

Happenings In The Oak City Schools

The Juniors will entertain the seniors at a formal banquet and dance on March 26, at 6:30 p. m. Plans are being made to serve around 85 people at the banquet and invitations are being issued to around 200 people for the dance. Hal Thurston and his orchestra will furnish the music for the entire program.

The primary and grammar grades will present a pageant on North Carolina Wednesday, April 2, at eight o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

The agriculture boys of Oak City are finding themselves very busy these days. Regular F.F.A. meetings are held in each class and interest in activities is increasing. Though we are handicapped by a small shop and few power tools, we are not letting that stop us. A drive to sharpen all drill tools on the farm is underway and much progress is being made. We are also preparing for the Tri-County Federation meeting, which will be held here March 27th. A livestock judging contest will be held at the meeting. In preparation for the contest we are studying the judging of hogs, poultry and both dairy and beef cattle. Besides this, magazine study and regular assignments are carried on.

The students enrolled in the commercial department are making splendid progress, reports Miss McLamb. The shorthand class is taking unfamiliar dictation at the rate of 80 words per minute and above for a period of five minutes. The bookkeeping class is working out a practice set with all the business forms and papers for R. W. Collins.

Familiarity Breeds Accidents On Roads

Familiarity breeds accidents, the Highway Safety Division pointed out this week in releasing figures dealing with the residence of drivers and pedestrians involved in accidents in North Carolina last year.

According to the division's records, approximately 70 per cent of all drivers involved in fatal accidents in the state last year lived within 25 miles of the place where the accidents occurred. And 98 per cent of the 331 pedestrians killed in the state last year were killed within 25 miles of their homes.

"Familiarity breeds contempt for highway and traffic hazards, and this contempt, in turn, breeds accidents," commented Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division.

"When a person travels upon certain roads day after day, year in and year out, he begins to feel that he is familiar with every foot of

The girls in the home economics department are busy making the costumes for the North Carolina pageant, which is to be given by the lower grades.

The seventh grade examinations will be given Wednesday, April 9.

The high school boys are busy getting the ball diamond ready for baseball practice. The first game which has been scheduled is with Robersonville at Oak City, Tuesday, April 1st, at 2:30.

The seniors are looking forward to the educational tour to Washington City on March 29th. There will be 27 persons making the trip.

School attendance is good now, because there is very little sickness among the students.

Seized in British Arctic Raid



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British raiders march 225 blindfolded German and pro-Nazi Norwegian prisoners aboard a prison ship after a daring assault on the Nazi-held Lofoten Islands of Norway. The blindfolded hot out military information that might be of value to the enemy. The British also carried away more than 300 Norwegians desirous of enlisting against the Nazis.

Insurance Company Makes Record Gain

"If a record-breaking addition of more than \$37,000,000 of insurance in force is an indication of public confidence, our company has reason to be gratified by its operations in 1940," states Manager Wm. G. Peele, of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, in referring to the company's seventieth annual report, which has just been released.

Describing 1940 as one of the most satisfactory years, in the company's 70-year history, President Bradford H. Walker, in a letter to Mr. Peele, recognizes the fine cooperation of agency forces in bringing this condition about and gratefully acknowledges the confidence expressed by old and new policyowners in their renewals and purchases of insurance during the year.

The admitted assets of this seventy year old company were increased by \$5,687,184.79 and now stand at \$111,021,357.28, a figure that bears exceptionally high ratio to liabilities.

Mr. Walker considers it specially noteworthy that, whereas payments under policy contracts over the company's first sixty years aggregated \$64,693,228.23, such payments for the past ten years amounted to \$74,548,887.82, and cites these latter disbursements as a significant contribution to the nation's stability through a decade of economic distress.

Prize-Winning Fashions On Display At Margolis Bros.

Four prize winning fashions from a contest sponsored by the House of Swansdown and Glamour Magazine for amateur American designers, selected from 14,000 entrants from the 48 states are on display at Margolis Bros. store here.

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Goodwill!



Vice President Henry A. Wallace (left) greets C. Uribe, of Columbia, to Washington as a group of 170 visiting South American students and educators arrived at the capitol on their tour of the city. Wallace made a big hit with the visitors by conversing in their native Spanish.

Farm Life Group Visits In Raleigh

By RACHEL GURKIN

Mrs. Manning's grades of Farm Life school went to Raleigh Thursday, March 13th. We have five cars to carry us to Raleigh and they were driven by Mr. Arthur Revels, Mr. Saunders Revels, Mr. Ira Jones, Mr. J. G. Peele and Mrs. J. Eason Lilley. We met at the bus station in Williamston. We reached there early and started for Raleigh. We arrived in Raleigh at 9:45.

We visited the museum first and saw many interesting animals and other objects of the world. We saw the skeleton of a large whale and the first reaper made by Cyrus McCormick.

We visited the capitol next. While there, we saw one of our county's citizens, Rep. Clarence Griffin. We made plans to shake hands with the governor. We were carried in his office to wait for him to get to his work. We marched through his office and shook hands with him.

All of us ate lunch together. After dinner we visited WRAL radio station. There we were told many interesting things about the room and also how to make babies cry and dogs bark. He also told us the way to make the sound of horses walking. Many noises were on records. The announced was called "The bald headed duck."

We next visited the penitentiary. We saw only the gas chamber. The chair was made of wood just like a regular chair but had straps to strap the person down. It was glass around the room where the witnesses stood to watch the person killed.

Next we went to the blind school. There the teacher carried a little boy in the auditorium to read and write for us. Of course it was very different from our reading and writing. A blind girl and boy played the piano. After they finished, the teacher carried us to the exhibit room. We saw some pretty rugs, cradles and baskets that the blind children had made.

Our next visit was to the State hospital. There we just walked around and saw many pitiful people walking around.

Our last visit was out to the governor's mansion. It was beautiful. We saw beautiful chandeliers hanging from the ceiling. The house was perfumed with beautiful bouquets.

At last it was time to go home. When we reached Rocky Mount, we went to the florist. When we reached Tarboro, we decided to drive by and see the cork tree in the Episcopal church yard.

We reached Williamston about 7 o'clock.

According to figures released recently by the Farm Credit Administration.

Cotton

Through the middle of January, 11,931,018 running bales of cotton had been ginned from the 1940-41 crop, according to figures released by the U. S. Census Bureau.

Interesting Bits of Agricultural News

Meat

Prices received by American farmers for meat animals and livestock products averaged about 2 per cent higher in 1940 than in 1939, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Income

Preliminary estimates place the national income for 1940 at \$73,800,000,000, an increase of \$4,000,000,000 over 1939, and the highest total since 1929, reports the U. S. Commerce Department.

Eggs

Egg production during the coming spring and summer may be slightly smaller than in the corresponding period of 1940 because of fewer layers on farms than a year earlier.

Loans

Farmers obtained nearly 161,000 emergency crop and feed loans in 1940 for a total of \$19,470,625, according to reports from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Those roads, and he tends to become contemptuous of the sharp curves, narrow bridges, intersections and other hazards on those roads. He doesn't think it necessary to be careful on roads he knows so well, so he permits his caution to lapse.

"When a driver reaches that point, an unexpected situation—the unfamiliar hazard on the familiar road—will almost invariably result in an accident."

"Regardless of how familiar you are with any road," the safety director concluded, "you cannot travel upon it in safety unless you are always prepared for the unexpected."

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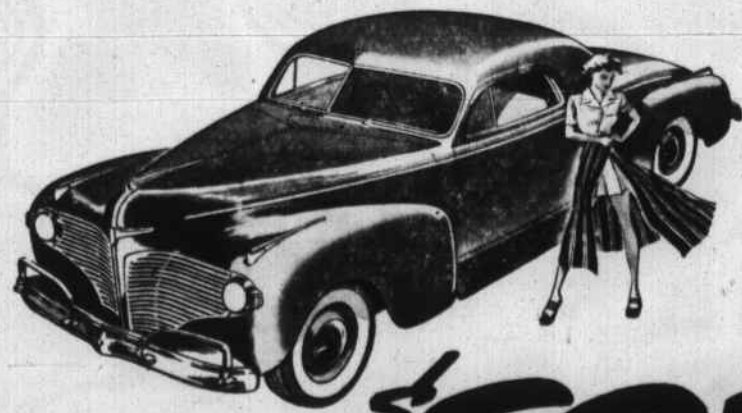
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