

Thousands Of Free Lunches Served To Needy Pupils Here

Parents-Teachers Association Successfully Handles Huge Task

The lunch rooms operated in connection with the local schools by the Williamston Parent-Teacher association provided for underprivileged children during the school year which ended recently.

A report rendered the local association by Mrs. W. E. Old at its April meeting revealed that nine thousand and one hundred and twelve free lunches have been served during the eight school months. In every instance these lunches had been served to underprivileged and undernourished children who would have gone unfed except for the fine work of the association and the cooperation of local agencies.

In addition to operating costs the association paid out \$216.23 for equipment and other items purchased last fall in connection with the establishment of the projects at both elementary and high schools.

The garden and canning project which proved of so much benefit to the lunch rooms last fall will be continued during the summer. Garden tracts have already been donated by Mrs. McLawhorn, Mrs. John Wier and Dr. Thigpen and the soil prepared for planting.

Much of the credit for the successful operation of the lunch rooms has been due to the efforts to Mrs. W. E. Old, who without remuneration has labored tirelessly in behalf of the project which has benefited so many children.

Presbyterians To Organize Missions

Two missions of the Williamston Presbyterian church will be organized by a commission of Albemarle Presbytery in Martin County on Sunday, May 14, 1939.

The commission is composed of the following ministers and elders: Rev. R. E. McClure, moderator and stated clerk of the Presbytery, will be the chairman. Rev. Chester Alexander, of Tarboro, and the Rev. John C. Whitley, are the ministers assisting.

The missions to be organized are Roberson's Chapel and Bear Grass. There are 49 members of the church at Bear Grass and 97 at Roberson's Chapel.

John H. Roberson will be the elder at Roberson's Chapel and the deacons-elect are Cheslee Jones, Eli Bowen, Fernando Bowen, C. D. Bullock and Raymond Roberson.

At Bear Grass, Sidney Beacham is the elder and the deacons-elect are Rossel Rogers, Pete Mendenhall, Kenezer Harrison and John Wynn.

The members of the two missions have been dismissed by the Williamston church that they might place their letters there.

Following the sermon of the hour by R. E. McClure, the commission will receive those wishing to become members by letter and profession. The officers will then be elected and ordained and installed.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services. The Roberson's Chapel service will be at four o'clock and the Bear Grass service at 8 p. m.

Likes Martin County Better Than Big City

Lee House returned Monday from New York where he spent several days, accompanied by Messrs. W. G. Peel and Garland Barnhill, of Williamston.

"I had rather have one acre of land in Martin County than have all of New York including the fair," Mr. House said in commenting on his extensive trip.

There are entirely too many people there for me, Lee said, and I don't expect to return again either for business or pleasure.

New Ruling Expected to Save The Partridge in This State

Designed to save the quail from extinction in this State, a new ruling on guns was handed down this week by the Department of Conservation and Development, according to County Game Warden Bill Abbutt. Effective next season, hunters will not be allowed to use an automatic gun that will shoot more than three times without reloading.

The ruling says, "All automatic shotguns will be plugged, and no person will be allowed to have more than three shells within the barrel or magazine."

The law making it mandatory to limit the number of shells was passed at the recent session of the legislature. Mr. Abbutt said there were only nine other States in which a man could carry more than three shells in a gun while hunting quail.

"Any person found guilty of violating this law may expect to have his license revoked for the entire year," Mr. Abbutt stated.

Advised of the decreasing number of the game birds, the State Department of Conservation and Development sponsored the law in an effort to save the bird from extinction.

INCREASE

With tobacco transplanting nearing completion in most of the counties in this belt, an increase predicted weeks ago in the acreage planted to the crop is now measuring up to the guesses, according to reliable reports released yesterday.

Making a definite survey this week, Lloyd Weeks, former Martin County assistant farm agent and now tobacco specialist for the State, reports an expected increase of 15 per cent in the acreage, as a whole.

Activities on the tobacco front which are progressing rapidly despite dry weather indicate that Martin County is well advanced in the program to increase its tobacco acreage by 25 per cent.

Hundred and Thirty Names Appear On School Honor Roll

List for Recent Period Is One Of Largest for the Past Term

One hundred and thirty names appear on the honor roll for the year released today from the office of the Williamston schools. Students qualifying for the honor roll have maintained an average of ninety on all studies throughout the school year. Thirty high school students are represented.

The honor roll by grades follows:

First grade: Rush Bondurant, Charles Carver, Warren Goff, Frank Wynne, Madeline Chesson, Rachel Chesson, Martha MacKenzie, Elizabeth Whitley, Jack Gray, June Bowen, Jessie Mae Melson, Margaret Wynne, Ann Lamm, Shirley Ann Beacham, Uleous Bonds, Garland Hardison, Pritchard Lindsley, Luther Pate, Russell Warren.

Second Grade: Jack Booker, Landy Griffin, James Gomer, Julian Mason, Paul Peel, Jr., Zack Piehoff, John Watts, Billy Edwards, Sallie Hardison, Charles Cowing, Ellen Whitaker, Helen Howard, Hattie Moore, Dortha Rogerson.

Third Grade: Eunice Britton, Betty Sue Clark, Mary Lou Coltrane, Helen Grimes, Edna Hadley, Barbara Margolis, Ann Mizelle, Gertrude McLawhorn, Lola Peel, Laura Francis Peele, Doris Savage, John Gurkin, Eugene Andrews, Betty G. Perry.

Fourth Grade: Lucy Andrews, Louise Griffin, Gloria Hayman, Louise Hines, Elizabeth Hopkins, Dorothy Leggett, Elizabeth Manning, Letitia Maxwell, Elizabeth Parker, Elizabeth Taylor, Hugh Horton, Charles Sicehoff.

Fifth Grade: Clayton Modlin, Pearl Newbern, Frances Griffin, Sylvia Green, Norman Hopkins, Erwood Old, Billy Myers, Hal Dickens, Jr., Dora Twiddy.

Sixth Grade: Curtis Hopkins, David Roberson, Lee Thomas, Joe Wynne, Isabelle Anderson, Jane Goff, Lillian Maxwell, Anne Meador, Violet Phelps, Betty Rogers, Frances Jarmon, Thurman Perry, Davey Van Landingham.

Seventh Grade: Richard Margolis, William Oscar Peele, Jr., J. D. Woolard, Jr., Lenora Melson, Nancy Mercer, Della Jane Mobley, Mildred Thomas, Julia Clyde Waters, Virginia Hines, Noah Nicholson, Frances Thomas.

Eighth Grade: Evelyn Griffin, Joseph Gurganus, Theron Gurganus, Robert Jones, Madelyn Taylor, Emma Belle Ward.

Ninth Grade: Bill Bowen, S. C. Griffin, Jr., Billy Mercer, Edith Andrews, Mary Charles Godwin, Susie Griffin, Elizabeth Parker, Daisy Peaks, Rosa Faye Mobley, Roosevelt Coltrane.

Tenth Grade: Katherine Manning, Doris Bullock, James Daniel Nicholson, Marjorie Grey Dunn.

Eleventh Grade: Elbert S. Peele, Jr., Dixie Daniel, Doleta Gardner, Sallie Grey Gurkin, Dorothy Manning, Dorris Moore, Mary Revels, Virgil Ward, Reid White, Susie Whitley.

The Swainsland revival will be brought to a close tonight. This has been a most successful series of meetings and the public is invited to attend the meeting tonight.

County Court Holds Uneventful Session Monday Morning

Four Cases Ruled On and Six Were Continued For Further Consideration

The county court held an uneventful session last Monday morning disposing of four cases and continuing six for later consideration. Faced with a small docket, Judge H. O. Peel and Solicitor D. E. Johnson expedited the business of the court in about an hour.

In the case of the State versus Julius Woolard charged with assault with a deadly weapon, something unusual in the choice of weapons was revealed when it was alleged that the defendant assaulted William Keyes with a home plate during an altercation. Playing baseball in the Farm Life section the defendant and Keyes became involved in an argument and it was alleged that Woolard picked up the home plate and used it to carry his point. The court not pressed the case when the prosecuting witness withdrew the charge.

Walter Freeman and Jesse Walton, charged by the State with larceny and receiving were found guilty and sentenced to the roads for three months. The defendants, who have been hailed before the courts frequently in times past were convicted of stealing tie plates and spikes from the A. C. L. railroad.

Charlie Godard, local Negro, charged with violating the A. B. C. act was found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs and given a suspended road sentence of three months.

In the case of the State versus David Williams, who was charged with non-support of his illegitimate child the court suspended the case upon payment of the costs when a compromise settlement was worked out between the defendant and the prosecuting witness.

Farmer Dies At His Home In Bear Grass

Funeral services were held here last Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Lewis Rogerson, Bear Grass farmer, who died at his home there on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock following a long period of ill health. He was a native of Bear Grass where he farmed until his health began to fail several years ago.

In early manhood he was married to Miss Mamie Biggs who survives with the following children, Reuben, Elmer, Annie, Slade, Fred, May Emma, Rosie Mae and Esther. He is also survived by one brother, Buck E. Rogerson, of Bear Grass and one grandchild, Rachel Rogerson.

Rev. Z. T. Piehoff conducted the last rites and interment was in the Mobley cemetery in Bear Grass Township.

Singing Class In Concert Tonight

Making its annual visit in this section, the Oxford Orphanage Singing Class will appear in a special concert in the high school building this evening at 8 o'clock.

Coming here under the management of J. H. Clements, assistant to the late L. W. Alderman for a number of years, the singing class has had in several years. Mrs. Sadie Hutchinson, who has faithfully served the orphanage as director of the singing class for a long number of years, accompanies the fourteen boys and girls.

Following the usual custom, no admission fee will be asked, but a free-will offering will be taken during the concert.

Entertained as special guests in private homes, the singers will leave tomorrow morning about eight-thirty o'clock for Camden where they will spend the week-end.

Sweet Home Church Will Hold Fellowship Service

A fellowship service will be held at Sweet Home Church of Christ on Saturday night at eight o'clock. The devotional service will be conducted by James D. Taylor, the sermon delivered by Rev. G. C. Bland and the Lord's supper will be observed with local elders presiding.

Newspapers Asked To Push Campaign For Road Safety

Highway Accident Problem Far More Serious Than Past Warfare

Recognizing the serious highway accident problem existing in this State, national safety leaders, in a three-day "safety seminar" held in Raleigh this week, appealed to the newspapers to awaken to the bloody facts and start a movement that will promise relief. As a result of the school, one can expect to see in the daily and much of the weekly press repeated appeals urging greater safety on the streets and highways of this State.

Startling facts were disclosed during the three-day meeting, which attracted safety leaders of international recognition. Years of study have been given the accident problem, and the findings by the heads of research groups, including Dr. Miller McClintock, of Yale University, Lieutenant Franklin M. Kreml, director of the Northwestern University Traffic Institute, and others were vividly portrayed to the 50 or more newspaper representatives in the series of classes that convened at 9 each morning and were dismissed at 5 in the afternoon during the three-day seminar.

Governor Clyde Hoey, Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell, Judge E. Earle Rives, of Greensboro; Ronald Hocutt, director of highway safety in this State; Dr. Clyde A. Erwin; Mrs. B. P. Flythe, of the State Highway Safety Division; Miss Marian Teiford, director education division of the National Safety Council; Lew Wallace, past president of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators; Robert Monaghan, of the American Automobile Association; Col. A. B. Barber, manager of transportation, Chamber of Commerce of the United States; C. C. McGill, director public relations of the Automobile Safety Foundation; Maxwell Halsey, associate director of the Bureau for Safety Traffic Research, Yale University; Reginald M. Cleveland, of the New York Times editorial staff; John W. Darr, trustee of the C. I. T. Safety Foundation and vice president of the Commercial Investment Trust; Arthur T. Robb, editor of Editor and Publisher; and Dr. F. R. Noffsinger, educational consultant of the American Automobile Association, were among those who addressed the three-day meeting, and vividly pointed out the need for action by all North Carolinians in their drive for greater safety on the streets and highways of their State.

The automobile in a single year has claimed more lives than were lost by the United States in three wars, it was pointed out, and yet we remain almost indifferent to the bloody facts that appear on the front pages with a certain degree of regularity week in and week out. Such startling facts as these were pointed out and supported by recognized statistics. The property damage cost, not to mention the value represented by the permanently injured, equals the cost of all new car purchases. Other facts equally as shocking were reeled off during the three-day school which seemed to awaken the newspaper representatives out of their lethargy and aroused in them a determined desire to work for greater safety on the streets and highways in their respective communities throughout the State.

Hope To Include Road In Letting

Arrangements for including the Old Mill Inn-Smithwick's Creek road in the next contract letting by the North Carolina Highway and Public Works Commission were unofficially announced virtually completed this week. The last obstacle to the advancement of the project is understood to have been cleared or will be cleared it is hoped in time to get the project in the hopper for consideration week after next.

According to present plans, the project will be let to contract by the highway commission on Tuesday, May 23. If the bids are acceptable it is possible that work on the road will be started possibly in June.

The project is the first in this county to be included in the commission's program in recent years. At the present time, the commission, using its own maintenance and repair forces, is widening the Conine Creek bridge. It is understood that the two bridges and the fill will be widened by State forces, but that the widening of the drawbridge over Roanoke River will be let to contract at a later date.

O'Malley Returns To Line-up For Martin This Afternoon

Skipper Paul O'Malley, out of the game with an injured finger since last Monday returns to the game today when the Martins meet Wilson in Wilson. The injury located between the thumb and finger has not healed completely, but the red-headed Irishman says he is able and ready to get back into the game.

Mother's Day Program To Feature Church Services

Mother's day programs will feature the services in the several local churches here Sunday, and large attendances are expected.

Plan Radical Change In Tobacco Program

Will Change Quota From Poundage to Acreage Unit Basis

Lawmakers and Representatives of Farmers in Meet This Week

Simplification of the farm bill provisions under which individual tobacco quotas are set was agreed upon by growers and representatives from the tobacco states meeting in Washington City this week, and Representative J. Bayard Clark, of North Carolina, and a member of the legal staff of the Department of Agriculture were instructed to prepare a final draft of amendments designed to accomplish the desired changes, the principal one of which changes the basis of quota determination from poundage to acreage.

Representative Clark said he expects to have the amendments completed within the next two or three days. The amendments will be submitted to tobacco growers and other interested groups for their approval. Another meeting of the tobacco group will be held in two weeks, after which the amendments will be presented to the house committee on agriculture.

The growers and members of Congress attending the session in the office of Representative Lindsay Warren, found themselves in general agreement on the various proposals submitted. The conferees quickly turned down a suggestion that referendums on control be declared passed when approved by a simple majority rather than by a two-thirds vote. "Absolute revolution" was predicted by Representative Warren if such a change was made, while Representative Clark warned that the program would "bog down" if two-thirds of the farmers were not in favor of it.

The amendments agreed upon would change from a poundage to an acreage basis the method of determining individual quotas, but would not affect the determination of state quotas; permit growers to sell all of the tobacco grown on their allotted acreage, with the exception of scrap; modify the small grower provisions to permit an acreage increase of 20 per cent or up to 3,200 pounds; set the collection of penalties at a given rate in cents per pound rather than in percentages, and continue non-quota years in computing allotments.

Not To Change Law

It was explained that the amendments would not affect the present act, these changes being additions to the law. In other words, if the amendments were declared unconstitutional the growers would still have the "protection" of the present act. The amendments would not change the status of exporters or provisions dealing with new growers.

The amendments would greatly simplify the determination of quotas and remove many of the doubts now surrounding the law, which has caused many farmer and congressional headaches. Under the agreed-upon method, the national poundage quota would be set, with the Secretary of Agriculture giving the power to break it down into state quotas. The state quota would then be broken down into acres and allotted to individual farmers. The farmers would be allowed to market and sell all of the tobacco grown on his acreage.

In addition to simplifying the determination and collection of penalties, the change from the percentage to the flat cents-per-pound basis was included to stop the collection of penalties on low-grade tobacco and the substitution of higher grades. This penalty probably will be set somewhere between 5 and 10 cents.

169 Pupils Attend Bible School Here

The annual daily vacation Bible school, getting underway here last Monday, is attracting a record enrollment. Miss Ruth Manning, principal of the school, announced this morning that 169 children were in attendance upon the classes as the school brought to a close its first week. The directors and members of the faculty state that the school is proving quite effective and that it has the promise of being the most successful one ever held here.

Bible stories, drills, music, work, play and art are claiming minute attention of all the pupils. The faculty is composed of the following: Beginners' department, Mrs. S. A. Maxwell, Mrs. Williams and Misses Nancy Biggs and Katherine Manning; primary, Misses Josephine Harrison and Marjorie Dunn, juniors, Mrs. J. A. Eason, Mrs. Curtis Leggett, Mrs. J. H. Smith and Mrs. Cecil Weeks, intermediates, Mrs. E. M. Trahey and Miss Bernice Ward. Miss Irene Mizelle is heading the handicraft institution for the girls in the advanced classes and Mr. Gordon Bennett is in charge of the play periods for the older boys.

The public is invited to observe the children at work and at play, the directors stating that a visit with the little tots of pre-school age will prove unusually interesting.

PRESIDENT



W. H. Woolard, executive vice president Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, was elected president of the North Carolina Bankers Association this week at their convention now in session at the Carolina Hotel, in Pinehurst, N. C.

Former Citizen Of This County Head Of State Bankers

W. H. Woolard Gets Post At Meeting This Week in Pinehurst

W. H. Woolard, well-known Eastern Carolina citizen and vice president of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, was named president of the North Carolina Bankers' Association at a meeting of the organization's membership in Pinehurst this week. For nearly a quarter of a century, Mr. Woolard has been executive vice president of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, and it was in recognition of his faithful service in the banking field that the organization membership advanced him to the honorable position.

A native of Martin County, he has his first banking experience as cashier of the Bethel Banking and Trust Company in Bethel. Later he was a State bank examiner for several years. Before going to Greenville in 1920, he was engaged in the fertilizer industry in Washington.

Since his becoming associated with the Guaranty Bank, nine branches have been established in East Carolina, and assets have increased from \$1,000,000 to more than \$7,000,000.

Mr. Woolard was advanced to the presidency by custom, placing R. P. Holding, Smithfield banker, in line for the post next year.

The high spot in the early sessions of the convention was the report showing the healthy condition the banks in the State are now enjoying. R. L. Pope, retiring president of the organization, took a fling at the present national administration in its budgeting activities, declaring, "We cannot with increasing speed continue to pile up huge deficits and increases in our governmental debt without coming to a day of tragedy, and our mounting national debt and tax burden will continue to remain a deterrent to business progress until our income and expenses are brought into balance and the burden of increasing tax abated."

Pope then added that better business conditions have been accomplished in spite of many difficulties and handicaps and in the face of threatening dangers of a world war and are a compliment to the genius, initiative and courage of our people.

Martin County took a front position in the administrative ranks of the organization when Mr. Woolard, a native of the county, was named president; R. G. Harrison, also a native of the county and now a prominent banker of Henderson, was made vice president for the national bank division, and S. L. Roberson, popular banker of Robersonville was placed on the organization's executive committee.

Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hayman and Mr. Herman Bowen attended the convention from here.

Plan To Open Swimming Pool About June First

An unofficial announcement coming from town authorities at noon today stated that the WPA municipal swimming pool would be ready for use on or about June 1. Work on the pool itself is virtually complete, and the installation of the filtering plant is well underway. Private contractors have stepped in to rush the construction of the bath houses, and the WPA forces are fast completing the walks and making ready the grounds for occupancy.

Steam Engine Goes Out Of Control At Lumber Plant Here

Workers Escaped Injury, But Machine Tore Itself To Bits

Several workmen at the local plant of the Farmville-Woodward Lumber company miraculously escaped injury late yesterday when a big steam engine went out of control and tore itself to bits.

The machine, with its drive wheel measuring eight feet in diameter and weighing several tons, went out of control when the drive belt ran off and the automatic governors failed to function in the emergency. Approaching the engine to cut off the steam, Engineer Waddell turned back when he saw the huge machine start rocking as a cradle. Attaining a speed possible several times greater than it was supposed to run, the engine was out of control hardly more than a minute before it started breaking up. One large section of the fly wheel, weighing possibly 500 pounds, tore through the top of the buildings and landed in the Bob Jones' yard, about three or four hundred yards away. The piece of iron completely buried itself. The huge spokes in the wheel broke under the strain as one would break a toothpick in his fingers. Other pieces of the machine tore into big piles of lumber, splintering boards and jarring that section of the plant where the planing mill is located a short distance from the main mill.

Workmen were so badly frightened that they were almost too weak to stand up as the bits of iron were scattered all around them.

No exact estimate of the damage is available, but the loss will possibly approximate \$1,000. Superintendent Dean Speight stating this morning that he is not certain but what a new replacement will be necessary. Plans are already well advanced to put the plant back in operation and the workmen will be continued on the payroll of the company without any loss of time, it was stated.

The planing mill was just recently enlarged and modernized, and the crew of seven men were working overtime to catch up with a rush order.

College Students Tour The County

The growing importance of the sweet potato as a crop and its comparatively great food value were stressed by County Agent T. B. Brandon before nearly half a hundred State College students at a field meeting of the group in the agricultural building here last evening. Representatives Welch and Sawyer, of the Lake Phelps project in Washington County, were in attendance upon the meeting and outlined the work that is being carried on there by the Federal Government.

Accompanied by Professors Forster and Green, the forty-five young State College students are making a tour of this section of the State, observing the practical side of agriculture and making a field study of general farm practices as followed by farmers in this and other eastern counties.

Spending last night in the gymnasium here, the students, after inspecting the large sweet potato curing house owned and operated by Jim Staton, left for the upper part of the county where they will spend much of today on the Everett estate. The group was entertained at lunch by Ben Everett.

Two Nearly Lose Lives In Roanoke

Two young white men, I. H. Wallace and J. T. Edmondson, barely escaped with their lives when their small boat turned over in Roanoke River just below the plant of the Standard Fertilizer Company here the early part of this week.

Edmondson, unable to swim, held to the overturned boat, and Wallace, afraid to desert his companion, drifted down stream several miles. Wallace, using his bare hands, finally paddled the boat to the shore just before they reached Sweet Water Creek. The two men had been missing for more than an hour and a half. After they had been missing for more than an hour several went in search of them but the two men were returning along the bank on foot.

Vacation Bible School At Poplar Point Ends Friday

The Daily Vacation Bible school now being conducted in the Poplar Point Presbyterian Mission will close its session on Friday at 11:30 a. m. The school has been in progress for the past two weeks. The enrollment has been between fifty and sixty.

Those teaching in the school are: Miss Ezeferlee Griffin, Miss Mary Rogerson, Miss Mildred Hardison, Miss Ruby Bennett and Rev. Z. T. Piehoff.

The commencement for the school will be given Sunday at 1:30 p. m. A splendid program has been worked up by the pupils and the public is invited to come and enjoy it with the membership.