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Prominent County Man Dies At Home Near Here Saturday

Funeral Services Held Yesterday For Mr. W. H. Edwards

William H. Edwards, prominent county citizen and a pioneer in the culture of tobacco in this section of Eastern North Carolina, died at his home here last Saturday night at 10 o'clock following a comparatively short period of declining health.

The son of the late John Henry and Pattie G. Edwards, he was born in Vance County 66 years ago. About the close of the last century he moved to this county as one of the pioneers in the culture of tobacco in eastern North Carolina, and his early work proved a foundation for one of this county's foremost crops.

After a short stay in Beaufort County where he supervised the cultivation of tobacco on a large scale, he settled permanently in this county, marrying Miss Annie E. Taylor about 1902.

In his adopted community he was soon recognized as a valuable and upright citizen. During the years he lived, worked and mingled with the and advice were eagerly sought, and people of this section his friendship he gained the admiration of everyone.

The large attendance upon the last rites at the home yesterday morning at 11 o'clock gave silent evidence of the high esteem in which he was held in his adopted community.

Besides his widow, Mr. Edwards is survived by two sons, Messrs. John Henry and William Hewitt Edwards, and one daughter, Miss Ruth Taylor Edwards.

Schools Will Get Cheap Electricity

Meeting in session Monday, the Martin County Board of Education accepted a contract with the Virginia Electric and Power Company carrying a flat rate of 2 cents a kilowatt for light and power used in the schools served by the company's distribution system.

The board yesterday effected a change in the holiday schedule, Superintendent J. C. Manning announcing that the schools will close on Tuesday, December 20, instead of on the 21st as previously scheduled.

All members of the board, Messrs. E. H. Ange, Joe Martin, George C. Griffin, J. D. Woolard and J. W. Eubanks, were present for the meeting.

Mr. P. E. Getsinger, of Farm Life, was a business visitor here this morning.

Urge Everyone To Take Part In Christmas Joy Movement

With a greater task before them this holiday season than last year, sponsors of the Christmas Cheer movement are directing an urgent appeal to the people of the town to cooperate in brightening the dark corners in numbers of local homes at Christmas time.

A complete survey of underprivileged families is being carefully made, and while it is not finished the early findings indicate that the drive will be taxed heavily this year.

Beginning Friday afternoon at three o'clock, the Boy Scouts under the direction of Scoutmaster Horace Ray and Professor D. N. Hix will canvass the town for discarded toys and other articles that can be conveniently spared.

Secondary Roads Get Attention In County

BENEFIT MATINEE

An opportunity for children of the community to share in the Christmas joy movement was arranged yesterday when J. W. Watts informed the cheer committee that he would run a children's matinee on Thursday of this week.

A new toy will admit any child, but when an old toy is offered for admittance it is to be accompanied by a nickel.

The Dionne quintuplets will be shown in their best picture, "Five of a Kind," with Jean Hershall, Claire Trevor and Caesar Romero.

Machinery Set Up For Holding Crop Control Election

Polis Will Be Open From 8 to 5 in Eleven Districts

Machinery for holding the second tobacco-cotton referendum has been set up in this county, the farm agent's office announcing this week that the polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. on Saturday, December 10, in eleven districts.

It is estimated that there are 4,000 eligible to vote in the tobacco referendum and around 1,800 in the cotton election. Last March, Martin County favored the tobacco control program by a vote of 3,740 to 40, and gave the cotton plan a vote of 1,718 to 16.

Any farmer growing tobacco in 1938 whether he be tenant or landlord is entitled to vote for the tobacco program, but there will be no absentee voting or any by proxy.

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Accept Positions With Fertilizer Company

Messrs. Howard Earp and Glenn Norman, young county men, have accepted positions as salesmen for the Smith-Douglass Fertilizer Company in this county, Mr. J. W. Rhodes, of the company's Washington office, announcing the appointments this week.

Mr. Earp, star shortstop for the Martins for a number of years, will center his activities east of the Robersonville territory, and Mr. Norman will handle the area west of Robersonville.

Application Made To Open Livestock Auction Mart Here

Board Will Confer With Health Office Before Taking Action

Application for a permit to open and operate a livestock auction market on Washington Street here was made to the local town board of commissioners last evening by Messrs. Sid Mobley and Henry Johnson. Pending a conference with board of health officials and a further study of the proposed business, the authorities delayed action on the application.

County Board Holds Its First Meeting of New Term

Secondary roads in this county are receiving more attention than they did a few weeks ago, but there is great need for more improvement, the Martin County commissioners in regular session Monday were told by representatives of the board of education.

Convinced that this county has probably the worst secondary roads of any county in this section, many citizens have raised their voices in complaint during recent weeks.

The Christmas street lights will be installed on Thursday of this week and turned on the following night, the board was informed.

Last Rites Are Held For Alonza Hadley Saturday Afternoon

Funeral services were held at the home in Bear Grass Township last Saturday afternoon for Alonza D. Hadley, well-known farmer and prominent Martin County citizen.

Mr. Hadley was a successful farmer, but had experienced failing health during the past two years or more, suffering high blood pressure and complications.

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HOLIDAYS

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Well-known County Farmer Dies Few Days After Paralytic Stroke

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MEETING

A meeting of architects, contractors, realtors, lumber dealers and others are to meet in the courthouse here Thursday under the auspices of Federal Housing Administration officials.

Edna Lee Mizelle Gets Nothing In \$50,000 Damage Suit Against Norfolk Southern Bus Company

Tobacco-Cotton Farmers To Decide on Control Saturday

Cotton and flue-cured tobacco farmers will go to the polls Saturday, December 10, to decide whether they want marketing quotas again in 1939. The voting will be by secret ballot, in community polling places set up by County AAA Committees and separate ballots will be cast for each crop.

It will be nation-wide referendum and the total vote of farmers in all states will determine whether the marketing quotas will be in effect next year.

All growers of flue-cured tobacco in 1938 and all producers of cotton with a staple length of less than 1-2 inches this year are eligible to vote.

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County-wide Meeting Here for Control Plan

Broome Will Speak In the Courthouse Wednesday Night

Anti-Control Forces Hard At Work To Defeat Program

With the opposition advancing a concerted attack this week, proponents of the crop control program are staging a counter-attack in this county this week, the campaign for the movement to reach a climax in the county courthouse here tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock.

B. B. Suggs, Greenville tobaccoist, will also appear on the program and a capacity crowd is expected to attend.

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Jury Debates Case An Hour To Mark End Of 3-Day Trial

Lawyers Argue During the Greater Part Of A Day

The \$50,000 claim advanced by Edna Lee Mizelle, young county white girl, against the Norfolk-Southern Bus Corporation and J. T. White, bus driver, was knocked into a cocked hat in superior court last Saturday afternoon when the jury discredited the evidence offered by the plaintiff and rendered a verdict favoring the defendants.

Alleging she had been carried on through Jamesville, her destination, to Columbia and raped at the point of a pistol by White a year ago this month, counsel for the plaintiff offered the last of its testimony early Friday afternoon.

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HOLDING HIS OWN

According to late reports coming from his bedside in a Norfolk hospital, Dr. Jos. A. Eason, local physician, was holding his own. It was stated that possibly his condition was slightly improved, but he continues critically ill, the message added.

County Officers Start New Term Monday Morning

Installation Ceremonies Attract Very Little Attention

Installation ceremonies, marking the beginning of another term for most of Martin County's officers, attracted very little attention in the list of events scheduled at the county courthouse Monday morning.

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Eleven Cases Reportable Diseases In November

Eleven cases of communicable diseases were reported in this county last month, the number of whooping cough cases leading the list. There was one diphtheria case in Dardens, a chickenpox case in Robersonville and a scarlet fever case in Williamston.

Mrs. Hyman Cowin Dies In Bear Grass

Mrs. Mary Jane Cowin, highly respected citizen of Bear Grass Township, died at her home there at four o'clock yesterday morning following a long period of declining health.

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