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## Anniversary at Hinsons Cross Roads Saturday

D. S. Hinson Presided; Programs By Different Schools of Songs; Recitations; Dialogues, Reports, Etc. Rev. W. E. Hinson Made Address

About a thousand men, women and children assembled at Hinson's Cross Roads Baptist church last Saturday morning to attend the anniversary of the Washington Sunday School Institute. This church is located a few miles southwest of Whiteville, one of the best communities in Columbus county, and is a fine church and good school building.

The anniversary of the day began with General superintendent, S. Strickland, presiding. He sang and the roll of names was called, and the following responded: Hinson's Cross Roads, Porter Swamp, Gap Creek, and Cherry Grove. After the songs were assigned to the choir, the 37th anniversary was offered by Rev. W. E. Hinson. The programs of the day consisted of dialogues, reports, and recitations. The music was real and it is difficult for one not versed in music to say which school excelled. The little folks did themselves proud in the rendering of their beautiful recitations.

At the conclusion of these exercises, Rev. W. E. Hinson, of Clarendon, delivered the annual address, in which he stressed the great necessity of Christian training of young lives and the need of all being in constant personal touch with God through fervent prayer. His address made a very deep impression on his hearers, and commendations were heard all around.

At the appointed time the Institute re-assembled, and after prayer was offered and a few selections by the different schools sang, the general officers made verbal reports of the work done the past year. Officers for the new year were then selected as follows: D. S. Strickland, general superintendent; F. Strickland, general secretary; L. C. Barnes, Normal teacher; A. Graves, general musician; M. N. Green, Orphan Missionary; M. Strickland, corresponding secretary.

## Evergreen Had Annual Community Fair Oct. 3

People of Tatum Township Rally To Community Fair Held at Evergreen; Prize Winners Are Announced

Evergreen, Oct. 7.—Despite the heavy rains people from all over Tatum township began to come into Evergreen on Friday, October 3rd, to attend the second Annual Community Fair. By eleven o'clock the crowd had reached between eight or nine hundred. All happy and smiling.

Last year we had only exhibits from a few people. This year people from over the township brought in articles. Our county demonstration agent, Miss Lankford, said she thought our annual exhibit better this year than last year. We had variety as well as beauty.

Farm products were exceedingly good for the bad crop year, through this section.

We haven't forgotten that we helped to win the State prizes for old Columbus county last year. And we sent many things this time, too. Bring it back again. After the pies, cakes, etc., were judged, they were passed over to the booth belonging to the Woman's Club when we had lots of other good things to eat and sold for the benefit of our handsome school. It has been suggested we put it into a curtain for the auditorium.

Most of the prize money was turned over to the president to help defray expenses.

Next year we are to have different arrangements. We are going to carry it on more like a real fair. Come help us boost Evergreen!

### Prize Winners

- Mrs. J. P. Floyd, biscuits, 50c.
- Mrs. Molliman, muffins, 50c.
- Mrs. Stone, cookies.
- Mrs. O. Berry cake.
- Mrs. Parkin, layer cake, 25c.
- Mrs. Brewer, pie, 50c.
- Mrs. Floyd, cheese straws, 25c.
- Alberta Covington, candy 25c.
- Mrs. R. F. Benton, cucumbers, 50c.
- Mrs. Thomas, pickle peaches, 50c.
- Mrs. Stone, mix pickle, 50c.
- Mrs. Rieves, peaches 50c.
- Mrs. Usery, blackberries 25c.
- Mrs. Bullock, apples 25c.
- Mrs. R. F. Benton, beans 25c.
- Mrs. R. F. Benton, soup mixture 50c.
- Mrs. Bullock, tomatoes 25c.
- Mrs. R. C. Benton, beets 25c.
- Mary E. Brewer, grape jelly 25c.
- Mrs. Thomas, apple jelly 25c.
- Mrs. R. F. Benton, strawberries 25c.
- Mrs. Bullock, watermelon rind 25c.
- Annie Nance, flowers 25c.
- Mrs. Rivers, soup 25c.
- Mrs. Bass, soup, 25c.

- Alerta Covington, dress 50c.
- Geneva Bass, cap and apron 50c.
- Margret Sellers, runner 25c.
- Miss R. F. Benton, centerpiece, 25c.
- Mrs. Green, bed spread, 50c.

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NOTICE  
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It has been absolutely impossible for us to get all the new subscriptions and renewals on the mailing list this week. We will next week have every paper properly labeled with your name. This week we are having to use the pencil, but will have everything straightened out by the issue. Look at your label and see if it is correct; if not, let us know.

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### WOMAN'S CLUB MEET COURT HOUSE FRIDAY AFTERNOON

There will be a meeting of The Woman's Club at the court house Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A plant native to India called the carrion plant recently bloomed in Kew Gardens, England. The flower has a strong smell as of tainted meat which attracts flies to it.

## COLUMBUS COUNTY IS A STAGE WITH ITS MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN THE PLAYERS

With The Opening of Our Fair Will Blossom Forth the Results of Our Labors for Good Exhibits; the Best Talent the County Affords; And Wholesome Entertainment of Every Variety; Free Acts, Fiddler's Convention, Big Parade, Artistic Dancing, Community Competitive Programs, All Come In to Play Their Parts On the County's Playground Set Apart for the Education and Entertainment of Its People

It is not long until the gala days in the year book of Columbus county will be upon us. The people of the county who love the name of Columbus and are proud that they live within its bounds are rallying to the support of those who are trying to put across one of the best programs ever witnessed by our people. We are a proud people who hold our heads up and boast that we have a fair second to none in the State of North Carolina. In the president, Mr. K. Clyde Council, of Wanaish, we have a man born with initiative, and in Mr. Bruce Pierce, of Whiteville, we have a secretary who puts the Columbus County Fair above anything. With the other corps of workers laboring for the betterment, display, and education of Columbus County, October 28, is going to begin red letter days in the history of the county.

From now until the opening days of the Fair, riders similar to Paul Revere and going cover Columbus county letting the people know of the actual necessity of coming here for this occasion. These riders won't feel like those who do not attend are committing wilful negligence of their duty, but will figure that they simply did not know that what their own county had to offer to uplift them.

As already carried in this paper, on the opening day a parade will begin at the Whiteville court house at 11 o'clock with the Victory Band the speaker of the day—no doubt Hon. Cole Blease—prominent men of the county, the 117th Motor Transport company, and decorated floats and automobiles from the various communities participating. At the grounds the opening address by the president of the Fair Association will take place. Then in order will come the short speech of the occasion. The free acts and other amusements on the Fair ground will occupy the remainder of the afternoon. In the evening the community programs will be rendered—that is, short competitive programs by the various people from over the county competing for an award.

As for the second day, the Local Amusement Committee has not completed its plans. There is a possibility of securing either Miss Ethel Theodore Rockwell, of the University Extension Bureau at Chapel Hill, or some one from the University School of Music to produce a program with the children of the county. No definite statement can be made just here with reference to this. Miss Rockwell's pageant would require a greater part of Wednesday, and would afford great entertainment for the people all over the county. Several hundred participants of the county would be required to take part after a fifteen day preparation. Information regarding this day will be given out later. The promise from the committee is that it guarantees that not a moment in the day will drag for anyone who spends his entire time on the fair grounds.

Thursday and Friday are given as Educational Days. An outline of the program has already been printed in this paper and sent to the various schools by Superintendent McIver. The schools are now in the act of making preparations for two days that will be well worth the patronage of the thousands of people who come for them.

But on Friday evening, the program will take a different aspect. The idea of the committee is that a perfect ending leaves a good opinion in the minds of those who attend, and a carefully worked out program has been arranged for that night. This night is to be known as "Old-Fashioned Night." Everybody will be in costume—any kind they desire. Sharply at eight o'clock to the tune of the 28 piece Victory Band a grand march will begin inside the building with everybody in costume taking part. Around the building they'll go; when a halt is called, the costumed beauties under the direction of Miss Katherine McLean will mount the platform with rapidity and show the county what a dozen live children can perform in the way of a minute. 20 couples of apt pupils in the art will give a "Virginia Reel" under the direction of Miss Christine Holler. These children, free from the worry of daily routine, exuberant with vitality, your own children, will make you glad you are living and happy that you have survived to witness the performances of Friday night, October 31st.

## Maj. W. A. Graham Here Friday, Oct. 17

Teachers Meeting in Whiteville For County With Wilmingtonian of Note to Speak; Is World War Veteran; Entertaining Speaker

To all white teachers and principals: The annual general teachers' meeting will be held this year in the Whiteville High school building on Friday, Oct. 17.

You will have the opportunity this year to hear a man who has been, and is, a dynamic force in the profession, Maj. W. A. Graham of Wilmington. The rest of the program will be informal, but also very beneficial.

We will have one session only whether we are through or not. The meeting will certainly be helped greatly, if you arrive before 10 o'clock, the opening hour. The law allows you to receive pay for this day as if you were in school and requires attendance, unless providentially hindered.

Read each issue of this paper from now until then and inquire of your teacher-neighbor if he or she has gotten a letter regarding the same (especially if you fail to get yours). Letters should reach each teacher within five days or less.

Write about things you wish taken up at meeting. Get names of contestants in for the Fair contests of all kinds.

Major Graham was the first American officer to lead his forces through the Hindenburg line. You cannot afford to miss hearing him.

Respectfully,  
J. H. McIVER, Co. Supt. of Ed.

### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO THE NEWS REPORTER HEREAFTER WILL BE \$1

The management of the News Reporter Company has made a decision which it hopes will help the people of the county who are interested in the News Reporter. Last week we stated in our paper that on to-night, Thursday night at 12 o'clock, Oct 9th, the reduced prices would no longer be in existence—and that the price would return to normal again at that time. For three weeks the price has been fifty cents per yearly subscription. The reduced price is no longer in existence, as we stated it would not be. But the regular annual price of the News Reporter, as you will notice on the editorial page, is now \$1.00 per year instead of two. This is no short time reduction, but the regular price of the News Reporter Co., for the paper which it puts out.

This is a low regular rate, and it is our hope that the people will take advantage of it. We don't expect them to let their subscriptions lapse, for the weekly is being put in your home every Thursday at a price which will never be missed by you. By making the annual subscription one dollar, we believe that we are helping you and helping ourselves.

### MR. LAZAR TO STATE FAIR

Mr. J. T. Lazar, County Agent, will leave tomorrow for Raleigh where he and Miss Lillie Lankford, County Demonstration Agent, will again compete for prizes offered. It will be remembered that last year Columbus county made itself known through these two representatives, and a prize was brought back to Columbus by them. Miss Lankford will leave the first part of next week.

### FLOATS! FLOATS! FLOATS!

Any kind you like. The floats and decorated cars on the opening day of the Fair at eleven o'clock can be so decorated as the decorators might see fit. The day is to be called "Community Day" but no particular idea is to be carried out. Bring 'em in and win either the first or second prize. Competent judges are to be selected to decide which ones are the best—and there is to be no prejudice or partiality shown.

## Edw. P. Todd Dies at Home Near Clarendon

Vernable Citizen Passes Sunday Night; Mystery Surrounding the Disappearance of Household Goods of Mr. Frazier Ward

Clarendon, N. C., Oct. 7.—Mr. Edward P. Todd, better known as "Ned," a highly respected farmer, who resided about one and a half miles east of here, died last Saturday night, at 11 o'clock. Mr. Todd was about 60 years of age and his death resulted from heart dropsy. In his death the community loses an industrious, and peaceable citizen and a good neighbor. He is survived by his wife, one sister, two sons, a daughter-in-law and one grand-son, and a large circle of friends. The funeral services were held at Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist church where he held his membership, at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning by his pastor, Rev. P. B. Coats, and the interment made in the beautiful cemetery near the church.

Mr. Ralph Bullock, who holds a responsible position with the A. C. L. spent his vacation last week with relatives in this section.

The fourth quarterly conference of the Old Dock circuit will be held at Lebanon Methodist church Thursday, October 17th, by Presiding Elder J. M. Daniel. This round completes Mr. Daniel's fourth year as presiding elder of Wilmington district, and he will be placed in charge of work elsewhere next year. During his four years eldership on this district, he has won the love of all with whom he has come in contact.

Rev. George R. Hunt, pastor, assisted by Rev. G. W. Stanley, of Albemarle, is conducting a series of revival meetings at Gapway Baptist church this week. Services are held at 10:30 a. m., and 4 p. m., daily.

Rev. W. E. Hinson, Miss Eva Grainger and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Frink attended the Sunday school anniversary at Hinson's Cross Roads church last Saturday.

Mr. C. L. Harrelson is removing from his farm near here to Whiteville, where, it is learned, he will open a cafe.

Much interest throughout this section is centered on the trial of the Stevarts in Southport, for the murder of Deputy Lily and Detective George a few weeks ago in Brunswick county. It is hoped that all guilty parties in this heinous crime may be convicted and punished.

Mr. J. J. Tyson left Monday morning to attend court in Washington, as a witness in a civil case in which some property near here is involved.

The railroad company has resumed the purchase of crossties to be cut from different kinds of timber, among them gum. This industry furnishes employment to large numbers of people and is a great stimulator to the mercantile business here.

Mr. W. C. Gore, of Raeford, arrived Friday night to spend a few days with relatives and friends and to look after business interests hereabout. He was accompanied by Mrs. Gore.

Since the burning of the building near Bethel Methodist church occupied by Frazier Ward, which was reported in this column last week, Mr. Ward received a letter advising him where his household goods, on part of them, could be found. He accordingly set about hunting for the goods, and found several bundles tied up in quilts at different places near the house that was burned and in the woods some distance away. There seems to be a mystery surrounding the burning of this house, which has not yet been understood. It is said that the building was fully insured.

### BOX SUPPER AT HINSON'S CROSS ROADS SATURDAY

There will be a box supper given at Hinson's Cross Roads next Saturday night, Oct. 11th. Everybody is cordially invited. Everybody come and expect a good time.

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