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## WILLIAMSTON PLANS FORMAL OPENING FOR PLAYGROUND

Final Arrangements Await Decisions By District WPA Office. Much Equipment Has Been Placed On Grammar School Ground.

Williamston, May 6.—Sponsored by several of the civic organizations under the direction of the Williamston Regional Executive Committee, a temporary playground will be formally opened to the youth of the community next Monday, the leading explanation that there is a possibility of a delay in the event, pending a final decision by the District Works Progress Administration officials. Much of the equipment has been placed on the grounds and everything will be ready for the opening next Monday, but as yet the WPA has been unable to assign directors for the project, it was learned to-

day by an \$82.50 cash donation, from the Kiwanians, \$50 from the Woman's Club and \$15 from the Junior Wiman's Club and liberal allowances by Saunders Cox, Williamston Supply Company, Critcher Brothers and the Village-Woodard Lumber Company. The recreational executive committee has outfitted a very complete playground for the children. Included in the list are a tennis court, volleyball court, horse shoe swings, see-saws, sand piles, basketball court and a soft-ball diamond.

Already the children are flocking to the playgrounds, caring little for the formal opening scheduled next Monday. The sponsors are planning to formally open the grounds until supervisors have been assigned to the playground.

The playground is recognized as a temporary venture, Mrs. D. N. chairman of the committee, stating that work is being continued on the plans for a proposed permanent program. An official report giving cost estimates and definite plans for the project has been released. It is in the making.

Members on the executive committee are: Mrs. E. P. Cunningham, Parent-Teacher association; Herbert Taylor, Junior Womans Club; Mesdames R. H. Good, J. A. Ward and D. N. Hix, Women's Club; Bill Spivey, Kiwanis; Margolis, Lions Club; Z. T. Hoff, Ministerial Association; Horton, American Legion, and Manning.

## Rocky Mount Citizens Hear Governor

Rocky Mount citizens filled the auditorium of the Booker T. Washington School and crowded about the stage to hear Governor Clyde Hoey speak.

Governor Hoey was principal speaker at a meeting of the Rocky Mount Civic Forum, a civic organization completing its fourth year. Governor Hoey told the audience, glad to talk to you because your interest in public affairs is always interested in audience.

He delivered an eloquent spiritual address, reviewed the philosophies of three great races and suggested that America might produce the fourth. The philosophies he referred to were the Greek, "know thyself"; the Roman, "control thy-

self"; the Jew, "the father of white citizens" presented were M. V. Barnhill, state Justice of the State Supreme Court; Senator L. L. Grave-P. Spruill, president of the Carolina Bankers Association; Winslow, past president of the North Carolina Bar Association, D. Battle, past president of the North Carolina Bar Association, Mayor J. Q. Robinson, who welcomed the Governor.

The audience enthusiastically applauded the Mayor's reference to Governor Hoey as "the greatest" North Carolina has had in hundreds of years.

## TWO BOUND IN ASSAULT CASE

E. B. High And W. I. Tanner Post Bond In Rocky Mount After Hearing

E. B. High, local lawyer, and W. I. Tanner, transfer trucker, had posted \$500 bond each pending trial in Nash Superior Court on charges of waylaying and secretly assaulting Kemp B. Matthews, grocery store manager, the night of March 12.

In a preliminary hearing Saturday that lasted from 9 o'clock in the morning until 9:30 at night, Jack Murchison, vice-recorder of the city court, found probable cause and bound the two over to Superior Court.

Practically all of the crowd that filled the city auditorium remained throughout the sweltering day and returned for the night session. The defense attorneys—L. T. Thorne, one-time mayor of Rocky Mount, Ben E. Fountain, and Norman Gold—paraded 21 witnesses to the stand to build up an alibi against Matthews' vigorous accusation from the stand that High and Tanner were the two men who attacked him in his back yard.

The defense bore heavily on the point that not until six days after the assault did Matthews name attackers and that warrants for High and Tanner were not issued until 18 days after the assault. Police E. M. Tilghman testified that in investigating he asked Matthews who attacked him, Matthews answered, "I haven't any idea." The officer said Miss Fannie Armstrong, office nurse at the hospital to which Matthews was taken, testified that two days after the attack Matthews told her he didn't know who attacked him.

On the stand for more than an hour, Matthews stuck to his accusations through cross-examination. He said, "Brooks High hit me with something from behind. . . . Tanner came around my left and gave me a good lick in the mouth." He testified he didn't tell police sooner who attacked him because "I wanted something to back up my statement" and "I was scared to death."

High and Tanner took the stand to deny any knowledge of the attack until two days after it occurred. Other defense witnesses gave evidence they were at their homes at the time Matthews said the attack occurred.

## BACK TO THE COURTS

The High Point hydro-electrical project to be built on the Yadkin river, 12 miles from Winston-Salem at a proposed cost of \$5,776,750, is headed back to the courts as Mayor Grayson and eight members of the High Point city council were ordered by Judge Bivens, Mount Airy, to appear before the superior court in Greensboro, on May 4, and give reasons for not being adjudged in contempt of a recent supreme court decree.

The order was signed in Mount Airy, after J. Paul Williamson, High Point citizen, presented an affidavit stating that the defendants had committed acts proclaimed unlawful and in violation of a court judgment handed down last February. The affidavit alleged by state action in a city council meeting on April 27 and by continual engagement in the engineering activities the defendants have been operating in contempt of the supreme court decree.

## Her 103rd Birthday

"Aunt" Zilphia Howell, as she is known, celebrated her 103rd birthday Wednesday by eating heartily of a chicken dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Howell. Mrs. Howell lives at the Wayne county home—has been living there for the past five or six years. R. H. Sutton, superintendent of the County Home, says that Mrs. Howell attributes her living to such advanced age to the fact that she has never taken any medicine. He says she has never taken any in the two years since he has been superintendent at the home.

## STATE GETS LION'S SHARE ALLOTMENT

State Is Allowed 65 Per Cent Of The Total Leaf Tobacco Allotment Under The New Production Order

Allotments of 500,000 acres have been made to North Carolina flue-cured tobacco growers under the agricultural conservation adjustment administration it was announced in Washington Saturday. Allotments of approximately 870,000 acres have been completed for growers in six states, and only about 2,000 acres remain to be set, the AAA said.

North Carolina, far in the lead of the other states, holds about 65 per cent of the total allotted acreage. South Carolina was allotted 95,000 acres; Virginia, 90,000; Georgia, 83,000; Florida, 13,700; and Alabama, 500. The allotments equal the five-year average acreage of each state, adjusted for abnormal weather conditions, trends in acreage, small farms, and conformance to the national total of 872,000 acres. "Present indications are that plantings by growers who did not receive allotments, and planting in excess of allotments by some growers will result in a total flue-cured acreage slightly in excess of 900,000 acres, or 30,000 to 40,000 acres in excess of total allotments," commented J. B. Hutson, assistant AAA administrator.

"Assuming a planted acreage of 910,000 acres and an average yield of 840 pounds per acre, the crop would turn out to be approximately 760,000,000 pounds.

"The average yield for the last four years has been slightly above 840 pounds per acre. "This quantity of 760,000,000 pounds is in excess of the estimated world consumption of flue-cured tobacco during the current year, and is approximately 40,000,000 pounds in excess of the national marketing quota for flue-cured tobacco.

"The market situation at the beginning of the 1938 marketing season is expected to be less favorable than at the beginning of the 1937 marketing season. With the above indicated acreage, which assumes that relatively few growers will plant in excess of their individual acreage allotments, and average yields, in my judgment the resulting crop will be as large as can be marketed at prices near the level of last year.

"If any considerable proportion of the growers plant in excess of their acreage allotments, and average yields are obtained, a bad market situation is likely next fall unless there are unforeseen developments in the demand situation.

"During the past month I have visited county offices in different parts of the flue-cured area, including counties in the old belt of Virginia and North Carolina, the new belt of Eastern North Carolina, the border belt of North Carolina and South Carolina, and the new producing areas of Georgia and Florida, and have reviewed the work that has been done by state, county, and local committees in all parts of the belt.

"On the whole, these committees have done an excellent job of apportioning the state acreage allotments among the farms. The method used has been uniform throughout the entire area."

Do you know that—11,497 more vacationers a day visited Miami during the 1937-38 winter season than in the 1936-37 season when more prosperous. Evening dresses without shoulder straps were reported the outstanding fashion item during April by a leading New York department store, accounting for 39 per cent of all formal evening wear sales. John J. Raskob, Democratic national chairman during the Smith-Hoover campaign, will sell his private railroad car for \$25,000; it cost \$110,000 in 1939, contains three rooms, three baths and fourteen beds. . . . To encourage tourist trade, France will issue tourist cards this year whereby visitors remaining more than six days will be allowed reduced railroad fares and gasoline prices. . .

## SPEAKERS AT "CO-OP DAY" MEETING



GOVERNOR HOEY S. D. SANDERS M. G. MANN

Governor Clyde R. Hoey delivered the address of welcome to the nearly 5,000 farmers and farm women from all over the State who gathered in Raleigh on May 10 for the annual meeting of the State Cotton Association and the Farmers Co-operative Exchange.

Principal speaker was S. D. Sanders, Co-operative Bank Commissioner, Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D. C. M. G. Mann, general manager, reported on activities of the past year, during which time the two cooperatives attained a combined volume in excess of \$7,000,000. The meeting was held in the City Auditorium in Raleigh and began at 10 o'clock.

## Judge Barnhill Opposes Election of Judges

Judge M. V. Barnhill speaking before the North Carolina Bar Association last week recommended that judges should be commissioned some other way than by being nominated and elected. Just exactly what the judge meant we are unable to state for the only way the people can have any part in the selection of the judge is at the Ballot Box and when judges are removed from the Ballot Box it is quite natural they will not have much consideration for the people. Most of the judges in North Carolina have come by the route of appointment which route Judge Barnhill seems to refer but the people of North Carolina still believe in Democracy and they still want their judges nominated and elected rather than receive their commission from the executive which sometimes is more in consideration for political work than judicial temperament. Many of our judges resent the fact that after serving their term, that they should again have to ask the people for reelection. There seems to be a feeling among the judges in the state that when they are once appointed a judge that it should be a continuous thing with an old age pension as a climax.

## MRS. WHEELLESS PASSES

The city of Rocky Mount was shocked and grieved to learn of the sudden passing of Mrs. George Wheelless who had been a resident of Rocky Mount since her early married life. Mrs. Wheelless was the daughter of the late Rev. James Pitchford, noted minister and teacher throughout Eastern Carolina and state Senator from Warren County. Her mother was Miss Duke and a sister of that noted Baptist preacher, Rev. George Duke who was the father of the Baptist denomination in Nash and Franklin counties. Mrs. Wheelless was a worthy descendant of these two fine pioneer families, full of good works herself and living their religion Mrs. Wheelless only has one child, a daughter, Miss Elizabeth Wheelless, who is expecting to graduate within a few months from the Moody Bible School, in Chicago, which shows that the ministerial spirit of these pioneer ancestors still permeates the lives of their descendants. The sympathy of our community goes out to the husband and his daughter and the family of this good woman.

## Johnson Has Part In Seminary Finals

Local Minister Delivers Commencement Address at Richmond

Rev. Norman Johnson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, had returned today from Richmond where he delivered the annual commencement address at Union Theological Seminary.

Mr. Johnson, a member of the board of trustees of the institution headed by Dr. Ben R. Lacy, was appointed by the authorities to fill the speaker's post at the 126th commencement exercises.

Twenty-three graduates from the Seminary, it was earned. The program was broadcast over the Richmond radio station at 11:30 Tuesday morning.

Mr. Johnson recently was appointed to two important committees at the Seminary, the committees of scholastics and curriculum.

The pastor was slated to conduct the regular prayer services at the local church at 7:45 o'clock tonight.

Beginning with this week we are putting a question column under our Public Forum. These questions are being run from time to time. Many questions are being presented to us from time to time which we are unable to answer. Many of them are very worthy questions and have an educational value.

## Looking at WASHINGTON

(Hugo S. Sims, Washington Correspondent)

### MANY POLITICIANS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER FLORIDA ELECTION SIGNIFIES TREND

President Roosevelt and his New Deal have emerged triumphant from the first primary test in the 1938 political campaign. The overwhelming victory of Senator Claude Pepper, in the Democratic Primary in Florida, gives no comfort whatever to the opposition. The Administration favorite polled nearly sixty per cent. Of the votes cast. His chief opponent, Congressman Mark Wiley, a frequent New Deal critic, was backed by about twenty-eight per cent of the voters and most of the other votes went to former Governor Sholtz, generally regarded as a supporter of the Administration.

### What Significance?

Mr. Pepper considered his victory over four opponents as a vote of "confidence and approval" of the Administration. His view was accepted by Chairman Farley, James Roosevelt and such New Deal stalwarts as Majority Leader Barkley, Secretary Roper and others. The opposition, including Conservative Democrats and Republicans, saw, "no national significance in the Florida results."

Conservative Democrats, who are opposing the President's policies, especially those of the South, however, will get a significant lesson from the result in Florida. Considered together with the victory of Representative Lister Hill a strong Administration man, the Alabama senatorial election a few months ago, the implication is that the President is in continued favor with Southern Democrats.

**Other Primaries**  
The primary election in North Carolina, June 4, will give additional information on this point. Senator

### MONOPOLY AND ITS PRACTICES ENDANGER DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT, SAYS ROOSEVELT

Declaring that "concentrated private economic power" is struggling to "amster our Democratic government," President Roosevelt, in his message to Congress on monopoly made it plain that he is not beginning "any ill-considered 'trust-busting' activity which lacks proper consideration for economic results."

The President called for "a thorough study of the concentration of economic power in American industry and the effect of that concentration upon the decline of competition" and asked for \$500,000 to finance a study of the problem. He also requested \$200,000 for the Department of Justice "to provide for the proper and fair enforcement of the existing anti-trust laws."

### Borah Approves

Senator Zorah, who recently conferred with the President on this subject, approved the investigation, but feared that it might "string along and finally reach the desk or the upper shelf in the form of ten or twenty volumes which few will ever consult." The Idaho Senator asserted that "we know that monopoly exists in this country" and that it is undermining our whole economic and social structure. "The President's statement of facts," says Mr. Borah, leaves only one question for study—that is how to deal with the subject."

That the President's message pointed out that the liberty of a Democracy is not safe if private power grows to a point where it becomes

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