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HIGH SCHOOLS TO GET BIG NUMBER OF NEW STUDENTS

One Hundred and Ninety-Six Will Come up From Last Years Seventh Grade Unconditionally.

OTHERS WILL TAKE ANOTHER EXAMINATION

Pupils Qualified to Take Examination for Removal of Conditions are Urged to Start to School

One hundred and ninety-six of this year's seventh grade students in the schools of the county will be allowed to move unconditionally into the high schools of the county when they open this fall according to the list of those who successfully passed the county examinations last February and April that has just been compiled by Superintendent of Schools J. H. McIver. A list of the students who will move unconditionally is printed below.

Examinations for the removal of conditions will be given to a large number of other students who passed the majority of their work. The examinations will be given by the principals of the high schools as soon after August 1st as they may conveniently do so. Supt. McIver advises that those who are qualified to take the examination enter their nearest high school when it opens prepared to take the examinations in the subjects in which they failed. Notice of the examination will be given by the principal of each school. Only one examination is to be given for leaving conditions this year.

Supt. McIver wishes to urge parents to see that pupils who are qualified enter high school in any quantity for this examination attend to the matter at once.

The seven accredited high schools of the county are as follows: Acme-Delco, Chadbourne, Cerro Gordo, Evergreen, Hallsville, Tabor, and Whiteville.

The list of seventh grade students who passed last year's examinations without condition and who will be allowed to enter high school without examination follows:

- Robert White, Gertrude White, Cora Fairfax, Martha Blackwell, Leola Soles, Leacie Turbeville, Earle Buffkin, Thelma Reaves, W. A. Wright, Purvel Porter, Beulah Norris, Lonie Thompson, Dan Collins, Louie Mae Baldwin, Eula Mae Long, Clyde Hinson, Easley Jordan, Shellee Fisher, Virginia Tedder, Alma Gore, Lorraine Long, Limmie Watts, Mattie Ward, Kathleen Baldwin, Lina E. High, Sether Duncan, Lucy Greener, Lillie Mercer, Theatus Greener, Denson Mercer, Edna Hunt, Fannie Coffee, Selia Flynn, Frank Price, Ralph Harper, Cecil Duval, Dottie Duval, T. S. Hinson, D. C. Hilburn, Lerue Dunning, Clarence Thompson, Hazel Hill, Mary White, Lelia Stanley, Elbert Jordan, Hettie Strickland, Elizabeth Cox, Bessie Long, Vera Chubb, Letus Shepherd, Emma Ward, Rhodie Roberts, Earl Ward, Gladys Best, Leona Holmes, Fannie Andrews, Hubert Norris, Marie Strickland, Johnnie Mae Lennon, Edward Gilmore, Leon Rooks, Ila Cook, Dorothy Chapman, Casey Baldwin, Mace Ward, Ernest Ward, Brooks Green, Pennie Soles, Gladys Prince, Hessie Buffkin, Neil Phipps, Leamon Ward, Leona Gore, Mattie Mae Cribb, W. W. Long, Jr., Elmer Thompson, Wadsworth Horne, Martha A. Brooks, Virgil Hinson, Mabel Wooten, Ora Godwin, Gladys Ernie, Ernest Grice, Robert Ernie, Nancy Lewis, Waldon Ernie, Leroy High Inez Duncan, George Baldwin, McNeill Mercer, Martha Hinson, Lena Mae Hunt, Elbert Sellers, Clea Wayne, Grace Haynie Rosabel Burroughs, Helen Ezzell, Jim Smith, Elroy Lam, Caroline Tyre, Gracey Newell, Devine Mears, Edison Ernie, Woodrow Jolly, Scott Ernie, Alton Soles, Lillian Soles, Ethel Edge, Thurman Butler, Arthur Barfield, Virgie Hinson, Arthur Livingston, Alice Inman, Hattie Nobles, Neta Holmes, Melburn Newell, Roy McPhatter, Margaret Belle Spivey, Edna Earle Fairfax, Eva Barnes, Eldred Ernie, Lawrence George, William Greer Mildred Byrne, Louisa Corbett, Bertha Hickman, Ethel H. Powell, Rebecca Taylor, Leola Mae Brown, Helen Lewis, Gertrude Hayes, Myrtle Willis, Edmond Pierce, Elwood Weaver, Fred Swens, Reba Fowler, Della Matha Sarvis, Viola Polson, Hazel Prince, Iva Baldwin Sara.
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METHOD'T PASTOR BACK TO CHARGE

Cerro Gordo Preacher has Returned From Hospital Other News From Cerro Gordo.

Cerro Gordo, July 29.—The Rev. F. T. Wooten preached twice last Sunday in the local Baptist church to fair sized congregations. In the evening the Lord's Supper was partaken of by the membership present. This was the first service by the pastor since his illness a few weeks since when he underwent an operation at James Walker hospital in Wilmington.

Professor C. C. Russ with his parents, of Makatoka, near Bolton, left by motor Friday for a trip to points in Georgia. During the Professors absence Mrs. Russ has with her, her father, Mr. Edwards.

Misses Ruth Harpe, of Cusseta, Ga., and Miss Irene Dellinger, of Shelby, both former members of the school faculty here, are expected to visit friends soon.

Mr. A. H. Hammond, who holds a responsible position in the Columbus county garage in Whiteville, came home for a recent week-end.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Stephens, who formerly lived here but for the past year have lived near Orrum, Robeson county, sympathize with them in the loss of their father, Mr. Frank Stephens, an account of whose death is given by the Boardman correspondent. The deceased was well known and had many friends in the Cerro Gordo section.

Happy T. Lewis, of Wilmington was in town Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Lucy Kelly returned last Saturday to Wilmington after a week with a sister, Mrs. Martha Hammond and family, in town.

Mrs. James P. Smith of Wilmington arrived Monday afternoon.

Mr. Z. V. Williamson was in Dillon S. C. Tuesday consulting his physician, Dr. Smith, regarding his illness. Mr. Williamson was accompanied by Mrs. Williamson, his brother, Mr. A. J. Williamson and Mrs. Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Williamson and children were joined in Whiteville Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Avant and together motored to Lake Waccamaw.

Mrs. Dave Turbeville and children returned Monday afternoon to their home in Sellers, S. C., after a visit to the families of Mr. Carl Butler and John Turbeville.

Mr. Smith, of Mullins, S. C., was in town with friends last Sunday.

County Commissioner and Mrs. J. Lee Williamson had as their guests Sunday their son, Dr. Howard L. Williamson and family, of Whiteville, and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Townsend and little son, Gordon Lee, of Fair Bluff.

Mr. Frank Hester of Whiteville, was in town Monday afternoon. H. G. Avant and little son, H. G. Jr., were also here that afternoon.

Miss Jessie Griffin returned a few days ago from Chapel Hill.

Mrs. J. W. Griffin was visited Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Tutor, of Boardman.

Gumov Bullard and party of friends, of Marion, S. C., were sightseeing about the town and community Sunday afternoon.

Misses Minta and Gatsy Nance with their brother, Mr. A. W. Nance, local merchant, motored to Mullins, S. C., Sunday for a few hours with a sister, Mrs. John Honeycutt and family. On their return they were accompanied by Mrs. Nance and children who had visited there for a few days.

Frank T. Burney, of Chadbourne Chamber of Commerce, was in town one morning recently.

Mrs. C. D. Boswell and little son, Charles Willis, who have been spending a few months in Wilmington and New Bern arrived Saturday afternoon for a brief period before proceeding on to Brooksville, Fla., where they join Mr. Boswell.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Kissam and family and Miss Fields, of near Evergreen, spent the day Sunday with relatives near town.

I. S. Turlington, of Roseboro, came home for the recent week-end.

P. K. Avant, of Whiteville, was with his mother Sunday last.

Captain A. L. Griffin's regular route on Monday took him to Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Herring and children, of Maricou, S. C., motored over Sunday and spent several hours with relatives near town.

Rural Postman D. B. Tyler is

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BILL WARNER IS IN HOSPITAL AS RESULT WRECK

Fell Asleep Friday morning And Crashed Head on into Court House with Nash Sedan

RIGHT BREAST TORN BY BROKEN WHEEL

Wounds are Serious and Painful, but Popular Automobile Man Expected to Recover

Dropping to sleep at the wheel of the Nash sedan he was driving from Lake Waccamaw early Friday morning following the masquerade dance there Thursday night, Bill Warner, popular automobile salesman for the Whiteville Motor Sales Co., crashed head on into the courthouse last Friday morning, sustaining injuries that have necessitated treatment in a Wilmington hospital and entirely wrecking the car he was driving.

The wounds received are serious and painful, but are not considered dangerous. Warner, usually a very careful driver, asleep, made no attempt to make the curve around the court house and did not awake in time to apply brakes before the smash. The car sped directly into the entrance of the court house facing toward the Lake road, striking the brick abutment of the steps with the center of the radiator. The car backed under the impact of the blow, throwing Warner against the steering wheel with such force that the wheel was crushed.

The broken wheel punctured the young man's right chest with an ugly looking wound. He received other cuts about the head from flying glass of the broken windshield and a painful flesh wound on the left leg where he was thrown against the instrument board.

The wreck occurred about 2 o'clock Friday morning. Warner was alone and returning from the dance, still in the masquerade costume he wore there. He was found immediately after the crash from which he was unable to extricate himself because of his wounds by E. L. Bell and J. M. Parker who room nearby and were awakened by thence. Rev. L. B. Pattishall, pastor of the Whiteville Methodist church, was awakened by the noise of the speeding car and the crash of it against the court house and helped Drs. Whitaker and Maxwell to dress Warner's wounds.

Warner was removed to a Wilmington hospital later Friday. His condition is serious, but he is expected to recover.

SMALL DAMAGE IN COUPE WRECK

Mrs. J. L. Lewis and Girls Slip Into Ravine Into Which Another Miraculously Escaped Injury.

Mrs. J. L. Lewis and two daughters, Misses Cleonie and Buff, and Miss Kathleen Green, all of Tabor, luckily escaped serious injury last Thursday night when the Ford coupe they were driving slipped into a deep ravine on the Lake front road. None of the ladies were injured other than suffering from shock and a few bruises.

The ladies were returning from the dance Thursday night and ran too near the edge of the fill on the ravine the lights of their car failed. The soft dirt along the edge of the bank gave away under the weight of the car letting it down into the ravine below. The Ford turned over twice in its descent. Several windows were broken in the tumble.

J. M. McIver, supt. of the county schools, found the wreck and brought the party back to the Waggaman Hotel where they were given the medical attention accorded by Dr. M. A. Pittman, of Boardman. Two of the party were prostrated from the excitement of the wreck, but recovered sufficiently to return home later in the night.

The ravine into which the ladies fell is the same one into which a Ford touring car containing A. P. Marlow, local telegraph operator, and his brother were catapulted several weeks ago with a total wreck to their machine and under which they were caught after it had turned over twice in the fall, neither of the men being hurt other than a few scratches.

CAST FOR MINISTREL FAILED TO SHOW UP

Failure of a part of the cast to arrive in time for the performance caused the expected minstrel show to be put on by the Boy Scouts from Camp Penton here Monday night under the auspices of the Whiteville Rotary club to be changed into an exhibition of mesmerism and hypnosis by Mr. Hinnant, director of the Scout Camp. Although not a professional, Mr. Hinnant gave a creditable exhibition and made the best out of an unavoidable and embarrassing circumstance for both his troupe and the Rotary Club.

The show was staged as a benefit for the boys work program conducted by the local club. The proceeds from the show were divided equally between the boys work department of the Rotary Club and the Boy Scout Work at Camp Penton and did a double duty of providing entertainment for those who attended the show and for the future entertainment and training of the boys of Whiteville and the Camp Penton Scouts.

Rotary quartette composed of Rotarians, Boice, Mann, Ripple, and Wooten sang two numbers as a part of the program, and Rotarian Mann rendered "Mother Machree" in solo.

A breakdown to the automobile in which the boys were to be brought from Camp Penton to Whiteville was the cause that necessitated dispensing with the advertised program.

THUNDER STORM DARKENS TABOR

Lights put out of Commission Last Thursday; Sunday School Enjoys Nice Picnic.

Tabor, North Car., July 30.—Tabor was visited by a severe electrical storm Thursday night which rendered the town in total darkness while it was in progress which of course added horror to its intensity, the lightning having struck the homes of Mrs. Otto Wright and Mrs. S. H. Bryant tearing away a portion of the roof of both houses while at the home of Mrs. Stanley Walls it ran the wires connected to the radio and put it out of commission.

Around two hundred pupils and teachers of the Baptist Sunday school had a very pleasant outing at Lake Waccamaw last Thursday on their annual picnic. Our Superintendent, Mr. E. W. Fonville is to be congratulated on the creditable manner in which the event was pulled off.

The business men of Tabor are looking forward to big things on our tobacco market here this year as they feel sure that no where can there be found two more capable warehousemen than we have in the persons of Mr. Harvey L. Glenn and Mr. J. S. Walden.

The citizens are very glad to see the work that is being done on front street and hope that the aldermen are in a position to help the good work going.

The many friends of Mr. Alton Garrett were grieved to hear that it was necessary for him to be taken to Wilmington last Saturday for an operation for appendicitis, but late news from his bedside is that he is getting along nicely and he hopes to be home in about ten days.

We, in the lower part of the county were more than glad to see the announcement in last week's News Reporter stating that our highway from Tabor to Whiteville was at last to be placed on the map and to those gentlemen who have worked so diligently to this end for so long a time, we wish to express our appreciation and remind them of the verse of Scripture which says, "Joy Cometh to those who wait."

Mr. Mr. W. B. Roberts of the Roberts Clothing Co. is in Baltimore purchasing his fall stock of goods.

Miss Harriet Lewis, Mr. J. L. Lewis and Mr. C. C. Pridgen, returned home Monday night from Frederick, Md., where they have been visiting Mrs. F. H. Urner. They were accompanied home by Miss Anna Bell Floyd, who has been visiting relatives in Frederick, for the past two months.

Miss Lucile Hickman and Mr. Elched Hickman left Sunday for Sumpter, S. C., to visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. Lorena Humphrey and Master Tom Humphrey of Burgaw, are visiting Mrs. W. B. Roberts.

Mr. Stanley Wall and Mr. William Wall were business visitors here with Mr. and Mrs. Knox Proctor.

COUNTY SCHOOLS BEGIN SESSION ON AUGUST 1ST.

Chadbourne and Cerro Gordo are Exceptions to the Scheduled Date by Special Request.

TABOR HIGH SCHOOL GETS AG. DEPARTMENT

Whiteville School Will Retain Both Science and Teacher Training Departments

With a few exceptions made by request, the schools of the county will open for the 1925-26 session on August 31, this date to include both the high schools and the six month schools. Chadbourne and Cerro Gordo are the exceptions to the opening date among the high schools. They will open August 17 and 24, respectively.

The high school at Tabor has received the most prized addition to its facilities this year with the addition of an agricultural department and an experienced agricultural teacher. Confirmation of efforts to secure this additional department and a trained head for it was received this week by Supt. McIver when H. A. Maxie, of Georgia, accepted the position. Mr. Maxie comes to the county highly recommended by the State educational authorities and is expected to make the agricultural work in the Tabor school one of its best features. The addition of this department will be especially beneficial because of the large section of the Tabor school accommodations as the only high school. It will give the boys one of the best and largest farming districts that heretofore has not had the advantage of an agricultural department the benefit of a trained leader and teacher. Combined efforts by the committee of the Tabor school and Supt. McIver have been made for sometime to secure this department, which is supported jointly by Federal, State and county taxes, with the Federal government paying one-half the cost, the State a fourth and the county a fourth. The coming of Mr. Maxie brings the number of agricultural departments in the high schools of the county up to three. Whiteville, Evergreen and Tabor now have them and the results from the first two justify the belief that the addition of this feature to the Tabor school will greatly increase the school's already extensive scope.

The local school will open on the scheduled date and will run for eight months, including both the high school and grammar school. None of the schools in the county will run for more than eight months, except the Chadbourne school which will run the full nine.

The local school will continue its domestic science department and the cafeteria that is run in connection with it. It was thought at one time that it would be necessary to dispense with the department for the coming year because of a shortage of funds, but by close trimming the department was saved. Teachers have been secured for all the grades and departments except two high school teachers. Supt. Rogers will submit a full list of them for publication as soon as his corps is complete. Coach Chapman will return and have charge of athletics next session. The teacher training department will be continued this session under Miss McDougal, who directed it last year. Enough entrants into this department have already been signed to assure it for the coming year. The teacher training department is supported entirely by State and Federal funds and no tuition charges are made either students from this county or other counties.

SAVE FODDER AND HAY Price Jumps ten Dollars

Farmers are being advised by the Virginia Carolina Chemical Company to turn their attention to saving all the fodder and other hay crops possible because of a ten dollar per ton jump in price of hay in the hay producing states of the west. Robert Powell, local representative of the company, was in receipt of this information early this week and was urged to pass it on to the farmer friends and customers of his company.

SPIVEY LOSES TOBACCO BARN

Clarence Spivey, who three weeks ago lost a tobacco pack house by fire when it was struck by a bolt of lightning, was the victim of fire again Thursday morning when one of the tobacco barns on his farm near town was consumed. The barn was full of tobacco for curing at the time the fire started.

AGED WOMAN DIES

Mrs. Samuel Green, aged about 75 years, died Monday morning at her home on route one from Cerro Gordo, following a few weeks illness. Burial was made near the home Tuesday afternoon.

J. E. STEPHENS DIES SUDDENLY

Robeson Citizen of Near Boardman Passes Away From Attack of Paralysis

Boardman, N. C., July 29.—On Monday evening of last week Mr. J. F. Stephens, successful farmer and prominent citizen of southern Robeson county, two miles from Boardman on route 20, succumbed to an attack of paralysis from which he suffered only a few hours, his demise coming as a distinct shock and complete surprise to members of his son's family and the neighborhood people as well. Mr. Frank Stephens, as he was known here in Boardman, was counted a good man in his community. He was a good neighbor and a member of the Ornum Baptist church where he had held his membership for about 25 years, moving to that church from Mt. Elin which he joined in early life.

In the presence of a large gathering of friends and sorrowing ones beautiful and touching funeral services was conducted by the Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth, his pastor of Lumberton, and interment followed in the family plot near the home on Tuesday afternoon.

The deceased is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Mae Williamson and Mrs. Joe Nobles, of Boardman and Mrs. L. W. Thomas, of Kansas City, Mo., and one son, Mr. Burt Stephens, of Cerro Gordo, with whose family he resided.

TEACHERS SIGNED AT CERRO GORDO

Full Complement of Teachers Have Been Employed And School Will Open August Fourth.

Cerro Gordo, July 27.—Aug. 24th is given as the opening date of school and below is given a correct and complete list of teachers for the Cerro Gordo High School:

Miss Pearl Broadway, Paxville S. C., Mathematics and Science, High School A certificate, 6 years experience, Graduate of Winthrop College.

Miss Ruby Bethea, Latta, S. C., English and history, High School A certificate, 3 years experience, Graduate Coker College.

Miss Maggie Maulsby, Whiteville, N. C., seventh grade, Elementary A Certificate, 1 year experience, Special county teacher training course.

Miss Frances Noble, Ayden, N. C., sixth grade, Elementary A Certificate, 6 years experience, East Carolina Teachers College.

Miss Eva Griffin, Cerro Gordo N. C., fifth grade, Elementary A certificate. No previous experience, East Carolina Teachers College.

Miss Jewell Inman, Cerro Gordo, N. C., fourth grade, Elementary A certificate, 2 years experience, East Carolina Teachers College.

Third grade students given to fourth and second grade teachers due to small number.

Miss Gertrude Grimsley, Freeman, N. C., second grade, Elementary A certificate, 1 year experience, East Carolina Teachers College.

Miss Dobbie Noble, Ayden, N. C., first grade, Grammar Grade C certificate. No previous experience, East Carolina Teachers College.

C. C. Russ Principal. This is the third year that Mr. Russ has been at the head of the faculty and the above teachers have been very carefully selected from a large number of applicants and friends of the school are predicting a most successful term during 1925-26.

OVER A HUNDRED HAVE SIGNED UP C. OF C. PLEDGES

Last Friday Nights Meeting Started off in the Midst of Disappointment And Gloom.

WORK OF CANVASSERS DISPELLED THE CLOUD

Meeting Called for Friday Night When Pledges Will Elect Officers and Adopt a Program

Although only fifteen men responded to the meeting called last Friday night for adoption of a plan of organization for the Whiteville Chamber of Commerce, the most of these representing real interests or were discouraged men, and a tone of discouragement pervaded those who had been most enthusiastic, a plan of organization was adopted and a committee appointed to solicit memberships under that has up to the present date signed up over a hundred members.

With the signatures is combined a promise to be present at a meeting called for tomorrow (Friday night) when the officers of the body will be elected and the body's program adopted.

Under the plan of membership adopted the business interests of the town are divided into two classes, the first containing all those business houses that employ two or more people; the second class covers all other business and professional men. Membership for class A enterprises carries an initiation fee of \$10 with quarterly membership dues; Class B carries an initiation fee of \$5.00. Extra memberships may be purchased by any one desiring to do so.

But that they realized the pressing need of some sort of organization for community betterment and progress the recent effort would come to an ineffective end last Friday night. One more attempt with personal solicitation for members and their promises of interest; organization was decided upon after much discussion as to the immediate organization with the men present as the active body. The latter course was suggestion of Melvin Thompson, the instigator of the latest movement to re-organize. He consented to methods adopted, however, after a spirited discussion in which all of the men present voiced their opinion.

Among those present at the meeting last Friday night were, Alex Powell, Hill Lewis, E. L. Bell, J. H. Hill, Melvin Thompson, J. H. Leder, V. E. Hollingshead, Dr. Davis, Hugh M. Lumsden, Belton Thompson, A. C. Small, J. M. Parker and W. M. Boice.

Columbus Invited to Share Wilmington Clinic

Mrs. Seth Smith, publicity chairman, for the Columbus county chapter of the American Red Cross, has been notified of the opening of a tuberculosis clinic to be held in Wilmington for two weeks beginning July 23. One of the staff of the North Carolina Sanatorium will be in charge of the clinic and free examinations will be given to all who present themselves. Applicants are asked to make appointments with Dr. John Hamilton, Wilmington health officer, in order that the work of the clinic may be facilitated. Columbus county is being offered a chance to enjoy the advantages of this clinic and all who would take advantage of this opportunity to get examination by an expert are urged to make appointments with Dr. Hamilton at once.

WILL PRESENT PLAY IN SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

"An Old Fashioned Grandmother," is the title of a play to be presented here in the high school auditorium on August 7, by the members of the Baptist Young People's Union of the Calvary Baptist church of Wilmington. The play is to be presented here under the auspices of the Whiteville Baptist church and the proceeds will be apportioned between the Whiteville church and young people's association of Wilmington. An admission fee of .15 and .25 will be charged.

Miss Eunice Black spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Black.