

Local Woman's Club Completes Another Very Eventful Year

Review of Activities Made at Annual Meeting to Few Members

The annual meeting of the Williamston Woman's club was held Wednesday afternoon in the club rooms with about 20 members present.

County Board Praises Work Of Health Officer and Staff

Meeting in special session last Friday afternoon, the Martin County Board of Health passed a uniform health ordinance and offered high praise to Dr. E. W. Furgurson and his able staff for the efficient and extensive service being rendered the people of this county.

Furgurson and Sanitarian Leonard, the review briefly outlining the work done in the dental and pre-school clinics, tuberculosis and venereal disease clinics, and in the general improvement of sanitary conditions as they affect the public health.

Tom Crawford To Fly First Air Mail Route Thursday

Nearby Towns Scheduled to Deliver Mail Here For Plane

Williamston's first direct connection with the nation's main air mail lines will be effected next Thursday morning when William Thomas Crawford, pilot for the local Aero Club, picks up a special pouch from the local postoffice and wings his way from the club landing field near the river to make a connection with the regular air mail service.

Martin County Democratic Party Perfects Organization for Coming Two Years at Meet Last Saturday

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY



Elbert S. Peel, local attorney, was re-elected for a sixth term as chairman of the Martin County Democratic Executive Committee by representatives of the party in convention last Saturday.



John L. Hassell, Williamston mayor and dean of justices of the peace in this county, was elected secretary of the Martin County Democratic executive committee by the county convention last Saturday.

Elbert S. Peel Again Named Chairman Of Party's Committee

Group of Forty Endorses Twelfth Grade for Public School

Meeting in the county courthouse last Saturday, about forty good and true Democrats reorganized their party ranks for another two years and went on record as endorsing a twelfth grade for the public school, the convention hardly rating the significance of a routine political event that is ordinarily clothed in nothing more than mere formality.

The meeting was marked for its congeniality, the bit of confusion arising over the time for holding the con-fab having been jokingly settled, the convention later passing a resolution calling for future conventions to be held promptly at two o'clock on the Saturday afternoon preceding the big pow-wow in Raleigh on the following Thursday.

With no official delegates reporting from any of the twelve precincts in the county, the convention, opened by E. S. Peel, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, recognized without fear or favor any and everybody that perchance drifted into the meeting.

The chairman, advised that only two precincts—Gold Point and Robersonville, Democracy's political hot bed—had perfected their organization, called for the first line of organization. Gathering into groups, the Democrats present managed to effect their local organizations in all but two districts, Jamesville and Hassell, and the convention ruled that there would be no change in their organization line-up.

Following the first-line of organization, the convention recognized a telegram from Lindsay Warren who extended greetings to his fellow-Democrats and expressed his appreciation for the loyal support accorded him and the administration. The group directed the chairman to acknowledge the telegram, and advise him that Martin Democracy will be on hand to hear him make the keynote address in Raleigh on Thursday of this week.

No delegates were named to the State meeting, the convention ruling that all county Democrats in good standing would be eligible to participate in the county's representation at Raleigh. A chairman of the group is to be named at an informal meeting in a Raleigh hotel just prior to the opening of the state meeting at 10 o'clock. Defining a Democrat in good standing, Chairman Peel said: "If I were running for office, and a person voted for me, I would call him a Democrat in good standing."

Democrats Go To Raleigh Thursday

Several thousand Democrats will invade Raleigh on Thursday of this week when their party holds its State convention there. Martin County is expected to send a representative delegation.

No conflicts are anticipated within the party ranks, and the convention promises to be one of the most harmonious ever held. Attention is being centered around the keynote address by Hon. Lindsay Warren, First District Congressman, who is expected to review the activities of the administration in Washington and the work of the Democratic party in North Carolina.

The convention convenes at 10 o'clock when the party effects its organization, and makes ready for Mr. Warren's address about 12 noon. Advance reports state that the Congressman has prepared a master address, and that it is certain to effect a closer relationship within the party as it operates in cooperation with the State and Federal administration with emphasis on the latter.

Plans Most Complete For Addition to Hotel

HONORED



Wheeler Martin, local attorney and building and loan official, was signally honored last week when the State Building and Loan League at its meeting in Pinehurst elected him vice president. Mr. Martin is recognized as one of the most active officials in building and loan circles.

Geo. Reynolds Hotel To Have 50 Rooms, Four Apartments

Owners Plan to Let Contract During Early Part of Next Month

Williamston's Hotel George Reynolds will have fifty rooms and four four-room apartments by early next fall if present plans can be pushed to completion, Mrs. E. P. Cunningham, one of the owners, said yesterday.

No cost estimate has been advanced for the project which the owners hope to complete and have ready for use by early next September.

The present plans while subject to last-minute changes calls for the complete modernization of the present building of thirty-two rooms and the addition of 32 others, the owners explaining that the lower floor of the addition will likely be constructed either as four-room apartment units or as regular hotel rooms.

It is proposed to alter the construction and appearance of the outside of the present hotel building and continue it as an even wall the length of the addition down Smithwick Street. The addition, two stories high, will extend almost to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Malcom Simpson, the plans calling for a small court between the two properties.

The owners are making plans to tear down the old building now housing the Hardison dancing school and the small office building formerly occupied by Drs. Evans and Brown is being offered for sale subject to immediate removal.

A careful survey of conditions clearly points to the need for a hotel here of not less than 50 rooms, and it is believed the proposed program will meet that need. In addition to the plans calling for more rooms, the owners are considering the opening of a private dining room. This will necessitate the construction of a new kitchen to the west side of the present building, it was pointed out.

"Aldersgate Hour" Will Be Celebrated Here Thursday

The local Methodist church will participate in the Methodist-wide celebration of the "Aldersgate Hour" next Tuesday night from 8:15 to 8:45. This service is the two hundredth anniversary of the heart-warming experience of John Wesley. It will be featured by Wesley songs and a communion service. Mr. Wesley's description of the Aldersgate experience will be given. It is expected that eight million Methodists throughout the nation will participate in similar services. The choir will give as a special feature the first song written and sung by Charles Wesley immediately following the experience of his brother, John, in Aldersgate chapel.

Tom Crawford's schedule begins in Plymouth at 9:30 Thursday morning. He is scheduled to leave here at 10 for Tarboro. Leaving the Edgecombe capital about 11 o'clock, he will deliver the mail to R. E. Lee, special pilot, in Rocky Mount, and Lee will make connection with the air lines at Raleigh around 1 o'clock that afternoon. Delivery from that point to Washington, City, New York and other points west and south will be advanced by mid-afternoon. Private pilots are cooperating with the government in effecting connections for the smaller centers with the scheduled air mail service. In addition to the schedule for Williamston, planes will start from Elizabeth City, Ashokic and Washington in this section. More than 130 towns will be served by special planes during that day. Special cachets are being used in most of the postoffices for air mail letters, but the local office offers nothing but the regular 6-cent air mail stamp, Postmaster Fowden said.

Bible School Plans Program For Friday

Entering the second week yesterday, the Daily Vacation Bible school here reports a steadily increasing enrollment and added interest in the daily programs. The enrollment passed the 150 mark yesterday, and a further increase was reported this morning. Popsicle parties featured the entertainment program in the lower classes yesterday, the leaders stating that further entertainment for the pupils would be provided during the week.

Completing the term on Friday of this week, the various department will hold a commencement program in the Christian church that evening at 7:30 o'clock. Special work is already underway in preparation for the program, and a large attendance is anticipated. A cordial invitation is extended the general public. The dramatization of Bible stories and special songs will feature the final event, Miss Ruth Manning, superintendent of the school, said this morning.

CROP CONDITIONS

Cool weather and strong winds during the past few days have retarded crops considerably in this section, reports stating that much cotton has died and that the cut worms are damaging the tobacco crop. However, crop conditions are considered advanced over those of last year at the same time in this county, and with a return of warm weather the crops are certain to show considerable growth in a short time. Nearly two and one-half inches of rain have fallen during the past week, giving this section a good season.

Martin Farmers Favor Potato Marketing Plan

Overwhelming Vote For Plan In County Friday and Saturday

Successful Passage Remains in Doubt As Returns Are Filed

While its passage in eastern North Carolina continues in doubt, the Irish potato marketing control act was given an overwhelming vote of approval by Martin farmers in three voting places last week-end, the office of County Agent T. B. Brandon announcing today that 63 of the 63 farmers participating in the referendum held in Williamston on Friday and Saturday and in Everetts and Robersonville on Saturday favored the passage of the bill.

The vote was small, but agricultural authorities considered it heavy compared with the number of eligible voters in the county. Only eleven votes were cast in Williamston and all of them favored the plan. Everetts cast 17 votes, the entire county favoring the marketing control bill. A lone vote out of 35 cast in Robersonville was found in opposition to the bill.

The farmers participating in the referendum in this county represent 41,069 bushels of potatoes, as follows: Williamston, 18,585 bushels; Everetts, 2,786 and Robersonville, 19,798 bushels. Measured in terms of bushels, the farmers favored control for 40,769 bushels as against 300 bushels voted by the lone opponent to the measure.

Incomplete returns from other eastern North Carolina counties leave the fate of the marketing agreement in doubt, but reports from Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas state that the measure was supported by 90 per cent of the growers. In this state, Pamlico, Tyrrell and Wayne counties polled adverse votes by sizeable majorities and held down the percentage necessary to make the bill operative. However, the contrary votes in (Continued on page six)

Young Child Dies At Home Of Parents Last Saturday

Durward E. Hopkins, two and one-half years old, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hopkins, in Williams Township early last Saturday morning of colitis. The little fellow had been in feeble health most of its life, suffering much with his heart. His condition became critical just a few days before his death. Funeral services were conducted at the home Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. John L. Goff. Burial was in the Hopkins family cemetery in Williams Township. Besides his parents, the child is survived by two brothers, Bennie and Herman Hopkins.

SUFFERS STROKE

Suffering a stroke of paralysis about 9 o'clock last evening, Mr. L. B. Harrison, prominent county citizen and a leading local merchant, continues critically ill at his home on Haughton street. Unable to effect a complete examination, attending physicians early this afternoon were unable to offer a definite diagnosis, but the patient's condition was described as serious. Apparently in his usual health, Mr. Harrison was getting ready to retire when he complained of a severe pain in his head. A few minutes later he suffered a stroke that left him semi-conscious and his left side paralyzed.

Children Flock To Playgrounds Here

By MISS NANCY GLOVER

The children of Williamston have responded enthusiastically and with gratitude to the playground. Two softball teams have been organized which play daily, in practices for an exhibition game in the near future. On Thursday, May 19th, all boys and girls with bicycles are invited to go bicycling from four until six. Each person is asked to bring a sandwich which he will eat during the trip. On Thursday, May 26, we are planning to have a doll show in the graded school auditorium from four until six. Ribbons will be awarded to the following kinds of dolls: (1) the prettiest doll; (2) the doll with the curliest hair; (3) the doll with the straightest hair; (4) character doll representing some personage; (5) the largest and the smallest doll; (6) most unique costume; (7) doll that cries the loudest; (8) best costume; (9) some nationality and (10) best home made doll.

The girls are very enthusiastic about the doll show and we are urging everybody to attend. A small admission will be charged to cover expenses and the surplus funds will go to buy new indoor games for rainy days.

Christian Education Institute To Meet Here

The Elizabeth City district Christian education institute will meet on Wednesday at 3 p. m. at the local Methodist church. Church school and vacation workers from throughout the district are expected. The institute will be held under the direction of the general board of Christian education of the Methodist church and Miss Barnett Spratt, of Birmingham, Ala., will be the chief speaker. She will be assisted in the details of the program by the conference staff and also the district leaders. All church school workers are invited.

Officers Destroy Two Liquor Stills

The task of defeating the illicit liquor business steadily goes forward in Martin County, Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck stating that two liquor stills were wrecked and twenty-nine gallons of liquor confiscated during the past week-end.

A startling feature in the week-end report deals with the large amount of liquor confiscated and destroyed so far during this month. Officer Roebuck states that 263 gallons of liquor have been destroyed so far this month, the amount being greater than that destroyed during the entire year of 1937. It is believed that most of the liquor manufactured in this county is going to outside points, officers stating that they are puzzled to know just where the deliveries are made.

Last week-end, the raiders wrecked a steam plant and 200 gallons of beer in Bear Grass Township. On Sunday they confiscated 29 gallons of liquor at the home of B. M. Haislip in Goose Nest. Returning to Bear Grass Monday, the officers wrecked a 100-gallon capacity copper still and poured out 1,700 gallons of beer and 31 gallons of liquor.

Many Jobs Found For Unemployed In State

Jobs for 1,815 persons were found in North Carolina for the week-end ending May 7 by the State Employment Service, a report on the bureau activities released this week shows. More than two-thirds of the group were placed in private jobs. The number of placements is believed to have corresponded favorably with the increase in registrations for the period.