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COUNTY SCHOOLS WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY MORNING

Opening Delayed Due To Adverse Weather Conditions

TEACHERS TO MEET

May Have School Saturdays to Make Up Lost Time

Resumption of public school activities throughout the county, retarded, as they have been, by the recent destruction of the Chowan High School at Small's Cross Roads and by reason of vicious weather conditions, will be begun next Monday if possible, according to County Superintendent W. J. Taylor.

There will be a meeting of teachers in the Center Hill school at 3 P. M. Saturday at which time it will be definitely determined as to whether conditions are such as to make Monday's prospective opening a sure thing. Mr. Taylor, who, despite his illness, has been most active in effecting arrangements for re-opening of the schools in and about Center Hill, was quite confident yesterday that the good weather of the last few days and which he hopes will continue through the rest of the week, will have dried up the roads so as to make them more or less satisfactory for bus transportation.

Once the schools get going again it is Mr. Taylor's idea that it may be well to hold Saturday sessions for the rest of the term to help the young folks make up for the time they have lost this winter. This, however, is indefinite and will be left to parents and teachers for a decision as to its agreeability.

Due to the fact that a number of books were lost in the school fire, Superintendent Taylor urges students to bring either rental money or money with which to buy new books so that the operation of school will not be handicapped on that account.

In every way next Monday bids fair to be an important school day in the county. The County Board of Education will meet at that time and, if possible, have a joint meeting that day with the County Commissioners to discuss the entire school proposition, especially with regard to the construction of a new school to replace the one destroyed. In this connection Frank Benton, Wilson architect, has prepared plans and drawings of what he thinks the prospective school should be like, and these will be submitted to the joint conferees on Monday.

Observance Of Lent Begins At St. Paul's

The observance of Lent in St. Paul's Episcopal Church began Wednesday with Ash Wednesday service being observed at 11 a. m. Lenten services will also be conducted in the church this afternoon and Friday afternoon at 6:15 o'clock. The same schedule of meetings have been announced by Rev. C. A. Ashby, the rector for next week, except that the Wednesday service will also be held at 6:15.

All members of the congregation, as well as others, are invited to these Lenten services.

Mail Carrier Injured During Snow Storm

W. L. White, of Hobbsville, mail carrier through Gliden, has been traveling during February by mule and cart. Having made his trip through the blinding snow storm on Friday, he was crossing the Virginia Highway enroute to his home when an automobile crashed into his cart. Mr. White was badly bruised and has been confined to his bed since the accident. It is thought that both drivers were blinded by the dense fall of snow.

Parole Sought For Glaven Hollowell

Notice is this week being published by A. P. Godwin, Gatesville attorney, that an application for the parole of Glaven Hollowell will be filed with Commissioner of Paroles Edwin Gill.

Hollowell, 18-year-old white man, was charged and found guilty of manslaughter in the September term of court in connection with the death of Jeis Bass, and was sentenced to the roads for 18 months.

MRS. J. A. MOORE MADE PRESIDENT OF GARDEN CLUB

Enthusiastic Meeting Held Tuesday; 25 Ladies Have Already Joined Organization

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Garden Club was held in the Municipal Building Tuesday morning, when the Club was reorganized and plans laid for a definite program through which Edenton will be greatly beautified. The meeting, which was very well attended, was called to order by Mrs. R. P. Badham, temporary chairman, immediately following which a nominating committee composed of Miss Carrie Coke, chairman, Mrs. W. I. Hart and Mrs. J. A. Powell, presented the following as officers of the Club for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. J. A. Moore; vice president, Mrs. R. P. Badham; treasurer, Mrs. L. P. Williams; secretary, Mrs. George Byrum. These officers were subsequently unanimously elected and will begin immediately to form a program of work by which the efforts of the Club will be apparent in the town as a whole. Mrs. Moore appointed a number of committees to the end that the Club will lose no time in perfecting the organization and undertaking what tasks come before it.

The Club will meet the second Monday of each month at 4 P. M., with the next meeting scheduled to be held again in the Municipal Building, at which time it is hoped the committee appointed to name a meeting place will have a recommendation as to a permanent place of meeting.

The following were appointed as a membership committee: Mrs. W. W. Byrum, Mrs. Albert Byrum and Mrs. John F. White. This committee will start immediately a canvass for new members through which it is hoped to secure a large roster of members. Already there have been 25 ladies to join the Club who are as follows: Mrs. W. A. Graham, Mrs. J. H. McMullan, Mrs. W. A. Leggett, Mrs. Sidney McMullan, Mrs. Allison Campen, Mrs. R. C. Holland, Miss Margaret Pruden, Mrs. J. W. Davis, Mrs. W. I. Hart, Mrs. R. G. White, Mrs. John F. White, Mrs. Thomas Elliott, Mrs. W. W. Byrum, Mrs. L. P. Williams, Mrs. M. P. Whitchard, Mrs. J. C. Leary, Mrs. T. C. Byrum, Mrs. John Wood, Mrs. A. G. Byrum, Miss Mary Pruden, Mrs. J. L. Pettus, Miss Carrie Coke, Mrs. R. P. Badham, Mrs. J. A. Powell and Mrs. George Byrum.

A committee on constitution and by-laws, of which Mrs. John Wood is chairman, will draft a set of rules to govern the group, and it is expected they will be ready for adoption at the next meeting.

The meeting was very well attended Tuesday morning, all present being very enthusiastic over the prospect of having an aggressive and efficient organization through which much good can be accomplished in the town.

Local Masonic Lodge Seeking Ehringhaus As Banquet Speaker

The annual Masonic banquet of Unanimity Lodge will again be held this year, according to action of the lodge at last Thursday's meeting. A committee has been appointed to secure a speaker for the occasion, the date of the banquet depending on an open date of the speaker. It is the desire, however, to secure Governor Ehringhaus this year, but at this time it is not known whether or not he will accept the invitation.

The banquet this year will be held at the Parish House.

Important Meeting Of Club Members On Friday Afternoon

Miss Rebecca Colwell, Chowan home agent, has announced that a meeting will be held in her office on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at which time she desires to meet all home demonstration club members who are interested in a tour to Washington, D. C., in April. The purpose of this meeting is to make definite plans and decide how many will go. A very reasonable rate has been quoted by a man who has had much experience in conducting tours of this kind, and it is necessary to have definite information now.

Last year a similar tour was made to Williamsburg by Chowan club women, when 27 made the trip and reported an excellent time. It is hoped many will make the Washington tour this year.

The regular communication of Unanimity Lodge will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Indians Said Devil Lived Here



"The Devil's Tombstone," shown above, is in Palo Duro Canyon, near Canyon City, Texas, 18 miles south of Amarillo. The canyon is one of the beauty spots of Texas that will lure tourists in their 1936 visit to the Texas Centennial Exposition at Dallas and other celebrations throughout the state. The rock drew its name from an Indian belief that it was the burial marker of an evil spirit.

Amateur Night At Parish House Exceeds Expectations

Exceeding by far all expectations both as to attendance and the quality of entertainment, the amateur night held Tuesday evening in the Parish House proved to be one of the most successful entertainments held in Edenton in a long time. The first floor of the building was packed, with many standing, while the overflow was obliged to witness the show from the gallery. Every one on the program performed very creditably and the stunt brought out the fact that Edenton is not lacking in plenty of talent to put on a show at any time it sees fit.

C. E. Kramer, as "Major Bowes" displayed a good imitation of the popular radio amateur "boss" with his "all right—all right" after each applause as well as questioning each amateur as they confronted the microphone. Oscar Brown also as "Graham McNamee" carried out well his part of the program in making station announcements and advertisements. The program, according to Mr. Brown, was broadcast on a frequency of 50 icicles.

Possibly the most outstanding feature of the entire program was the ability displayed by Mrs. S. C. Mills as a whistler. Mrs. Mills

brought down the house after her two numbers as well as when each contestant appeared before the audience to decide winners after the program. She won the \$2.00 first prize in the adult division, her applause lasting uproariously for 40 seconds.

Mary White and Anna Wood took second prize with their tap dancing number.

In the young people's division little Rebecca Swanner and Gordon Brown won first prize of \$1.00. These two youngsters, dressed in full dress attire, appeared first on the program and easily won out over their competitors. Little Anne Harlis took second prize, singing "Good Ship Lollypop," followed by tap dancing.

Quite interesting is the fact that only two were given the gong, these being Charlie Swanner and Jim Daniels. Mr. Swanner was called back after his string band had played a number and after announcing that a solo by him was dedicated to the editor of The Herald and Earl Goodwin, he began. He had gotten only a few measures sung until the "Major" heard plenty and walloped the gong. Jim Daniels dressed as a (Continued on Page Five)

Merry Hill Section Badly Crippled By Condition Of Roads

Information coming from the Merry Hill section of Bertie County reveals the fact that Bertie is a virtual quagmire, with conditions worse than have ever been known. The only means of travel is by foot or mule and cart, and in some places even this mode of travel is difficult. Farming has virtually been suspended and due to road conditions the school at Merry Hill has been closed indefinitely, to be reopened when it is possible to travel on the highways.

Wholesale deliveries have also been impossible with stocks at the various stores running very low. Rural mail carriers have likewise been greatly handicapped, with the mail being obliged to be delivered by mules and carts with some routes being unable to be served.

Stores are very lonesome and many of the farmers are greatly distressed due to the fact that tobacco beds should now be planted and the ground is in no condition to start this work. Wild life is suffering and everything as a whole looks rather dark, but the Merry Hill section folks have taken on an optimistic attitude, knowing there is always sunshine behind the clouds and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of fair weather, which was apparent the early part of this week.

MAYOR OUT AGAIN

Mayor E. W. Spires, who has been confined to his home the past two weeks, has improved sufficiently to be able to be out again. He was able to be in his office a few hours Monday and has been attending to his duties since then.

Young People In Charge Of Methodist Service Sunday Night

Rev. George W. Blount, pastor of the Methodist Church, has announced that the service on Sunday night will be in charge of the members of the Epworth League. Young People's Day will be observed Sunday throughout Methodism and the day will be observed in the local church by way of a pageant, "Love—A More Excellent Way," by the Leaguers. There will be about twenty young people participating, all of whom are working earnestly to make the affair both enjoyable and inspirational.

The service will begin at 7:30 o'clock, and everybody is cordially invited.

Baseball Bug Busy At High School

Providing the present brand of weather continues, the Edenton High School baseball players will very soon don their uniforms and begin getting in shape for a season on the diamond which promises to be very bright. Following an undefeated season last year, the local squad will be lacking only three of last year's stars, Clyde Lee Cates, Richard Rogerson and Bill Harrell.

The school plays conference baseball this year and it is the hope that the team will be able to bring another championship title to Edenton.

R. D. BOYCE VERY ILL

R. D. Boyce, aged about 80 years, father of Mrs. Raleigh Hollowell, is very ill with pneumonia at his home near Cannon's Ferry. His condition is very grave, and he was reported to be no better, late Wednesday.

Triplets Arrive In Chowan Tuesday

Chowan County may not be able to claim quintuplets, but does claim a set of triplets. This claim materialized Tuesday afternoon when Lucille Leary gave birth to three bouncing baby boys. Lucille and Fred, her husband, are tenants on the E. N. Elliott farm near Cross Roads.

The youngsters weighed 5 1/4, 5 1/2 and 5 1/4 pounds when born and despite the fact that they were born without the aid of a doctor or registered mid-wife, are all three strong, healthy babies.

ROWELL IN CHARGE ROTARY PROGRAM

W. Jim Daniels Last Week Told Rotarians About Rural Carrier Service

N. K. Rowell, Chowan County farm agent, will have charge of the program at the meeting of the Edenton Rotary Club at the Parish House today. Mr. Rowell is chairman of the rural-urban committee and no doubt will present a program of especial farm interest.

At last Thursday's luncheon W. Jim Daniels claimed the attention of the Rotarians as he spoke to them about rural mail delivery and gave some interesting reminiscences as a rural carrier. He told his hearers that on June 30, 1935, there were 34,848 rural routes in operation in the United States, by which approximately 6,950,000 families or 25,745,760 individuals were given postal service. These 34,848 routes, said Mr. Daniels, at the close of the fiscal years were of an aggregate length of 1,355,078 miles and were served by 34,783 mail carriers who traveled an average of 1,344,317 miles each scheduled day and 411,361,002 miles during the year.

Mr. Daniels also pointed out that during the past ten years there has been a net decrease of 10,341 rural routes which were the result of consolidations of service as vacancies occurred in the rural carrier force and in connection with the separation of carriers who had completed 30 years of service and who were, therefore, under the existing law, eligible for retirement annuity. But despite this reduction, he said, investigations have disclosed that there was no impairment of the service.

The Edenton office serves three rural routes, the carriers of which travel approximately 46,818 miles a year, said Mr. Daniels. There are 698 rural boxes, 1,009 families and 5,112 patrons above 10 years of age in the County who receive their mail once each day by the Edenton carriers, and in all of Mr. Daniels' experience he related only one instance when he was unable to complete his route by some means.

Mr. Daniels paid high tribute to Postmaster C. E. Kramer and to the assistant postmaster, J. Frank White, Sr., referring to the entire post office force as one happy family.

Paul Olsson Presents Valuable Sword To Unanimity Lodge

Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., can now boast of another valuable possession. At the regular meeting of the lodgemen last Thursday night Paul Olsson, local artist and present tyler of the lodge, presented a beautiful sword to be used by the tyler. The sword was accompanied with a leather case and is a beautiful piece of work.

Mr. Olsson gave the prized sword to the lodge under the one condition that he be allowed to take it home for safe-keeping after each meeting of the lodge so long as he is the lodge's tyler. Members of the lodge gave Mr. Olsson a rising vote of thanks for his beautiful and valuable contribution.

Auxiliary Essay Contest Winners Named Friday

The essay contest sponsored by the Auxiliary of the American Legion has closed and the papers are in the hands of the judges. Prizes will be presented on Friday morning at 11:30 o'clock at the chapel exercises in the school auditorium. At this time a patriotic program will also be rendered. Miss Lena Jones, chairman of the Americanism committee, will have charge of the program.

Members of the Auxiliary are urged to be present, and to patrons of the school a cordial invitation is extended.

ORGANIZATION OF COUNTY FARMERS FORMED TUESDAY

R. C. Holland Named Temporary President Of Group

HOLSTUN SPEAKS

General Meeting Will Be Called Later to Complete Organization

Temporary organization of Chowan farmers into a branch of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, identified as it is with the American Farm Bureau Federation, was effected at a meeting Tuesday afternoon in County Agent N. K. Rowell's office. An effort will at once be made to have the movement spread throughout the county at a series of community gatherings, and in the near future a countryside meeting of all the agriculturists will be held here at which a permanent affiliation with the national body will be effected.

At Tuesday's gathering R. C. Holland was elected president, L. W. Belch, vice president, and Mrs. George Dail was made secretary and treasurer. A temporary board of directors was also named comprising R. C. Holland, T. C. Byrum, R. P. Badham, Julien Wood, J. B. Webb, J. E. Brabble, W. J. Goodwin, H. T. Hobbs, L. W. Belch, A. D. Ward, E. G. Blanchard, N. K. Rowell, W. D. Moran, W. A. Harrell, J. C. Haste, and W. H. Winborne, all of the above except the last four being present at the meeting.

Already 34 Chowan farmers have joined the organization and have paid their dues.

The gathering with Mr. Rowell was one of a series of similar meetings that have been and will be held in this territory, at which B. R. Holstun, of Greenville, Ala., representing the Farm Bureau of that state, has been making addresses. There was a meeting Tuesday morning in Bertie County, other meetings were held yesterday in Hertford and Gatesville, still another will be held today in Pasquotank and Camden, and on Friday Currituck will be visited by Mr. Holstun.

In outlining the Bureau aims Mr. Holstun first explained that the individual dues are \$2 a year, of which one-fourth goes toward the support of the county organization, a second fourth for the State unit, a third fourth as payment for the Farm Bureau Federation News, the official organ of the organization, and the last fourth to the national body.

"The Farm Bureau is an educational and public affairs organization," said Mr. Holstun. "It furnishes an organized group and the machinery through which the Extension service in Raleigh, with its county farm and home demonstration agents may work in extending the program of that great institution to the farm people of the State. Through its Farm Bureau News it is constantly giving farm people information on economic, legislative and other problems affecting agriculture, and is persistently seeking a solution of the problems.

"The Bureau develops information on public questions and represents farmers before public officials, boards, commissions and all legislative bodies, national and state, pointing out all needs and demands. It promises legislation for safety, protection and the benefit of agriculture in every way. It brings to farmers the benefits of the various acts of Congress relating to farm credits, production adjustment, economic planning and other problems. It cooperates with the state agricultural college in developing and extending the training of our young people for agricultural leadership. It cooperates with all public agencies and institutions for the good of the people of the state as a whole."

"The bureau is not a business organization. It does not and will not engage in business for profit but it may promote, establish and supervise such activities as may seem necessary and advisable to its board of directors. It encourages cooperative activity among farmers because such activity is beneficial to the industry of agriculture. Above all the bureau stands for

(1) The Agricultural Adjustment Act, a tariff for agriculture, a sound tobacco program.
(2) Equal and adequate educational opportunities for farm boys and girls.
(3) Ample support for experimental work in agriculture, for the work of county and home demonstration.
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