

Graduation Program Wednesday Night to Mark Closing Here

Class-Day Program Held Tonight; Dr. ReBarker To Speak Tomorrow

The commencement events scheduled for tonight and Wednesday night will mark the formal close of a successful school year for the Williamston schools. Approximately eight hundred students will put away their books and turn to the long vacation period which will last until next September.

At eight o'clock this evening in the high school auditorium the members of the graduating class will present a class day program of their own composition which will feature special addresses by several members of the class. President Reg Manning will deliver the salutatorian's address. Valedictorian Grace Manning will speak on "Opportunity, America's Most Cherished Gift" and Wilbur Culpepper will speak on "Changing Frontiers". The class history and prophecy, traditionally a part of senior exercises will be supplemented by humorous parts of the program.

The high light of the year's work will come with the graduation exercises on Wednesday night when Dr. Herbert ReBarker of Eastern Carolina Teachers' College delivers the commencement address and diplomas are presented to the seventeen girls and fifteen boys who comprise the Class of 1938. Special awards will be announced and grammar grade certificates will be presented to the fifty-two students who have completed the requirements of the elementary school and who will be eligible for admission to high school next September.

Finals At Everetts Tomorrow Morning

The Everetts school closes a successful term tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock when Professor F. A. Hodges, of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, delivers the commencement address, and certificates are awarded the 30 girls and boys completing work in the seventh grade. James Alfred Stalls will deliver the salutatory address, and Miss Polly Bailey is the class valedictorian. The entire school and a large number of patrons are expected to be present for the event.

The graduating class is one of the largest in the history of the school, Principal C. R. Simpson said yesterday, adding that the term has been recognized as highly successful. Meeting some time next week, the local committee will consider applications for the faculty positions for the 1938-1939 term. Three teachers, Misses Alice Mallard, Olive Stokes and Beatrice Wynne, have tendered their resignations, it was unofficially learned.

Large Number Attend Tuberculosis Stations

Examinations Are Underway In Three Community Centers

Member Sanatorium Staff to Be in Robersonville and Oak City

Opening a five-day tuberculosis clinic in this county yesterday, Dr. G. C. Godwin, ranking member of the State Sanatorium staff, Sanatorium, N. C., handled 45 subjects, the first-day activities indicating that the clinic will receive close to two hundred persons. No record of the findings is released to the public, Dr. E. W. Furgerson pointing out that quite a few of those receiving the examinations yesterday were greatly pleased to learn that they were free of a disease that claims so many lives each year.

Today, colored subjects are being received by the clinic, and tomorrow Dr. Godwin will complete his work in Williamston. On Thursday, the equipment will be set up in the Oak City school where a large number is expected to take advantage of the free examinations. Dr. Godwin will complete the work in the county in Robersonville on Friday.

A last-minute change in plans made it impossible to receive children (Continued on page six)

WILLIAMSTON'S 1938 GRADUATING CLASS



Thirty-two young men and women are completing their work in the local high school this week, and will receive their diplomas tomorrow evening. Front row, left to right, Kathleen Mobley, Sarah Holliday, Shamma Ramey, Marion Pender, Alma Godwin, Roselee Hardison, Thelma Griffin, Nora Grimes, Jennie Strawbridge, Kathleen Taylor; Second row: Marie Hardison, Geneva Robertson, Margaret Harden, Frances Humble, Elva Grace Barnhill, Foster VanLandingham, Paul VanLandingham, Ben Hopkins, Bernice Ward, Eli Garganus; Third row: William Biggs, C. T. Roberson, Martha Brandon, Ray Goodman, Thomas VanLandingham; Fourth row: Alonza Bland, Jack Baker Saunders, Carley Hall, Wilbur Culpepper; Fifth row: Reginald Manning, George Sumara, John Ward.

BOARD MEMBER



Henry C. Norman, Robersonville, filed last Saturday for a seat on the Martin County Board of Education, to succeed J. F. Martin.

Young Hamilton Boy Dies In Tarboro Hospital

Eli Knox, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Knox, of Hamilton, died yesterday in a Tarboro hospital. He was taken ill with pneumonia just a few days ago.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon and interment will follow in the family cemetery in Hamilton Township.

Besides his parents, he is survived by several brothers and sisters.

MEETING

Meeting in Mayor J. L. Hassell's office tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock, members of the recreational program executive committee will discuss plans for a temporary playground at the graded school this summer. The committee is planning to purchase saws, swings, build tennis and volley ball courts and maintain a sand pile. This project is separate and distinct from the proposed permanent playground on the Knight property just off Watts Street.

Mrs. Parker's Pupils To Give Recital Here Friday

Piano pupils of Mrs. W. K. Parker will present a recital Friday evening at eight o'clock in the Williamston High school auditorium.

The following will take part in the program: Millie Biggs, Minnie Cheson, Glennor Culpepper, Marjorie Gray Dunn, Anne Fowden, Jane Goff, Frances Griffin, Patsy King, Alberta Knox, Dorothy Leggett, Anne Lindsley, Mary Nell Lindsley, Katherine Manning, Nanie Melson, Angela McLawhorne, Elizabeth Parker, Bill Peele, Mary Trulsh Peele, Mary O'Neil Pope, Betty Rogers, Dora Twiddy, Mary Warren, Helen Weaver and Evelyn Wynne.

Building Activities Increase As the Summer Season Nears

General construction work is gaining momentum here as the summer season approaches. Contractors are starting work on two new homes this week, one for Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wynne on Academy street and one for Mr. and Mrs. Coy Lamm on Grace Street, Extended.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hardy are planning to move the latter part of this week to the new home built by Mr. James Bowen on Pearl street.

Workmen are rapidly completing the interior of the Simon Manning home on Watts street, and Mr. and Mrs. Manning and family plan to move within the next two or three weeks. Construction work, delayed by the slow delivery of steel, will likely be resumed on the new tobacco warehouse here this week, the owners, Messrs. Gurkin, Sylvester Lilly, Ollie Belch and S. C. Griffin, stating that the delivery of steel was promised today or tomorrow.

The interior work on the Presbyterian church auditorium is nearing completion, but it isn't likely that the main building will be used in the near future.

Construction work on the new Dunn home is progressing rapidly, and brick is being placed on the lot for the Lamm home, which is to be built on a new street just opposite the high school gymnasium. Starting about 100 feet beyond the point where Grace Street intersects Smithwick, the new street, known as Grace street, Extended, will run east, the owner of the property planning to open it all the way around the school property.

Contracts for other homes are pending.

Williams District Farmer Disappears

Facing a charge in the county court, Joe Hopkins, young Williams Township farmer, is said to have disappeared from the streets here early last Saturday night. Last reports coming from the local police department stated that a jitney driver carried him to Rocky Mount, that he is believed to have left there late that night for parts unknown.

Hopkins, an industrious young farmer, is said to have explained to his wife that he was going to a barbershop for a shave and hair cut, that he would see her later. She has not seen him since. The man's disappearance attracted a large number of Williamston Township people into a search that lasted several hours, the group later learning that the young farmer had hired a taxi to carry him to Rocky Mount.

The young man is said to have had a check cashed for several hundred dollars, and left without telling anyone of his future plans.

Charged with transporting liquor after officers confiscated his car on West Main street here last Tuesday night, Hopkins was to have faced trial in the county court next Monday. There is a possibility, some believe, that he will return prior to that time. He was released following his arrest last week under a \$100 bond.

Big Fish Pulls Local Man Into Cold Ocean

Fishing with a party of friends off Cape Hatteras last Friday, Titus Critcher was pulled over board when a large drum hit his line. Critcher was fishing on the bow of the boat and the fish pulled him into the deep Atlantic before he could regain his balance. He attempted to save his line, rod and reel but after being pulled under the second time he decided it was time to sacrifice his fishing equipment and save himself. With the assistance of K. B. Crawford the boatman pulled him aboard.

Fortunately the boat was not in motion when the accident occurred for Critcher was heavily clad with clothing and a rescue might have been difficult with a heavy sea.

STORES CLOSE

With three exceptions, all stores and business houses here will close tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock for the ball game, it was officially announced at noon today. The circulation of a petition was completed at one o'clock, the signers stating they would close even though no unanimous decision was reached. Several of the stores will be open for a short time immediately after the game, but the barber shops and other business houses will remain closed, it was stated.

J. Clayton Haislip Dies In Hamilton

James Clayton Haislip, young Hamilton man, died at his home there yesterday morning at seven o'clock following a long illness. Suffering with Raynaud's disease, a type of nervous disorder, he had been in ill health for almost a year and was confined to his bed during the past two months.

He was born in this county 25 years ago, the son of Mr. Dave F. and Mrs. Frances Lilley Haislip, of Plymouth. During the past fifteen years or more, he had made his home in Hamilton. In early manhood he was married to Miss Bettie Wynne who survives with three children, Mabel, James Earl and Mary Frances Haislip, all of Hamilton.

Funeral services were conducted this morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. John Hardy, rector of St. Martin's Episcopal church. Interment was in the Hamilton cemetery.

Capture Three Snails In County Yesterday

Special Enforcement Officer Joe H. Roebuck and his assistant, Roy Peel, reported an active period yesterday afternoon when they raided in Bear Grass Township and wrecked three liquor plants. Two fifty-gallon capacity copper stills were captured and a steam plant was destroyed along with about 800 gallons of beer. None of the plants was in operation.

Superior Court In Second Week For Trial Civil Cases

Mistrial Ordered in Case of Strawbridge versus J. B. Cherry

Starting its second week late yesterday morning for the trial of civil cases only, the Martin County Superior Court today is progressing slowly in clearing a crowded calendar, present indications pointing to a large carry-over of cases. The cases, as a rule, have been baffling and although the court has worked steadily with Judge Clawson Williams on the bench, obstacles have presented themselves to limit the accomplishments.

After spending much time hearing the case of Strawbridge against Cherry, the court finally had to order a mistrial. The jury took the case last Friday at 11:10 o'clock and five hours later reported it was hopelessly deadlocked at 6-all. The case is to be started all over again. The plaintiff is suing Cherry for half interest in the three-story Peel building on Williamston's Main Street, the complaint pointing out that the two bargained to purchase the building, that Cherry was to pay the purchase price and Strawbridge was to receive half interest when he raised his half of the purchase price. Strawbridge contends he offered the defendant the money for half interest in the building, that Cherry refused to issue a deed in the case. The defendant denied the allegations.

The case of George Beck against Curtis Arnold and H. W. Barber was non-suited, the plaintiff failing to appear in court. Beck, former Jamesville policeman who is now living in Virginia, was suing for \$3,100 damages alleged to have resulted when the defendant, Arnold, charged him with breaking and entering and caused what he alleged was false arrest.

The Standard Fertilizer Company was given a judgment in the sum of \$1,523.56 against Walter Dickens, the court ordering that the amount of certain property seized be deducted from the judgment.

W. D. Hyman was granted a judgment in the sum of \$122.25 against Dan Harrell.

Booked for trial, the case of Cor-

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D. E. Johnson Enters Race for Solicitor of The Recorders Court

IN CONTEST



W. H. Coburn, incumbent, will have competition in his bid for solicitor on June 4.



Don Elphonsa Johnson filed last Friday evening for county solicitor.

Resigns As Registrar Williamston Precinct

Tendering his resignation last week-end as registrar of the local voting precinct, Mr. John D. Lilley explained to Chairman Sylvester Peel that he would hardly have time to handle the duties. Mr. Lilley's resignation was the first and only one received by the board of elections chairman following the appointment of registrars and judges of election here on April 16.

No one has been named to succeed Mr. Lilley, according to reports received from the chairman yesterday.

Transplanting of Leaf Crop Nearing Climax

DISTURBED

Fishermen who look to the Roanoke River for their living are greatly disturbed over the report that they will be required to pay a special license to fish for rock. "No collections have been made, but we have been warned by fish and game authorities that we would be required to pay \$2.10 for the privilege of stringing trot lines in the stream," a fisherman said this morning.

"We try to observe the fish laws and think they are advanced with good intentions, but it looks as if they are trying to take everything away from us," another fisherman voluntarily said.

Harvey Medford Holder Of Lucky Auto Ticket

Holding the lucky number—3914—Harvey M. Medford, farmer of near Oak City, is now driving a new car given away by the local baseball club last Sunday afternoon.

Medford bought a chance on the car for 50 cents some time ago, but while plowing in the fields he got wet and the ticket was ruined. Coming to the game Sunday afternoon he had to buy another ticket to get into the grounds, and that's the ticket that won the car. The tenant farmer called here early yesterday morning for the new machine.

Schedule Contests For County Judge, Solicitor, House

Norman Files for Board of Education, Roberson Commissioner

Last-minute entries into the Martin County political campaign developed a new contest and filled all positions, the hair on quite a few politicians' heads falling back into resting position as the filing time closed at 6 o'clock Saturday with no announced opposition. Saturday filings by H. C. Norman, Robersonville man, for member of the Martin County Board of Education and C. Abram Roberson, also of Robersonville, for a seat on the Board of Martin County Commissioners from the Robersonville-Cross Roads district, rounded out the political set-up and left no posts begging for candidates.

A third political race was created when Don Elphonsa Johnson, young attorney, filed for county solicitor late Friday in opposition to W. H. Coburn, incumbent, who filed the evening before. The solicitorship contest brings the number of races to be run off in the June 4 Democratic primary to three, Messrs. Clarence Griffin, A. Corey and Hugh Horton—having filed for a seat in the State legislature, and Messrs. H. O. Peel and Henry D. Hardison having announced for judge of the county recorder's court. There is no opposition for the several other offices in the county, and the candidates will be declared the party nominees. In the list getting the nominations without opposition are: L. Bruce Wynne for clerk of the superior court; C. B. Roebuck for sheriff; C. A. Harrison for treasurer; John E. Pope, commissioner Williamston-Poplar Point Townships; R. L. Perry, commissioner Bear Grass-Griffins district; C. C. Fleming, commissioner Williams-Jamesville Townships; R. A. Haislip, commissioner, Goose Nest-Hamilton Townships; H. C. Norman, member Martin County Board of Education to succeed J. F. Martin, of Jamesville. Reports state that Mr. Martin had planned to file had no one else entered at the last minute. A lone entry for constable is included in the list of candidates. Mr. J. P. Holliday having filed for that office in Jamesville township. In addition to three contests, the names of several candidates for the (Continued on page six)

Most of New Crop Will Be in Field Before Week Ends

Committee Busy Handling Complaints Against Allotments

A large percentage of the 1938 tobacco crop in this county will be in the fields growing by the end of this week, current reports from nearly every one of the ten districts indicate, the farmers marking up a record unequalled for early transplanting. Quite a few growers have completed the transplanting work, and in those cases harvesting just a short time off, weather conditions being favorable.

The few cool nights during the week-end did not interrupt the transplanting activities, and with few exceptions the work is nearing a climax on nearly every farm. Martin farmers are exercising unusual care in holding their acreage to the allotments, reports stating that a few are breaking over the line knowing full well that their soil benefit payments will be heavily penalized. As for exceeding the poundage allotment, they figure they can sell their good tobaccos and throw away the inferior types.

As the growers hurry to get their plants into the fields, the county (Continued on page six)