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First Service In New Piney Grove Church On Sunday

Large Crowds Are Expected to Worship With the Baptists There

Recently completed through a community cooperative support, the Piney Grove Baptist church in Griffins Township will be used for the first time Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. W. B. Harrington, pastor, announced today. The entire membership and a large representation from the other denominations throughout the section are expected to be present for the opening service which is recognized as a valuable step in the religious growth of that community. The pastor and all the members of his congregation are extending a cordial welcome to their neighbors and other friends to join them in the religious fellowship at the morning hour. No formal program has been advanced, but a short review of the Piney Grove church history and recognition of the cooperative plan making the new edifice possible are expected to find a place in the program.

At three o'clock, religious leaders including one or two from the sister church at Williamston, will perfect a Sunday school organization, and everyone is invited. It is expected that the Sunday school will function irrespective of denomination, that other religious sects will participate in the movement.

The old church, removed from the center of its membership, is being abandoned today, the pastor stating that the fixtures will be placed in the new building by members and made ready for the opening service. The old building, owned by P. E. Getsinger and used by the Baptists for several years, will be possibly converted into a tenant house.

Starting a few years ago with a small membership, Rev. W. B. Harrington had entertained plans for a new church building for some time. During the latter part of last year, action was taken to advance those plans. A willing response was offered by the church membership and friends in the various denominations. Contributions were willingly made by friends in other districts, and the local people offered their services without charge. The structure, recognized as an asset to any community, took shape almost overnight, and its construction represents no great cash outlay.

People of the community look with pride upon the completion of the new church, and predict for it a continued growth as it launches out on a greater service program.

Schools Prepare Unique Exhibits

Local Sixth Grade Attracts Attention with Its Displays

Approximately sixty parents found time to visit the classrooms of the local schools during the observance of visitors day last Wednesday. Of special interest were the projects of the sixth grade and the display of garments by the high school home economics classes.

Using a vacant room at the grammar school, the students of the sixth grade developed a splendid exhibit on each of the principal countries of Europe and Asia. Maps and booklets made by the students, homemade flags and collections of raw and manufactured products made up exhibits representative of the countries. Students in costume stood by their projects and gave short lectures on the geography and history of the nation selected for their study. Parents viewing the exhibits and hearing the lectures reported an increase in their store of knowledge.

At the high school the students of the three home economics classes had on display seventy-five articles of clothing, representing about half of their year's work. Dresses of all kinds, house coats, aprons, beach robes, culottes, table cloths, and luncheon sets provoked favorable comment from those visiting the department.

Parents And Teachers Meet Next Thursday

The local parent-teacher association will hold the last meeting of the school year in the grammar school auditorium next Thursday afternoon at 3:30. The meeting day has been changed from Wednesday to Thursday in order to permit presentation of the charter for the Cub Scouts Executive John Siegwald. Parents are urged to attend the meeting.

Public Is Invited To Formal Opening of Library Monday

The statement "Happy is the child with a book" is about to come true with the opening of the Williamsport Public Library on Monday evening in the Legion Hut on Watts street at 8:45. The public is invited to come and share in the exercises of the evening.

Rev. John L. Goff will preside over the meeting and will present the library to the city. Mayor John L. Hassell will make the acceptance speech on behalf of the city. Mr.

James C. Manning, county superintendent, will give a resume of the efforts of the library board and the canvassers. Mr. D. N. Hix, principal of the Williamston schools, will tell of the value of the library to the community and the children during the summer months. Mrs. James C. Cook, librarian, will tell of the schedule and policy of the library. Hon. Robert L. Coburn will tell of his efforts in library legislation and share in its hope and service.

Bank of Robersonville Is Sold for \$94,500.00

BOOK TEA

Sponsors of Williamston's public library are cordially urging a loyal support for the book tea to be held in connection with the formal opening of the library in the Legion Hut on Watts street next Monday night. The donation of any good book will be appreciated, the committee pointing out that the library movement can be greatly advanced by a liberal response to the book tea. The type of book, while left entirely in the discretion of the donors, should be one suitable for general reading.

The library sponsors are anxious to have a large crowd present for the opening, and explain that no one is to stay away if he hasn't a book to offer.

National Youth Unit To Hold Exposition Here April 20 and 21

Work of Youthful Artists Will Be on Display in Woman's Club

An exposition, sponsored by district leaders of the National Youth Administration, will be held in the Woman's Club hall here on April 20 and 21, Miss Adelaide Tuttle, supervisor of the organization activities in Martin, Chowan and Bertie counties, and Mrs. W. R. Hampton, supervisor for the counties of Washington and Tyrrell, announced this week.

In connection with the proposed sale, Mr. Everett made the following official announcement:

"A proposal was received from the board of directors of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, of Greenville, to buy the assets of the Bank of Robersonville for \$94,500.00 and assume its liabilities, subject, however, to the approval of the commissioners of banks, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the stockholders of the Guaranty Bank & Trust Company and an audit and appraisal of the assets.

The showing is not limited to those articles prepared by youths in the organization, but any amateur under 25 years is eligible to participate. Boy Scouts and members of 4-H clubs in the two districts are invited to enter exhibits. Reports state that club youths in this section have shown real skill in the making of cabinets and book cases for the schools, and that the NYA group will be faced with some keen competition.

No monetary prizes are offered, but winning exhibitors will receive recognition and their exhibits will be open for further competition in state-wide contest to be held in Raleigh. Winning exhibits there will be open to competition at the State fair next fall with the consent of the owners, of course.

Any amateur artist wishing to enter exhibits in the two-day expositions here is directed to file entries with either Miss Adelaide Tuttle, Edenton, or Mrs. W. R. Hampton, of Plymouth.

Rain Delays Improvement Program on Streets Here

Rain has delayed repair work on the town's main street, reports stating that it will be some time next week before the task is completed.

Hugh G. Horton Is Not A Candidate For Legislature

Representative for Past Two Years Makes Statement Today

Hugh G. Horton, for two terms a member of the State General Assembly from this county, will not be a candidate to succeed himself in that position, he announced in an official statement released here today. The local attorney's action today came as a surprise to a large number of his friends who had anticipated lending him their continuing support in a third race as county representative.

Announcing today his decision not to run, Mr. Horton made the following statement, pledging his successor and the county any assistance he may be able to render at any time and pointing out his reasons for not entering the primary this year:

"Quite a few of my friends over the county have urged me to run again for Martin County's Representative in the next General Assembly. Their appeal has made quite an impression on me and I have given serious consideration to it. I have served the county in that capacity for the past two sessions, and have done so to the best of my ability and at a tremendous financial sacrifice and loss of time in my law practice and other business interests. The sessions of the general assembly have become so long that I cannot give both the duties of a representative and my law practice the attention that they both require and will have to attend to one or the other, and I therefore have decided not to be a candidate for the general assembly in the coming primary and election and feel that I must give my time and my attention to my law practice here."

"I wish to express my deep appreciation for the confidence the people of Martin County have shown in me, and wish for my successor in office much pleasure and success in his duties, and to pledge him and the county any assistance I may be able to render at any time."

Mr. Horton well served the county and State during his two terms as a member of the North Carolina general assembly, showing a keen interest in State affairs and recognizing at all times the desires of those whom he represented. His record is remembered as one supporting the advancement of the State and his county in particular.

Up until the present time only one candidate, Clarence W. Griffin, promising young local attorney, has announced for the post of representative from this county.

Another Delay Certain In Making Cotton Quotas

The assignment of allotments to individual cotton growers in this county has been delayed again, unofficial reports stating that a third change in the quotas was made necessary by alterations to the 1938 farm program.

Employees in the agricultural office here worked until two o'clock this morning compiling additional information for use in the State office. The information was sent by special messenger to Raleigh this morning. It could not be learned when the definite allotments would be made ready, but county agricultural authorities are hopeful they can place the quotas within the next few days.

It is understood that the cotton allotments will prove disappointing to a number of farmers and especially those operating on a large scale.

MEETING

Interested citizens of the Jamestown and Oak City communities will again appeal for aid in the construction of proposed gymnasiums when the Martin County Commissioners meet in special session here next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Receiving petitions yesterday, J. E. Pope, chairman of the board of commissioners, has already called the special meeting, and small delegations from each of the communities are expected to appear in person and support their claims to \$3,000 to be used as a supplement to funds raised in the communities and promised by the WPA.

The authorities discussed the proposed projects at their regular meeting last Monday, but no definite action was taken at that time.

No other business is scheduled for consideration at the meeting.

Transplanting of Tobacco Is Interrupted by Bad Weather

The transplanting of tobacco planned by Martin County farmers this week has been delayed by weather conditions, late reports stating that the blue mold is spreading rapidly over the county and that the farmers are not at all certain when they will be able to start the work.

"We had planned to start setting out crops today, but weather conditions have advanced the spread of blue mold and now we don't know when our plants will be ready," two farmers said here at noon today. Ordinarily the blue mold delays the plants about two weeks, but due to the advanced season some believe the plants will not recover in such a short time, that it will be the latter part of this month before transplanting gets underway in this chairman said.

Most of the complaints are coming from those farmers who did not participate in the soil conservation program last year. Mr. Crisp explained, and in their cases nothing can be done. The case of one farmer who planted over 100 acres last year and received an allotment of less than 50 acres this year was pointed out, but with him it isn't that he has too little tobacco this year; he had too much last year.

During the meantime, farmers are talking about their tobacco allotments. It is true that the number of complaints is small, but even then the county agricultural committee

is greatly worried. "I haven't been able to sleep nights thinking about the complaints," Mr. Jesse Crisp, chairman of the committee, said this morning. "If we just had a few more acres we could satisfy everybody, but we haven't got them," he added.

Mr. Crisp stated that farmers have been going to his house even before he got up begging for increased allotments. "Some come with tears in their eyes, and some come cursing," the chairman said.

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Judging from a preliminary survey of the early listings a sizeable increase in personal property values can be expected in the county this year. No material change in real estate values is anticipated in the county as a whole, but the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company is expected to reflect a tremendous increase in real listings in Jamesville Township.

Tax Supervisor Grimes is issuing this week special instructions to the list-takers urging them to follow as near as it is humanly possible for them to do so certain schedules of values that the tax burden may be equally distributed among all property owners throughout the county.

He is calling attention to the importance of having owners of real estate to list any encumbrances that may be against their holdings. The list-takers are asked to inquire of the property owner if he has listed intangibles with the State. The supervisor is also asking that a list be prepared of all taxpayers who have moved from one township to another. A perfect list of address changes will eliminate much double taxation.

It is pointed out in the list of special instructions that when a property owner refuses to agree to fair assessments, the list-taker is to enter the values to the best of his own knowledge, explaining to the property owner that complaints can be directed to the county commissioners when they sit as a board of equalization and review. When a property owner refuses to sign an abstract, the list-taker is directed to hold the paper for the signature of the chairman of the board of commissioners.

The list-takers are urged to follow as closely as possible the schedule of values determined at a meeting, the supervisor explaining that it is urgent that such a list be obtained that will place upon each taxpayer as nearly as possible his or her just part of the tax burden.

It is understood that listings will be carefully checked this year, that direct investigations will be made at random on individual properties with the intention on the part of the authorities to alter unreasonable values.

Youths Will Leave Tuesday for Camps

Eleven Martin County youths will leave here next Tuesday morning at 7:30 o'clock for service in the Civilian Conservation Corps. The county has been assigned a quota of eight, and three of the boys will have to return home, the successful candidates to be determined by examinations.

The boys will report for physical examinations in Washington, the welfare office here stating this morning that it had not been advised where the boys would be located.

Names of the youths leaving next Tuesday are: Leslie Coburn, of Hassell; Bennie Holland and George Bunch, of Williamston; Eli C. Stalls, of Everett; Joseph Lyman "Boog" Williams and Ben S. Rogers, of Williamston; James E. Stalls and Jesse Earl Rawls, of Robersonville; Roland Hardison, Thurman Price and John Henry Mizelle, of Williamston.

Plymouth Young Man Is Victim Of Truck Wreck

Bonnie Woolard, Plymouth young man, was fatally injured in a truck accident near there Wednesday afternoon while working on a highway construction job. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in Plymouth.

Woolard is survived by his widow who was Miss Delores Manning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Manning, of this county, before her marriage, and two young children.

Baptist Services Attract Large Crowds Nightly

Large crowds are attending the pre-Easter services in the Baptist church. Rev. W. R. Burrell, former pastor, is delivering some strong sermons and his messages are being well received. The meeting continues through next Friday.

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