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Teacher Elections Effected in County During Past Week

Comparatively Few Changes Announced in Three of County Schools

With the exception of a few cases where resignations were noted, comparatively few changes are being made in the 1940-41 teaching personnel for the county schools. Committee action was reported in the Jamesville, Farm Life and Bear Grass districts through the office of the county board of education here today. Other committees, with one or two exceptions, have held their teacher elections but the results have not yet been announced. Under the school law, the several district committees are scheduled to hold their elections prior to the closing of the school term.

A marked regret was expressed in school circles today when Principal T. O. Hickman announced his resignation presumably to enter private employment. Professor Hickman has successfully headed the Bear Grass schools for eight years, following a stay of several terms as a member of the school faculty at Jamesville. His work, education officials declare, has been very effective there, and his interest in civic and religious affairs has been of considerable worth to the community and county. The professor has not yet announced his plans for the future, one report stating that he may consider an offer from another school if he does not enter private employment.

Misses Dorothy M. Owens, Madlyn Barnes, Annie Mae Davis, Ruby Malone, Doris Jenkins and Virginia Shindler have been reelected by the Bear Grass committee. Miss Josephine Clayton tendered her resignation to accept a position elsewhere, it was announced. The election of the high school teachers is being delayed pending the employment of a principal to succeed Mr. Hickman.

At Farm Life the committee reelected its faculty in its entirety. The names of the principal and teachers are, Russell Martin, principal; D. T. Ward, Mrs. Russell Martin, Miss Helen Gunter, Mrs. Verda Woolard, Miss Marguerite Cook and Miss Bettie Haywood. Only one change was effected in the teaching personnel at Jamesville, Mrs. Effie Holliday succeeding Mrs. Clarence Sexton, resigned. Names of the other teachers including J. T. Uzzle, principal, are Woodrow Suggs, Mrs. Stella Hyman, Miss Lucia McInnis, Samuel J. Andrews, Mrs. Sneede L. Davenport, Miss Rachel Godwin, Miss Amelia Greenlee, Mrs. Varnie Woolard, Mrs. Chas. Davenport, Miss Rosemary Peterson, Miss Dolores James and Miss Opal Brown.

Marriage Licenses Are Issued To Ten Couples In County

Issuance Last Month Is Twice As Large As It Was in April, 1939

The number of marriages in the county underwent a marked increase last month when licenses were issued to three white and seven colored couples as compared with the issuance of four licenses to white and one to colored couples in April, 1939. While there was a 100 per cent gain in the number of marriage licenses issued last month as compared with the April, 1939, issuance, the activities in the marriage-license bureau in the county are still far below the average maintained prior to the passage of health laws governing the issuance of licenses. During the first four months of this year there were 48 licenses issued as compared with 46 in the first four months of last year and 93 in the first four months of 1938.

A substantial increase is in the offing for the months of May and June, according to rumors. Licenses were issued last month to the following couples:

White
Charlie B. Stalls, of Greenville, and Neva Gray Ellis, of Jamesville.
Frank Story Cutchin, of Franklin, Va., and Mary Virginia Ray, of Williamston.
Levi Clayton Moore, of Jamesville, and Blanche Heath, of Williamston.

Colored
Abram Daniel and Mamie Winston, both of Jamesville.
Lester Martin and Alberta Savage, both of Hobgood.

Augustus Harris and Annie Florence Lee, both of Williamston.
James Wiggins and Eva Whitley, both of Williamston.
Frank Miller and Hasty Berry, both of Quitsney.
Hubert Howard and Dorothy Griffin, both of Jamesville.
Henry Andrews and Cora Andrews, both of Parmele.

Local Colored School Holds Graduation Program Tonight

The local colored high school will hold its commencement exercises this evening at 8 o'clock, when the literary address will be delivered and diplomas are presented to the graduates.

Construction Forces Active Here During the Past Month

Increased activities were reported on the home and commercial construction fronts here during the month of April, according to a report released for the period by Building Inspector G. P. Hall today. Construction project costs were listed at \$31,800 for the month, an unusually high figure considering the fact that there were no large projects launched. Construction work was started on five new homes costing approximately \$17,000. Commercial construction represented an additional expenditure of \$12,500, most of a new garage for the Virginia Electric and Power Company and a unit for the plant of the Goldman Package Manufacturing Company. Permits were issued for repairs to homes and commercial buildings in the sum of \$2,250. Several additional hundred dollars were spent for

paint jobs here and there over the town. In the home construction work, the following projects are well advanced: A duplex home for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Griffin on Park Street; a new five-room home is being built by H. A. Bowen on Warren Street; work is progressing rapidly on a five-room house being built by Mr. Jim Bowen on Pearl Street and on the seven-room parsonage for the Methodists on Church Street and also on the five-room home for Mr. and Mrs. Fenner Wallace on East Academy Street. Contracts for several other new homes are pending, and reports state that there are good prospects for the sale of lots in a new development being advanced by Dr. J. S. Rhodes in the school vicinity. Reports from the rental front maintain there is still a shortage of homes and apartments here.

Record Size Docket In Court on Monday

NOMINEE



Automatically nominated for county commissioner from the Goose Nest-Hamilton district since no opposition is scheduled in the primary for him, Commissioner E. A. Haislip, of Hasell, is on the sidelines watching developments as they occur on the county's political front. — Photo by D'Amours.

Thirty-Eight Cases Of a Varied Nature Before Judge Peel

Long Road Term Is Meted Out In Assault Case Against Woodrow Ipoek

Holding its first term last Monday since April 8, the county recorder's court had piled up before it one of the largest dockets on record, but continuing ten cases and the rapid handling of twenty-eight others, Judge H. O. Peel was able to bring the session to a close before late afternoon that day. The proceedings were featured by a long sentence given Woodrow Ipoek and the hearing of charges brought against seventeen persons who allegedly had failed to list their properties for taxation.

Proceedings in the court: Joe Purvis, charged with larceny, was found not guilty. Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon in two cases, Woodrow Ipoek was sentenced to the roads for a term of two years. The case charging Larry Wade with failing to pay board bill, was nolo prosequere.

Colombus Ward pleaded guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, and was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his license revoked for a period of one year. Pleading guilty in the case charging him with carrying a concealed weapon and with disorderly conduct, Elmer Swain was sentenced to the roads for a period of three months.

John Ivory Cooper, charged with larceny, was sentenced to the roads for a term of three months, the sentence to begin at the expiration of the one he is now serving.

The case charging Floyd Lilley with bastardy was continued until the second Monday in October, this year. A continuance was ordered in the case charging Harry Augustus Robinson with drunken driving that an injured witness might be able to appear in court. The case is now set for trial next Monday.

Papers were issued for E. L. Whitehurst's arrest when he did not report in court and answer in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws.

Elbert Bellamy, charged with trespassing, was found not guilty. Charged with failing to list taxes, C. D. Perkins, Jimmie Sills, Wheeler Lynch, Richard Davis, A. L. Moye, B. F. Hyman, Willie Fleming, Lance Hardy, Atwood Tetterton, Heber Taylor, Lee Peel, and Charlie Lewis—pleaded guilty; the court suspending sentence upon condition that each defendant list his property for taxation and pay the case costs. Two cases charging similar violations of the law were continued for Tinner Riddick and Elmer Riddick. In three other similar cases, Elma Riddick, Clarence Sherrard and Ed Sprull entered pleas of not guilty, the court adjudging them not guilty.

Allen H. Leggett, charged with drunken driving, was found not guilty. A suspended sentence imposed upon Leland Roberson two months ago in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws, was vacated.

In a civil action brought by J. R. Harrison against M. L. Wynne, a judgment in the sum of \$40 was granted the plaintiff. The defendant was also taxed with the case costs.

Sunday Service In The Cedar Branch Church

There will be regular services both morning and night at the Cedar Branch Church. Rev. W. B. Harrington, pastor, is in the hospital, but Rev. A. Corey will fill the appointments.

All members and friends are cordially invited to attend each service.

Republicans Turn From Party Ranks In Martin County

Many Taking More Interest in Voting for Roosevelt Than In May Primary

While it is limited in numbers, there is a marked trend from the Republican ranks to the Democratic fold in this county, reports coming from several of the precincts stating that Republicans of long standing are registering as Democrats in the hope of voting for Roosevelt for a third term. One precinct registrar points out that the general election scheduled for next November 4 is possibly causing more citizens to register than the May 25 primary which will offer them an opportunity to participate in county and state political contests.

There hasn't been a great deal of interest shown in county and state politics, the reports declaring that the electorate has its eye centered on the November election. It is also pointed out in several quarters that a substantial majority of the people are ready and anxious to draft Roosevelt for a third term.

Registrations, started in the county last Saturday, are gaining momentum in several precincts, one report stating that a precinct registrar had added more than 100 names to the registration list since last Saturday. However, no general drive or canvass has been reported as yet. And there is doubt if a general canvass will be made. It is possible that the county board of elections will take action if necessary toward stating a canvass after meeting in special session here next Monday.

Several counties are offering a small premium for each name placed on the books on any day other than the designated Saturday when the registrars are scheduled to keep the books open at announced places. Possibly a small consideration may be offered the registrars in this county if such a proposal is suggested by the election board and approved by the county commissioners.

Census Survey Not Finished In County

Indications Point To 4,000 Population for Town of Williamston

Work on the 1940 census in this county is progressing slowly according to unofficial reports received here today. As far as it could be learned the enumerators have completed their task in only two or three districts, leaving one or two others untouched.

Late reports state that no enumerator has been assigned to the north side of the town of Williamston, that Mrs. Alphonsa Roebuck was assigned to the rural area of this township only a few days ago. Starting the survey in Griffins Township hardly two weeks ago, Rev. W. B. Harrington was forced to discontinue the work by illness. The minister is now in a hospital for treatment.

Enumerators J. J. Harrison completed the survey in Williams Township late last Saturday night, an unofficial report stating that no material change is expected in the population figures in that district. Ten years ago there were 1,014 persons listed in the township.

Mrs. L. H. Gurganus this week completed the survey on the south side of Williamston's main street, the first district assigned her. Her appointment to handle the survey on the other side of town is expected. It is understood that the population figure on the south side of Main Street will approach and possibly pass the 2,000 mark. Some observers believe that there are more people on the north side of town, and that the 1940 population here will pass the 4,000 figure.

Transplanting Of Leaf Checked By Spread Of Mold

Blue mold, making a clean sweep of plant beds over most of this section during the past few days, has virtually brought the transplanting of tobacco to a standstill, farmers stating now that it will be at least a week or ten days before the work will get underway to any appreciable extent.

Striking suddenly and exacting a heavy damage toll even to killing smaller plants, the mold has interrupted farming plans overnight. Several farmers are said to have placed their transplanters in the field and made ready for the week just to find that their plant beds had been attacked just a few hours previously by the mold. At the present time comparatively few farmers have completed transplanting their crops. Reliable reports still maintain that no plant shortage is anticipated, but that most farmers will not be able to get them when they are wanted.

Only One Democratic Precinct Meeting Scheduled in County

Following the usual custom, Martin County precinct Democrats, with one exception, will forego their district meetings tomorrow with the view of attending the county convention on Saturday of next week and perfecting their organizations and participating in the big meeting at the same time. Advanced reports maintain that a large delegation can be expected from nearly every one of the county precincts for the county convention to be held in the courthouse at 12 o'clock noon, on May 11.

Active Democrats in Griffins Precinct are calling a meeting of their own for tomorrow afternoon at one o'clock when they will perfect an organization and name delegates to the county convention.

The Roosevelt third term and Hoey spat, while compromised, is not yet definitely settled. In an address this week, Former State Senator John Folger, chairman of the North Carolina for Roosevelt organization, urged all Democrats to go to their precinct meetings and county conventions and declare their wishes.

Folger added:

"There can be times when a second-best president is like a second-best navy—only an illusion of false security," Folger said in an address from Raleigh over a radio hook-up which included stations at Wilson, Rocky Mount, Durham, Kinston and Goldsboro.

"Our people know the dangers of our present situation. They know that Mr. Roosevelt's hopes and strivings for our welfare have not been completely realized; they know that in the circumstances of the hour the man most likely to carry this country through the next four years with the largest measure of assurances of peace and good will is Franklin D. Roosevelt."

He called "unwise and unsafe the stubborn application" of the tradition of giving no President more than two terms in office.

"And, too, the truth in a large measure is that this tradition is made an alibi, a subterfuge of a camouflage."

Frank Graham Speaks To Graduating Class

Greatest Need Of Graduate Is Great Books, Speaker Says

University Head Pleads With Youths To Stay at Home And "Fight It Out"

With his mind and soul centered on the advancement of North Carolina and its people, Dr. Frank Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, in an address before the members of the local high school graduating class last Wednesday evening directed an appeal to the thirty-three young boys and girls urging them to cast their lot at home in North Carolina and the South and "fight it out even though you don't make as much as you would in other fields." It was an earnest appeal, one that came from an educator who has in the face of many calls from other states remained at home to help fight the battle of the common people.

Dr. Graham who has been ranked as one of the nation's leading educators, quickly grasped the attention of a comfortably packed auditorium when he cited his humble service record in the World War at the suggestion of Elbert S. Peel who introduced him.

Centering his address topic on the need of the graduate for good books, the university head said, "one who masters books will master his job," and he cited the formula used by huge industrial enterprises in selecting their employees. "A huge industrial empire, employing the formula, picked those boys who knew that to master their books was the main job in college," he said, adding that they must have good character and good health.

Continuing, the speaker said, "Remember, there are great books in your local library and that you can keep company with the world's leading figures in books." Offering concrete examples supporting the need of the graduate for great books, the speaker cited the cases of several personages who had helped shape the history of the world and who had seen in the pages of books the opportunity to advance all mankind.

"Possessed of courage, pluck and will power, a young boy who was not good enough to enter the University of Glasgow as a social student, accepted a job as a mender of instruments in the basement of the university. Between jobs, the boy read good books and in the pages of those books he found an idea and applied it. Today we have the steam engine because a boy, a good boy and a good book got together.

"There was the young woman whose husband was killed on the Confederate battlefield. In those turbulent times, Mrs. Cornelia Phillip Spencer did not accept the call of relatives to a life of leisure. She remained in North Carolina and in the path laid bare by Sherman she wrote for a religious paper to earn her living. She worked for the reopening of the University of North Carolina and today the pages of history record

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Local Building And Loan Stockholders Meet Tuesday

The annual meeting of the Martin County Building and Loan stockholders will be held in the courthouse here next Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock when a report of the condition of the association will be released and officers and directors elected.

In the year drawing to a close, the organization has enjoyed an increasing business and its report will be heard with interest by the stockholders.

SPEAKER



J. M. Broughton, Raleigh attorney and candidate for governor, will deliver the finals address in the Oak City High School next Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock.

Awards Announced In Local Schools

An added feature of the commencement program here Wednesday evening was the announcement of awards for the 1939-40 term. The presentations were made by Attorney Hugh G. Horton.

The W. C. Manning valedictorian's cup was awarded Miss Katherine Manning who averaged right at 95 in her studies during her four years in high school. Miss Marjorie Grey Dunn maintained an average just a few points under the top figure, and J. E. Boykin, Jr., was third with an average just a fraction of a point below the second highest.

The Woman's Club Civics cup was awarded the Green Wave Spotlight, high school paper, and was presented to Misses Katherine Manning, editor-in-chief, and Marjorie Grey Dunn, business manager.

Miss Madlyn Taylor, honor student, was awarded the Sarah Manning home economics cup.

The athletic trophy, given by R. H. Goodman, and awarded each year to the best all-around athlete, went to J. E. Boykin, Jr.

County Departments To Hold Forum Here Monday

Members of the various county departments will hold a forum in the agricultural building here Monday evening at 8 o'clock when the activities of the health department will be reviewed. Coordinating the efforts of the various departments these forums are proving of much value and are open to the public.

COMMISSIONERS

The local town commissioners in regular session here next Monday evening are scheduled to approve or change plans for a proposed cemetery enlargement project. A survey for the project has been completed by Engineer Henry Rivers and the blueprints will be placed before the board. Pending approval by the board, the blueprints will be published for inspection by the general public. It is likely that the authorities will be asked to extend Franklin Street to provide a better and more convenient entrance. A direct entrance off Houghton Street is not included in the preliminary survey.

George H. Mizelle Died Yesterday at Home in Jamesville

Funeral Services For Well-Known Farmer Are Being Held Today

George H. Mizelle, well-known farmer and leader in the Jamesville community, died at his home there yesterday morning at 12:30 o'clock following an illness of only a few weeks' duration. About a month ago he suffered a slight stroke, but was able to be up and to attend to some of his farm duties. Last Saturday morning while in his hay barn he suffered a second stroke. Missing him at the house, members of the family found him unconscious in the barn. He never regained consciousness, the end coming gradually.

The son of the late William T. and Hester Davis Mizelle, he was born in Jamesville Township 61 years ago. He spent his entire life farming on the land where he was born. Forty-three years ago he married Miss Hattie Cooper who survives with the following children, Messrs. William M. Mizelle, of Bethel, R. L. George M. Jr., Henry J., and Edward Daniel Mizelle, all of Jamesville, and Mrs. J. A. Ellis, of Farm Life; Mrs. L. C. Brown, Mrs. Edgar Hopewell and Mrs. Archie Mobley, all of Jamesville, and Mrs. George Beck, of Portsmouth. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. W. J. Holliday, and three brothers, Messrs. Lewis Mizelle, C. W. Mizelle, and J. M. Mizelle, all of Jamesville.

Mr. Mizelle, an industrious farmer and a leader in his community, was a member of the church at Poplar Chapel for nearly half a century, remaining loyal to the church and active in his work almost to the end or until rendered unable by failing health. He was interested in the educational advancement of his people and was held in high esteem by those who knew him.

The last rites are being conducted at the home this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Revs. D. W. Arnold, D. W. Davis and Daniel Hardison. Interment will follow in the family plot on the farm.

Officers Destroy Big Distillery And Quantity of Liquor

Radio Call for Help Issued by Deputy Roebuck Tuesday Afternoon

A telling blow was dealt the illicit liquor manufacturing business in Martin County last Tuesday when officers, led by A. B. C. Officer J. H. Roebuck, wrecked a large distillery and confiscated 75 gallons of non-tax paid whiskey over in Williams Township. Edward E. Asby, colored, was arrested for the possession of non-tax paid liquor alleged for the purpose of sale. At a hearing held before United States Commissioner Walter Halberstadt, Asby was ordered placed in jail in default of bond in the sum of \$2,500.

Making a swing into the small township that day, Officer Roebuck, assisted by Roy Peel, soon picked up a trail that led to the large plant which was complete with a 200-gallon capacity copper kettle with 2,500 gallons of beer almost ready for cooking.

Without sufficient dynamite to wreck the large plant, Officer Roebuck left his assistants at the still and started his car for more explosives. On the way out of the woods he saw another path and followed it to Asby's home where tracks in the yard indicated there had been much cart traffic. Glancing through a small hole in a covered window, he saw manufacturing equipment stored inside. No one was at home, and fearing Asby would return before he could get to town, get a search warrant and return, the officer issued a radio call for Patrolman Saunders, instructing him to procure a search warrant and offer aid.

During the meantime Sheriff Roebuck, cruising around in Beaufort County, heard the call. Deputy Bill Haislip, returning from a trip, went to the scene of the raid. Patrolman Saunders, answering the call, applied to Justice Hassell for a search warrant. Not quite certain of the name, the justice took his papers and accompanied the patrolman on the trip.

The A. B. C. officer, his assistant, Roy Peel, Sheriff Roebuck, Deputy Haislip, Patrolman Saunders and Justice Hassell crowded into the scene at one time. The plant was wrecked, much equipment was confiscated along with the liquor and Asby was arrested.

It was one of the biggest raids handled by A. B. C. officers in the county in recent months.

Sessions For Pre-School Children Will Continue

Under the direction of Miss Bernice Ward, sessions for pre-school children will continue through the summer months. The school is held from 9:30 to 12 each week-day morning in the Sunday school rooms of the Methodist Church. A regular schedule has been worked out and parents are requested to let their children attend.