of the board said today. The meeting, patterned after a convention, will handle nominations and elections jointly, it was pointed out.

A mayor and three commissioners are to be elected, reports from the town today stating that the present officers, Mayor Luther Hardison and Commissioners C. A. Askeew, Watson Walters and Clarence Sexton, are candidates to succeed themselves. As far as it could be learned they will have no opposition.

MERGING OF ALL NEGRO SCHOOLS BEING STUDIED

County Board In Session Monday Names Local District Committees

The consolidation of all Negro schools in the State during the years to come was indirectly brought to the attention of the Martin County Board of Commissioners and the Martin County Board of Education in joint meeting here yesterday morning, when N. C. Newbold, State Director of the Division of Negro Education, outlined a program that is being advanced in one or two counties in the state at the present time.

During a two-hour meeting, the authorities studied maps of consolidation for schools in Johnston and Wake Counties. The director made no formal request of the board, and no official action was taken. The authorities were asked to consider the problem, and their aid in improving the negro educational program was solicited. Vocational instruction for colored children was said to have appealed to at least one member of the official group, but no plans were advanced at the Monday meeting to advance that service.

About 20 years ago, the consolidation program for the white schools of the state was launched. Now that the program is completed, the resulting benefits are often questioned, and it is almost certain that the authorities will think a long time before taking any action to support a consolidation plan for Negro schools in the county.

Following the joint meeting, the education board held a session of its own for the appointment of local committees for the coming two years. Only on exchange in the district personnel was made, Dr. E. E. Pittman, of Oak City, succeeding Mr. J. H. Ayers on the committee there. Reappointments to the advisory committees are: Everetts, L. A. Clark, Herbert Roebuck and Gordon Bailey; Gold Point: Harry Robertson, L. A. Croom, and Paul Johnson; Hamilton: Asa Johnson, W. J. Beach and J. B. Everett.

Hassell, E. R. Edmondson, Jr., Geo. Ayers and A. E. Purvis. Election of teachers for the 1937-38 term will occupy the attention of the local groups within the next 30 days. Applicants are to file with the chairmen of the local units, and the committees are charged with the duty of electing or rejecting the applications. "In the employment of teachers, no rules shall be made or enforced on the ground of marriage or non-marriage," the new school law reads.

The local committees are to cooperate with the state school commission in establishing bus routes, but final action rests with the state commission, the law points out. Bus drivers will be selected by the several school principals, but their appointment are subject to the members of the local committees and are to be made with the view of having the drivers located as near the beginning of the route as possible. The employment of student drivers is lawful when such selections are deemed advisable.

Windsor ABC Store Opened Last Week

Opening a liquor store in one of the largest buildings in the town, Windsor's ABC Board almost sold out its stock the first day, but they have plenty on hand now, a Bertie citizen said here this afternoon.

The store was opened last Thursday afternoon, its continued operation depending on the outcome of an election that is said to be receiving consideration on a county-wide scale. If the county votes dry, the store in Windsor will be allowed four months to liquidate its stock and close, it is understood.

The store there was opened under provision of a special act passed by the recent General Assembly. No marked decrease in liquor sales has been reported here following the opening of the store in Windsor, but there are not quite as many Windsor customers now as there were at one time, it was said.

Larger Fish Catches Are Expected at Jamesville

Continued cool weather during the past few days is holding fish catches down at Jamesville, according to reports received here this morning. The season, however, is expected to show decided improvement within the next two or three days. The seines are taking from 500 to 1,000 fish at a haul, but the catches will reach well into the thousands shortly, it is believed.

Few People Listing Property So Far; Big Rush in Prospect

Very few owners have listed their property for taxation in this county today, reports from Tax Supervisor Stallings indicate. The period for handling the work is about half spent, and it is quite apparent that there will be a big rush the latter part of the month in nearly every one of the ten townships.

Listing requires more time this year than usual, and property owners will find it to their advantage to handle the task at once. The owners are urged to get a complete inventory and description of all their properties, the list-takers pointing out that much time can be saved when this information is immediately available.

Vote of Endorsement Given Town Officials

All Renominated at Convention Monday Night; 150 Attended

Nomination Virtually Equal To The Election of The Convention Nominees

Williamston's town government was given a substantial vote of endorsement last evening, when 150 citizens assembled in convention at the county courthouse and nominated J. L. Hassell, mayor; and V. D. Godwin, Luther Peel, N. C. Green, G. H. Harrison, and L. P. Lindsley, commissioners, for reelection. Their names will be placed on the official ticket for consideration by the voters at the regular election to be held the 4th of next month.

Mayor John L. Hassell was given an unanimous nomination, but the race for commissioners included seven candidates of the convention. A lone vote was squeezed into the count by someone exercising the inalienable right to vote for whom he pleased, but Mr. John E. Pope was not eligible for the office, since he already holds the chairmanship of the Martin County Board of Commissioners.

Mayor Hassell opened the convention and turned it over to H. G. Horton, temporary chairman. Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne was named secretary, and the organization perfected was given a permanent rating. A law unto itself, the convention ruled that the five highest candidates for commissioners would be declared the convention nominees, and all ballots bearing less than or more five names would not be counted. The rules were readily accepted by the convention, and the nomination of J. L. Hassell, offered by Attorney E. S. Peel, was accepted by unanimous vote.

Senator R. L. Coburn, mayor for several terms, in a speech of only a few minutes, placed in nomination the names of members of the old board. Mr. R. B. Brown offered the names of Messrs. W. O. Griffin and W. R. Ingram. The chair soon thereafter declared the nominations closed, and the convention settled down to selecting its commissioner candidates. V. D. Godwin led the ticket with 145 votes, just 4 short of the convention voting strength. Luther Peel followed closely with 144 votes. G. H. Harrison polled 138, N. C. Green 134, and L. P. Lindsley 122, the five gaining the nominations. Thirty-five votes were accorded W. O. Griffin and W. R. Ingram was next with 26 votes.

Nominations by convention are virtually equal to election here, but formal requirements will be met when the names of the convention nominees are placed on a ticket and placed before the people the first Tuesday in May. The new two-year term starts the first Monday in June.

Six Arrests Over Past Week-End

Week-end business continues at a brisk pace for the local police department, the calendar showing six arrests during the recent period. Most of the defendants are out under bond.

Whit Ruffin, charged with the possession of about 5 gallons of homemade liquor in his Elm Street home, is booked for trial in the county court on April 26. He is out under a \$300 bond.

Henry Brabble, Julius Latham and Clyde Moore were arrested for alleged drunkenness.

Harry Davis faces a charge of forging a check, and Phillip Thompson was arrested for fighting.

Officers Gurganus, Roebuck and Ramie, of the night force, handled most of the work, but Officer Allsbrooks assisted in the Ruffin liquor raid.

PROCEEDINGS IN MARTIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Three Divorces Granted In First-day Session; Judge Cowper Presiding

The two-week term of Martin County Superior Court convened yesterday, Judge G. Vernon Cowper, of Kinston, presiding. It is Judge Cowper's first court in this county since he was appointed about nine years ago.

Proceedings in the court this week are not attracting much interest from the general public, but big damage suits next week are expected to attract considerable attention.

Three divorces were granted the first day and five other cases were cleared from the calendar. S. L. Watts was given a divorce against Eula Watts on two-year separation grounds. Charging adultery, J. W. Harrell was given a divorce from Marion Hales Harrell. G. H. Roberson, charging adultery, was given a divorce from Carrie Page Roberson.

The case of A. S. Roberson against Ira Edmondson in which the plaintiff asked \$1,000 damages was cleared from the calendar when the plaintiff accepted a voluntary non-suit.

The court ruled in the case of George M. Stevenson and others against J. B. Stevenson that the defendant had forfeited his right to two certain tracts of land when he failed to pay taxes on the property during the past six years.

A consent judgment was entered in the case of Preston Rogers and others against W. L. Bailey and wife, the defense agreeing to pay the plaintiffs \$200. This case, originating over a land foreclosure, had been to the supreme court.

Annie Slade was declared owner of about \$20 worth of furniture in the case against Gus Peterson. The plaintiff alleged that she bought the furniture for her daughter, Peterson's wife, and maintained that since her daughter had died she should have the property.

The case of Jesse Keel and others against W. Eli Roberson and others was settled by a consent judgment, the plaintiffs having brought action on a deficiency judgment.

Much Interest Shown In Everetts Community Sing

The community sings at Everetts are attracting more attention each week, and a large crowd is expected for the program on Friday evening of this week at 8 o'clock, Principal H. Bruce Russell said today. Unfavorable weather held many singers at home last Friday, but the program was very good.

The seventh grade there today is taking progress tests, and on Thursday they will go on a sight-seeing trip in Raleigh.

Over 1,000 Dogs Have Been Vaccinated In This County

The task of vaccinating every dog in the county is progressing rapidly, Dr. A. J. Osteen, in charge of the work, stated this morning. More than 1,000 dogs have already been vaccinated against rabies, and the clinics have been carried into less than half the districts.

Vaccination records are being checked in the office of the sheriff this week, and those owners who do not have their dogs vaccinated will be prosecuted, it was pointed out.

Peanuts Now Selling for Five Cents on Local Mart

Peanut prices finally reached the five-cent mark on the markets this week, but this price commands first quality nuts and very few sales are being made at that figure. Good bunch stock is commanding higher prices, too, sales having been made at the 4 3/4-cent figure during the past few days.

Owners of storm damaged stock are not receiving the top prices, but the market for nearly all types of offerings is reported stronger than it was a while back.

Start Construction Work On Radio Tower Here

Seven expert steel workers started raising the 308-foot tower for the radio station here this morning, the task to require about two weeks.

The tower when completed will be nearly four times as high as the town's water tank, and more than three times as high as the two forest fire towers in the county. A large beacon light will be placed on top of the tower and several smaller ones near the top.

P. T. A. MEETING

Mrs. H. C. Wolzka, of the North Carolina Division of Child Guidance, will address the Williamston Parent-Teacher Association in the high school auditorium here tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. Wolzka is a recognized authority on child guidance, and all members of the association and visitors are urged to hear her.

The entertainment program will feature selections by high-school music pupils.

MARTINS PUT IN 5 HOURS DAILY ON PRACTICE FIELD

Ten Players Present For Spring Training Here This Morning

Manager Art Hauger and 10 of his Martins started laying the foundation this week on the local diamond for a championship title in the Coastal Plain loop, the players coming from nearly every corner in the nation going through 5-hour workouts from the start. Skipper Hauger is doing a lot of looking these first few days and little or no talking, but early activities make the players look good, and looking through the manager's keen eye a hustling ball team can be seen in the making.

No mention of an exhibition game has been made, but when the remainder of the players reach here tomorrow and Thursday and after Manager Hauger eyes them for one or two practice sessions, a pre-season eye-opener will likely be billed on the local lot, probably some time next week.

Steve Lakotas, second baseman, from Detroit, and Bill Dick, of Throop, Pa., reported Sunday to round-out an even-nine Charles Stevens rolled in from Long Beach, Calif. via the Browns camp at San Antonio, Texas, just in time to get into the batting practice yesterday afternoon. His first swing at bat, incidentally sent the ball over the left-field fence. During the practice yesterday afternoon, the boys chased the fielders to the far corners of the lot. Starting work at 10 this morning, the aggregation started a practice that will carry the boys right on through the lunch hour and hold them until 3 o'clock. This practice schedule will be followed during school days, it is understood.

The 10 players now under the local camp shelter are: Manager Art Hauger, who will probably do some extra work in the outfield; Jim Rollins, pitcher from Carter, Ark. (not Van Buren, he explained); Ace Vilepique, outfielder from Burbank, Calif.; Richard Fuller, pitcher from Gassville, Ark.; Brice McCay, the heavy outfielder from Oneonta, Ala.; Harry Kay, outfielder who reported direct from New York City; Oscar Anderson, Jr., local first baseman; Larry Wade, pitcher from last year's team; Bill Dick, catcher; Steve Lakotas, second baseman from Detroit; and Charles Stevens, first baseman sent here by the Browns. Bud Strawel, infielder; Raymond Strunk, left-handed twirler from Norwood, Mo.; Artie Diem, third baseman of Sioux City, Iowa; Slim Gardner, Jamesville pitcher, are expected to report immediately. Howard Earp will work out with the Martins each week-end until his school closes early next month at Moyock.

Litley Brothers are repairing the grandstand and dug-outs and placing a backstop on top of the grandstand.

A tentative schedule has been prepared for adoption not later than Friday of this week. Tarboro opens the season here on Thursday, May 6, the season to close on August 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. W. Manning visited in Raleigh yesterday.