

Happenings In The Williamston School

The eight hundred students enrolled in the Williamston schools are looking forward eagerly to next Friday noon when a busy week for all will be brought to a close and the Christmas holidays will begin. Several Christmas programs were held at assembly last week, and others are scheduled for Wednesday and Friday mornings of this week. The second and sixth grades will have charge of the programs presented on these mornings under the direction of Miss Benson and Mr. Cobb. Friday will bring the eagerly awaited Christmas parties to the various rooms in the grammar school where teachers and students have set up Christmas trees and decorated the rooms with holiday drawings. To many of the little tots the last day of school before the holidays brings a Christmas party which is not repeated or exceeded by what comes on Christmas day as teachers seek to make the Christmas spirit real to them.

At the high school, students have turned to intensive study after a very successful presentation of the Christmas pageant last Sunday evening. The last school assembly of 1940 was held in the high school auditorium, this morning with the pageant choruses singing several of the numbers used Sunday night and the entire student body joining in the singing of the familiar Christmas carols. The assemblies which are devoted entirely to song are always enjoyable to the students.

Both school newspapers, "Grammar Grade Echoes," and "The Green Wave Spotlight" came from the press yesterday and are now being distributed among students and patrons. Frances Griffin, seventh grade student, who is editor of the grammar grade paper, with the cooperation of her staff and faculty sponsor, Miss Mary Whitley, has brought out a Christmas number carrying a handsome "Santa" with a filled pack on his back which is proving very interesting to the children. The covers have been hand-colored by the children in several rooms and are very attractive. Twelve pages of mimeographed news are obtained in Edition III of the student paper.

The second edition of the "Green Wave Spotlight," printed now in regular newspaper form, has four large pages of news written by room reporters and staff members. A picture of the honor group of the high school, the Beta Club, heads the front page. Billy Meyer is editor of the high school publication.

The school band has made considerable progress since its organization in late October, and will begin group rehearsals after the holidays with a public appearance in view. With the exception of a few group meetings for marching drills, the band has done most of its work in instrumental groups under the direction of J. F. Butler. A brass quintet of beginners chosen from the band personnel rendered "Joy to the World," as a fanfare for the Christmas pageant and performed well.

With three days of study and work left before the holidays, the high school students this afternoon entered into the examination schedule which will keep them busy until Friday noon. Operating under a new schedule, the local school is requiring all students to be present during the entire school day of the examination period and is exempting no students from examinations. Formerly all honor students have not been required to take the examinations and others were required to report only at the times examinations were scheduled.

R. C. Holland Gives Review Of Growers Peanut Cooperative

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four to five million dollars.

The marketing section of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture has worked hand in hand with the association in its operation in North Carolina, in fact, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture loaned Mr. Harry T. Westcott, Junior Marketing Specialist of that department to the U. S. Department of Agriculture in order that he might be designated as a representative of the U. S. Department of Agriculture to devote his entire time to supervising the inspection service connected with the Peanut Surplus Removal Program in North Carolina. The service so far rendered by Mr. Westcott in this capacity has been of high order and entirely satisfactory. The duties incident to the inspection service multiplied so fast that it was necessary that Mr. Westcott have assistance and Mr. C. E. Holland, a designated representative of the U. S. Department of Agriculture was called in and he has ably assisted Mr. Westcott in this work.

It might be noted here that a North Carolina bank, namely, Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, of Raleigh, N. C., has arranged and furnished every dollar paid to the growers for peanuts purchased and stored for the account of the association in North Carolina to date. The same bank will likely provide whatever funds that may be required by the association for purchasing peanuts in North Carolina during the remainder of the purchasing period under the Peanut Surplus Removal Program.

Up to and including December 14 the association had purchased and stored in Virginia 14,500 tons, or the equivalent of 390,000 bags of farmers' stock peanuts for which it paid to peanut farmers \$900,000.

RECORD

Bob Leggett, popular mail carrier on Williamston's No. 2 route, yesterday reported a record sale of stamps. He sold nearly 1,500 of the little stickers, and that constitutes a big day on any rural route.

Mail deliveries are increasing from day to day, and it is advisable to wait no longer to mail that package if delivery is desired before Christmas.

Kiwanis Training School Held Here

Incoming officers for the several Kiwanis clubs in this district received courses of instruction at a special training school held in the Hotel George Reynolds here last Friday afternoon and evening. Seventeen officers-elect, representing clubs in Elizabeth City, Ahoskie, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount, Tarboro, Scotland Neck, and Williamston, attended the school.

Lorimer W. Midgette, sixth district lieutenant governor, of Elizabeth City, had charge of the school. He was assisted by retiring Lieutenant Governor Frank Reims, of Scotland Neck.

Messrs. J. Paul Simpson, J. L. Spencer and Lawrence Lindsay, Jr., represented the local club as its officers-elect.

Following the school, the group was served supper here.

Work Resumed On The River Fill Here Today

Interrupted by a mechanical breakdown and later by unfavorable weather, work on the Roanoke River fill has been resumed, the large fleet of trucks started moving today at noon.

Despite the rains, traffic has continued to move over the route without great difficulty.

Four Arrests Reported In County Last Week-End

Quietness prevailed generally on the crime front in this county last week-end, the sheriff's office recording only three arrests during the period.

One man was arrested for alleged cruelty to animals, a second one was jailed for public drunkenness and a third forfeited his rights to probation.

Forestry Is Listed On 4-H Program In Jackson

A part of the 4-H club program in Jackson County for the remainder of the school year will be devoted to different phases of forestry work, reports Farm Agent G. R. Lackey.

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Father Of Local Man Died Friday

Jesse Horner, well-known Cumberland County farmer and father of Jack L. Horner, of Williamston, died in a Fayetteville hospital last Friday night following a two-weeks illness, and a long period of declining health. He was 73 years old.

A native of Moore county, he moved to Cumberland when a young man, marrying Miss Harriett S. McNeill there. She died ten years ago. Mr. Horner, highly respected citizen of that section of the State, was a member of the Green Springs Baptist Church for a long number of years, and the last rites were conducted there Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. J. M. Gibbs, assisted by Rev. J. L. Snyder.

Besides his son here he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. C. D. Carter and Miss Julia Horner, of Fayetteville, and Mrs. A. D. Gore, formerly Miss Annie Horner and at one time a teacher in the Jamesville schools; a son, G. A. Horner, of Raleigh, and a sister, Mrs. Alice Colkman of Hemp.

Among those attending the last rites from here were, Miss Edith Stallings, Mrs. Thessie Barnhill, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wheedbee, Mrs. B. S. Courtney and Messrs. Joe David Thrower, Ira Harrison and Albert Coltrain.

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THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Grim facts a year ago this week support the current appeal for careful driving this Christmas season. Two persons were killed, a third one was badly injured and the property damage reached a new high figure. Those facts, while involving the lives and property of others, should carry a meaning for everyone whose privilege it is to drive a motor vehicle, walk or even hobble around on artificial limbs.

Possibly there'll be accidents to mar the holiday season for some one, but it behooves every person, driver and pedestrian, to exercise greater care in driving and walking. Think of the dangers and the sorrows that are created by adding a little more speed, by mixing alcohol and gasoline, by thoughtless carelessness and indifference. Let's make this Christmas season a safe one on the road and in the home.

During late afternoon of next week, pedestrians are more likely to be run over than at any other time in the year.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

50th Week Comparison

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge	1940	1939	1938	1937
1	1	0	\$ 450	
4	1	2	410	

Comparison To Date	1940	1939	1938	1937
89	60	5	11,215	
71	60	10	12,535	

Comparison To Date

We Have Forgotten God, Bishop Darst Declares In Sermon

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directed the excavation. He drove the trucks himself and two of his workers straddled the bomb. The Victoria Cross has gone to heroes who faced less fearful odds.

In the rage of battle, when passion and hot blood surged up, men will risk death freely to get at the enemy. Day and night for 96 endless hours, Davies and his squad grubbed toward a cold blind death. All the while the acid within the bomb was eating towards its explosive vitals.

A gas main broke, caught fire and the bomb began to cook. The men kept digging. Finally they uncovered the missile, polished like glass by its passage through the earth. Twice on the way up it slipped its tackles and slid back. An unlucky jury meant extinction for the entire squad.

These men were not burrowing their way toward death to rescue women and children. There was no military objective to defend, no foe they could harm. The only thing in danger was an old soot-coated building, just an inanimate pile of masonry that may yet crash down before the German fury. They risked their lives for a symbol. The dome that still stands, the dome the people watch so prayerfully, covers two and a half centuries of England. Over the city it is like a flag flying above the bloody deck of a beleaguered battleship. It may be shot away but it must not fall while there are

people.

STORE HOURS

Beginning Thursday of this week, local stores will remain open evenings until 9 o'clock. The usual closing hours will be observed on Saturday.

Merchants are still placing holiday goods on display direct from the manufacturers, and the number of shoppers is increasing daily.

Local automobile owners are again asked to keep their cars off the streets when convenient to make more parking room for out-of-town shoppers.

Infant Dies In Local Hospital On Sunday

Richard P. Rawls, five-month-old son of Mr. J. C. and Mrs. Melba Peel Rawls, died in a local hospital last Sunday following a short illness. Suffering an attack of pneumonia, the child was removed to the hospital early last Saturday morning. He was the only child.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of his parents in Bear Grass Township yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, Presbyterian minister. Interment was in a new cemetery on the Rawls farm, near the home.

Birtons who can save it.

The church today, from the country chapel in Dover to the Metropolitan Cathedral in London, stands as a bulwark against the incursions of fear. It remains as a symbol of an unquenchable faith in God, a symbol of a free nation and a free people.

NOTICE OF RE-SALE
North Carolina, Martin County.
Notice is hereby given that under an order of re-sale made by L. B. Wynne, Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, on the 12th day of December, 1940, the undersigned commissioners will offer for sale for cash to the highest bidder in front of the courthouse door of Martin County on the 30th day of December, 1940, the following described tract or parcel of land, to-wit:
A tract of land lying and being in Martin County, N. C., Jamesville Township, beginning at a post on the Jordan Thick Road, corner of lot No. 2, running North 57 East 100 poles to a pine, in the back line, thence South 41 East 130 poles to a corner of lot No. 6, thence 87 degrees West 115 poles to the road, then with the road North 36 West 132 poles to the first station, being lot No. 4 of the Ashley Davis tract of land, containing 96 acres, more or less, and being the same land devised in the last will and testament of Wrighter Davis to his four daughters as tenants in common.
This 12th day of Dec., 1940.
B. A. CRITCHER,
CHAS. H. MANNING,
Commissioners.
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A Special Invitation

We extend to you a special invitation to see, not only our hundreds of fine gifts, but we also invite you to see our elaborate display of Christmas decorations. Our store has been newly painted and decorated with a life-size Santa Claus and Reindeer. In keeping with the national preparedness program, we have paintings by Philpot, of both the Army and Navy in action displayed in our show windows. Visit us. You are under no obligation to make a purchase.

My Thanks and Sincere Appreciation

I wish to sincerely thank my clerks, Joe Johnson and J. Carroll Jones, and my artist, John Philpot, for the assistance given me in decorating my store. They have worked diligently and I hereby express my appreciation.

A LARGE STOCK OF GIFTS

Cigars, cigarettes, perfume, toilet articles, gift sets of many kinds and denominations, novelties of every description, powder for the ladies and a thousand and one other gifts that would be welcomed and appreciated by every member of the family.

New Merchandise Arriving Daily

We are receiving new merchandise in every mail and by every express. We have just the gifts you need, whether it be for the young or old, male or female. Come in and let us assist you in making your selections. Our prices are lower . . . Our service better.

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