

ReBarker Addresses Graduating Classes Here On Wednesday

Thirty-two Are Graduated; Certificates Issued to 51 Seventh Graders

Addressing the graduating classes here last Wednesday evening, Dr. Herbert ReBarker, professor in the East Carolina Teachers' College, Greenville, pointed out fundamentals underlying one's preparedness in life, the speaker declaring that nothing is needed more than to try and find truth. "Seek to know the truth and the truth will make you free," he advised the 32 graduates, explaining that freedom comes only from the pursuit and discovery of truth.

"This is the age of streamlining. We jazz or put swing to everything. Nations, schools, churches and individuals are preparing for they know not what," the speaker said explaining that he wanted to try to point Williamston's High school graduates to a fuller life, and urge them to follow the fundamentals of life that have been found good.

He first mentioned the divinity of God, declaring that no sane man can live without recognizing God, "but we make our religion a form, a lip worship," he charged. Continuing, he said, "Religion is what you live, and not what you profess; there's too much lip worship and not enough religious living in the world today."

Dr. ReBarker did not advance a stand against society practices, but he directed a strong charge against the falsity found in social living. "We do not recognize in our social intercourse the real fundamental truths. We have narrowed down to the bridge game, possessing little more ingenuity than to run it into the ground. We need more good old common horse sense."

Pointing out the need for truth in politics, Dr. ReBarker threw a bolt into the old political scheme, hatched and nurtured in the South these many years. "The time has come for us in the South to express ourselves, and vote something besides the Democratic ticket," he said, explaining that the same condition held true for the Republican electorate. "We, in the South, have not asserted our citizenship; we have merely followed an old custom, and now it is time to face the truth."

The college man urged the graduates to pursue truth in their moral living, and demanded that they seek an understanding of the simple things in life. "Unless we understand, life is meaningless. We are like the man who has eyes and yet does not see, or the man who has ears and yet does not hear; or the man who has a mind and yet does not think. There are too many folks like sheep and who are ready to follow without thinking. We need to think before we speak."

And then, Mr. ReBarker pointed out the need for open and fair-mindedness, declaring that the art of staying young is to keep an open mind; remembering that every question has two sides. Justice and fairness should be meted out to every man alike, according to the speaker who cited cases where discrimination was practiced in the several phases of life.

The great trouble with the world today is the fear of man and not fear of God. "We condemn one man and exonerate another in parallel cases."

Sincerity was pointed out by Dr. ReBarker.

Few Canines Are Being Vaccinated

Incomplete reports from the stations over the county indicate that only a small number of owners are having their dogs vaccinated in accordance with State laws. For the county, as a whole, it is estimated that less than one-third of the dogs have been vaccinated, and in Williamston hardly more than one-fourth of the number has been carried to the stations.

The veterinarian closes his schedule for vaccinations next week in the upper part of the county. More than three thousand dogs have been vaccinated in this county in a single year.

Owners are allowed 90 days after April 1 to have their dogs vaccinated. If they fail to comply with the law they are subject to court action. The lists of vaccinations will be turned over to the sheriff's office within the next two or three weeks, and a check will be made on those cases where dogs have not been vaccinated. Unless owners take action before July 1, warrants in large numbers can be expected.

Health Staff Examines More Than 200 Pre-School Youths

Preparatory to starting school next fall, 218 children reported for physical examinations in the eight pre-school clinics recently held in this county by Dr. E. W. Furgerson, head of the county health department, and members of his staff. With possibly one exception every one of the tots was vaccinated against smallpox.

Only about one out of every four children examined was given a "clean bill" of health, the examiners reporting that 167 of the subjects had physical defects, some having as many as three, including bad tonsils, weak eyes and defective teeth. Bad tonsils led the list, the clinic heads pointing out that quite a few were undernourished.

The attention of parents is called to these defects in the hope that

they will have them corrected and make it possible for their children to enter school free of those ailments that are certain to retard progress if ignored.

The number of children examined in the various schools and the number of defects are grouped by schools, as follows: Williamston, 50 children examined, 36 having physical defects; Robersonville, 26 children, 21 with defects; Everetts, 23 children, 19 with defects; Oak City, 27 examined, 22 with defects; Hamilton, 25 children, 24 with defects; Jamesville, 30 children, 22 with defects; Bear Grass, 23 children, 11 defects; and Farm Life, 14 children, 12 having defects.

Judging from the clinic records, Bear Grass pre-school children are enjoying the best health of any in the county.

Plans For Campaign Against Cancer Are Formulated Locally

To Observe Control Drive Here During Next Week

Beginning on May 2, and continuing throughout the week, a Cancer Control Drive will be observed in Williamston. Its purpose is to fight cancer with knowledge, thus reducing the present high mortality rate. Statistics show that one woman out of every eight dies of cancer, many of whom could be saved through periodic examinations to detect any early sign of the disease. Last year 150,000 men and women died of cancer—an alarming fact which the women of America are beginning to fight through organized control. The woman's field army headed by Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt, spreads the message everywhere that early cancer is curable and are making rapid progress in tearing aside superstition and fear concerning it. There is no need for despair over the present situation. Tens of thousands of people who once had cancer are alive and happy today.

This is mainly a woman's war because the disease strikes them most savagely in two locations, the breast and uterus. Seventy per cent could be cured if taken in time. Women must eliminate the tragic delay and procrastination, and must consider a complete physical examination, once a year as imperative.

Authorities hold the opinion that cancers are caused by some form of chronic irritation. A jagged tooth, an ill fitting dental plate or a hot pipe stem can cause cancer. No age is free from it. Children are sometimes born with cancer, but it is mainly a disease of adult life occurring most often between the ages of forty and seventy. In 1936 it was second only to heart disease, and has consistently shown a climbing death rate.

Every cancer case is an emergency. Tardiness and incompetency may mean failure. The only effective methods for treatment are surgery, radium and x-rays in the hands of skilled physicians.

Early cancer is seldom painful, and often shows few if no signs. It attacks the stomach most frequently and any persistent unexplained indigestion is a warning. Cancer of the intestine usually begins with a vague abdominal distress, which should have an early diagnosis. Only a skilled skin specialist can sometimes detect early cancer of the skin, but any wart, mole, or growth which shows sudden growth should be examined. Cancer of the mouth is chiefly a disease of elderly men and is one of the most rapid growers of all cancer. It is five times more common in men than in women.

Trust no doctor who advertises a cure for cancer, or one who regards lightly any symptoms of cancer.

Seventy thousand lives might be saved each year if every man or woman knew these early signs of cancer and would have a thorough and

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Owners Late Listing Property for Taxation in County Are Subject to Penalty, Tax Supervisor Warns

ESTABLISHES UNUSUAL SAFETY RECORD



Eustace Jones, pictured here with his seven-year-old bus, has established a record for all school bus drivers to work after. During the past five years he has hauled thousands of children without a single accident, and, too, he has operated the old bus at a small cost. The young man has completed his work.

Lists Announced Not More Than Eighty Per Cent Complete

Unless Board Offers Relief Penalty Will Run Into Thousands of Dollars

At least 20 per cent of the property owners in Martin County will be subjected to a 10 per cent penalty on their taxes for the current year unless the county commissioners offer relief by extending the listing time a few days. If this is done, the board will have to reconsider its instructions issued last month to the list-takers to the effect that no extension of time would be granted for listing this year, it being generally agreed that 26 week days in April were sufficient time for the property owners to handle the task. Extensions have been granted in the past, the taxing authorities pointing out that twice the time necessary to handle the listing job is required each year, that some property owners have failed to report their holdings at all.

"No extension of time is expected," Tax Supervisor S. H. Grimes said last night, "but final action rests with the commissioners," he added.

The last minute rush is on today with closing time for listing falling tomorrow. Some of the districts are listed almost in their entirety, but Williamston and one or two other townships is possibly 25 per cent incomplete today. Over in Williams Township, list-taker Lucian J. Hardison points out that every man in one section of his district listed property or poll in a single day, but that he was still behind. Listing in most of the townships is farther advanced at this time than it was a year ago.

Under the laws, those property owners who fail to list their holdings before tomorrow night will have 10 per cent added to their tax accounts. In those cases where the ten per cent is less than one dollar, then a dollar will be added as a penalty to the account.

Tax Supervisor Grimes said last night that the list-takers have been so busy during the past few days in most of the districts, that no definite information as to the trend of values could be had. He would venture no opinion as to whether there would be an increase or a decrease. The supervisor is corresponding today with the officials of the North Carolina Pulp Company about the value of its new plant in the lower part of the county, but no valuation figures have been offered by the company at this time, it was learned. The taxes of the company, running possibly well into the thousands of dollars, will be subject if not on file today, to the late-listing penalty, it is understood.

Honor Students Get Special Cup Awards

Successfully meeting keen competition, four students in the local high school received special awards at commencement last Wednesday evening. Presenting the cups, Attorney Hugh G. Horton pointed out that there were close races run for each of the awards, that Reg Manning missed the valedictorian's cup by nine-tenths of a point. John Ward and C. T. Roberson received special mention for their bids for the athletic trophy.

The W. C. Manning valedictorian cup was awarded to Miss Elva Grace Barnhill. This cup was awarded first to Miss Jessie Mae Anderson in 1934. Others gaining the special honor were: Grace Manning in 1935; Ben Manning in 1936, and Addie Lee Meador in 1937.

The Woman's club civics club cup was awarded to the High School Beta club, Wilbur Culpepper receiving the award as president of the organization.

The Ray Goodman athletic trophy was awarded to Ray Goodman, Jr., his activities on the football field gaining it for him.

Miss Doris Moore won the Sarah Manning home economics cup award, Mr. Horton stating that there was some keen competition for the honor.

Escape Attempt Costs Colored Man His Life

Jury Is Hesitant In Exonerating Guard For Fatal Shooting

Wm. H. Wynne, Jamesville Negro, Killed by Guard Nicholson

William H. Wynne, 42-year-old colored man of Jamesville, was fatally shot in an alleged attempt to escape from a State Highway road gang in Griffiths Township early yesterday morning, a coroner's jury, investigating the killing two hours later, hesitating to exonerate Douglas Nicholson, prison guard, who fired the fatal shot. Wynne with six shots in the left side of his head and chest and arm, died before he could be moved to a local doctor's office in a State Highway commission truck.

Conflicting evidence was offered at the inquest held at the direction of Coroner S. R. Biggs in the prison camp office, near here, and the jury composed of Messrs. R. B. Brown, J. A. Weir, R. B. Brown, Jr., C. B. Hassell, J. R. Everett and Abner Brown, debated about one hour before returning its verdict which is regarded by some as evasive. The entry over the signature of the six jurymen reads: William H. Wynne came to his death by wounds caused by shot fired from a gun in the hands of Guard Douglas Nicholson while he (Nicholson) was in line of duty. Unofficial reports state that the jury may be recalled to further investigate the killing. This report was partially substantiated this morning when Coroner S. R. Biggs stated that the jury had not been discharged. And then there is the possibility the Martin County grand jury will investigate the case next June.

Questioned by the jury, Douglas Nicholson, 25-year-old guard who has been in State service a little over a year and who is receiving \$49 a month, said: "I yelled 'flatten'. All but three of the convicts laid flat on the ground. I yelled 'flatten' quickly a second time. Wynne started to run and I shot him just about the time he was taking his fourth step." Camp Superintendent R. A. Edmondson and District Superintendent Mallison, of Rocky Mount, explained to the jury that when a guard yelled "flatten" the prisoners

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County Commissioners To Meet Here Monday

Little business has been definitely scheduled for consideration by the members of the board of county commissioners when they meet in regular session here next Monday. A jury will be drawn for the one week term of superior court convening in June, and it is likely the authorities will discuss an extension for listing property.

No meeting of the Martin County Board of Education will be held next Monday.

Enforcement Officer Reviews Year's Work

STILL BUSTER



J. H. Roebuck, the man who has probably wrecked more illicit liquor manufacturing plants than any other man in the State and possibly set a record for the whole country.

Roebuck Believes Business Carried On At Great Loss

Estimate 40 Operators Are in County's Illicit Liquor Ring

Completing recently his first year with the enforcement division of the Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board, Officer Joe H. Roebuck this week reviewed his activities for the period and pointed out that the trend was away from the illicit manufacturing business.

Briefly stated, the officer and his assistants, including Deputy Bill Haislip, Roy Peel and others, captured 110 illicit liquor stills, confiscated 161 gallons of home-made liquor, poured out 46,921 gallons of beer, made 59 arrests, offered evidence to convict fifty alleged violators of the alcoholic beverages control laws and confiscated five automobiles. More than \$1,800 in fines and costs were collected in the courts as a direct result of the enforcement activities.

Commenting on the illicit liquor trade, Special Officer J. H. Roebuck stated that he believed the business has been narrowed down to a ring of about 40 manufacturing operators, explaining that all of them did not carry on the illicit operations at the same time.

With possibly one or two exceptions, the business is being carried on at an economic loss, the officer believes. The scale of operations has been reduced almost to a minimum, the officer pointing out that the trend has been to reduce stocks, that hardly ever does he find more than a few hundred gallons of beer at a plant where he used to find thousands.

Some sections of the county have been "cleaned up" and the business over the entire county has been greatly reduced. In those districts where the operators still insist on operating, the enforcement head maintains a regular raiding schedule, surveys showing that when he withdraws from a territory for a few months, stills spring up like mushrooms.

All in all, the officer and his assistants have made an enviable record, comparative reports showing that the illicit liquor business is experiencing keener competition than ever before in this county.

State Presented Portrait Of Late Colonel Saunders

A portrait of the late Colonel William L. Saunders, uncle of Dr. J. H. and Mr. J. McKimmon Saunders, of Williamston, was presented the State this morning at 11 o'clock in the office of Secretary of State Thad Eure. Colonel Saunders was Secretary of State for 12 years beginning in 1879.

The painting, presented by Bryan Grimes, of Washington, was accepted by Secretary of State Eure.

Mrs. Joseph H. Saunders and Mr. and Mrs. J. McKimmon Saunders attended the unveiling exercises from here.

Safety Day Parade Here Attracts Small Crowd

The safety-day parade here last Tuesday afternoon attracted only a small crowd, but those lining the streets looked with interest at the fireless car. Captain J. J. Lynch, safety crusader, operated the car by remote control.

Town Authorities to Meet Monday Night

Meeting in regular session next Monday evening at 7:45 o'clock, Williamston's town commissioners will have no new business scheduled for consideration, according to Mayor J. L. Hassell. However, it is possible the recreational executive committee will render a report on its activities in connection with the proposed establishment of a permanent playground on the Knight property on Watts street, near the American Legion hut.

Preliminary surveys for the permanent playground and swimming pool have been made by Engineer Rivers, but no definite cost estimate has been advanced. The town authorities have agreed to advance \$7,000 as sponsor of the proposed project in conjunction with a grant from the Works Progress Administration.

While plans are being advanced for the permanent recreational center, the executive committee is fast

Hold Last Tuberculosis Clinic In County Today

A series of tuberculosis clinics is being brought to a successful close in this county today at Robersonville. Examinations have been given more than 200 people in the county at Williamston and Oak City since last Monday, and the clinic at Robersonville is being taxed to capacity today.

TOO MUCH

After complaining about "chinchie" tobacco allotments, some few Martin County farmers are said to have actually complained to the office of the county agent about the generous cotton allotments. "We have more cotton than we want," they said. "What must we do about it?" they asked, the agents obliged by cordially suggesting that they plant it.

Complaints about too much cotton came from those farmers planting five acres or less. The big farmers whose allotments were reduced 50 per cent joined the ranks of dissatisfied tobacco farmers, but even they have not complained a great deal.

Control Opposition Is Facing Dissension Among Its Leaders

Several Named on Board of Directors Refuse to Serve

Opposition to the new 1938 farm control law is experiencing opposition within its own ranks, reports coming out of Kinston stating that farmers named to the board of directors have refused to participate, that some of those claimed in the ranks of those against the program are actually in favor of control.

The farm program opposition attempted to organize its ranks at a meeting in Kinston this week, but according to reports another attempt will be necessary to get some one to lead the movement in Lenoir County.

Six or seven hundred packed the courtroom to hear an address against control by S. H. Hobbs, of Clinton, a former state senator, who referred to the act as a force bill, asserted it was unconstitutional, and invited the gathering to join him in taking it to the courts for a test. There were cheers and yells. One tobacco grower called for a machine

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GROUP EDUCATION

The VanLandingshams went in for group education last year in the local school, Principal D. N. Hix announcing during the finals program last Wednesday evening that three young men—"twins and one extra" he said—from the same family had earned full-fledged diplomas during the past year.

While the record is unusual, it lacks one of equaling that established in 1935 when, four children, two sons and two daughters, of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gurganus completed high school here at the same time.