

HON. FRANCIS D. WINSTON DELIVERS SPLENDID ADDRESS TO MARTIN COUNTY SUMMER SCHOOL HERE

Teachers of The School Rendered a Very Interesting Program Relating To Independence Day at School Auditorium Friday

The teachers of the Martin County summer school gave a very interesting program at the school auditorium July 4th, followed by a splendid address by that willing worker and always ready patriot, Francis D. Winston of Bertie.

Mrs. C. T. Roberson of the program committee had a well arranged program as follows: Scripture reading by Supt. Pope; Prayer by Rev. E. D. Dodd. Miss Dixon at the piano led all joined in singing. Miss Elsie Green read a historical sketch of Independence Day. The Declaration of Independence was read by Miss Davenport. Miss Hodges read a paper on the flag and its meaning.

Judge Winston was then presented and he made one of the best speeches in his entire history. He presented it as a lesson in history.

The Fourth of July was the setting of the speech, which day he said was now the only universal day, universal freedom day. Until the Civil war it was more cherished in the South than in any other section of the country. In the days of strife between the North and South the celebration of the day was neglected for a time. Now, however, it is again universal in every state.

In describing America and its discovery by civilization after it had worn itself down in the world, he called it God's last stand for the earthly freedom of man.

Discoveries are generally made in quest of gold. Man, in seeking the things he most desires may find the things he most needs even though quite different from what he expects.

Seven Presidents of the United States were designated as the Presidents of freedom. They were as follows: Washington, not a lawyer, not an educated man, only a surveyor gave us freedom from kings and forever insured us against kingly rule.

Jefferson gave us freedom from priests, guaranteeing to all religious bodies freedom for all time to come.

Monroe gave us freedom from conquest, when he wrote the famous document now called the Monroe Doctrine, which says the Western Hemisphere shall remain free from the conquest of foreigners.

Jackson gave us freedom of the seas, when he laid down to England the doctrine that no country may take any citizen from American ships regardless of where found.

Lincoln gave freedom to the slaves. The doctrine that all men are created equal.

Cleveland gave us freedom of trade. A doctrine that to his day had not existed between many nations.

Roosevelt gave us freedom of Navigation whereby a new principle and new opportunities were given to the world's seafarers.

Wilson gave us freedom from war. The war dogs of the world are still growling, yet war clouds are rapidly vanishing and covenants and reason are destined to settle differences.

A historical sketch of Wilson was given by Mr. Winston, showing his training for leadership for a greater freedom and how he sought to obtain a broader horizon, a wider vision for human freedom and human good.

The work chosen by Wilson was teaching, going from one stage of the profession to another until he became President of Princeton University in the trust ridden state of New Jersey.

Wilson's Democracy had made such an impression on the people of that state that a popular demand came calling him to the Governorship. In this office was first seen the real political power of Woodrow Wilson. He found a Democratic House and a Republican Senate, yet he forced reforms through which had been withheld at all previous times. He gave the state the primary law, compensation act, corrupt practice act, public utilities, direct elections. Up to this time the governor appointed practically all officers of the state.

The record of Woodrow Wilson as Governor of New Jersey was the basis of the country's call to him in 1912 to serve as President of the United States, the world's greatest nation.

The achievements of Wilson as President are so well known that they need no review. In the handling of the great World War Wilson's mastery was the administration of the world. But for his greatest work, he had been preserved to go to Europe and there sit surrounded by kings and princes. Presidents and potentates yielded to him and a league was formed.

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COTTON CROP REPORT FOR MONTH OF JUNE

(By Frank Parker)

The North Carolina cotton crop has improved 2 per cent during the past month. The June 25th condition of 73 per cent indicates a yield of 249 pounds of lint per acre for this state. The planted acreage is estimated at 1,824,000 acres, resulting from an 8 per cent increase in the acreage over that standing a year ago. The present crop condition is 7 per cent less than last year's June 25th condition. The ten year average is 78 per cent. According to these figures, the prospective production is indicated at about 930,000 bales.

It will be remembered that the 1923 cotton crop gave North Carolina a rank of second in the cotton production of the United States with 1,020,000 bales produced at an average of 290 pounds of lint per acre. It is well known that the cotton growing conditions during the past season were almost ideal. July resulted in a record setting of bolls; which, by virtue of later conditions were enabled to develop ahead of the disastrous boll weevil damages during late August and September. Under boll weevil conditions, it is the early crop that is a good one.

The conditions this year show the crop to be 11 to 12 days late, plants small, tendency to grassiness and with the frequent rains washing out fertilizers. The best cotton conditions are found in the inner central Coastal Belt, extending through the main part of the Piedmont counties. The northern part of the belt and the Coastal counties have experienced unfavorable cotton conditions, due to the continued rainfall and late, cool weather. The soils are, therefore, cool and plants small and the fields grassy in these areas. The stands are generally irregular which will probably result in one of the largest abandonment years the state has known if the wet weather continues.

The boll weevil is later than usual, but may be in keeping with the crop. The general feeling is that we will experience heavy boll weevil damage this year. Certainly, it will be impossible to make nearly as good a crop as was made last year.

The United States cotton has improved 5.6 per cent during the past month. The acreage is 4.4 per cent more than a year ago. A crop of 12,144,000 bales is forecasted, based on a June 25th condition of 71.2 per cent of a full crop. The acreage this year is estimated at 40,403,900 acres. North Carolina's acreage is seventh among the states.

The changes in cotton acreages by states are as follows, being compared with last year: Virginia 125 per cent, North Carolina 108, South Carolina 109, Georgia 98, Florida 65, Alabama 100, Mississippi 95, Louisiana 105, Texas 108, Arkansas 98, Tennessee 97, Missouri 115, Oklahoma 108, California 113, Arizona 138, New Mexico 200, all other states 257 and the United States 104.4 per cent.

The condition of the crop on June 25th was as follows: Virginia 61 per cent; North Carolina 73; South Carolina 69; Georgia 75; Florida 79; Alabama 70; Mississippi 74; Louisiana 78; Texas 70; Arkansas 68; Tennessee 67; Missouri 60; Oklahoma 72; California 90; Arizona 92; New Mexico 98; all others 72 and the United States 71.2 per cent.

MRS. JAMES GRIST STATION AT HOME

Mrs. James Grist Station has issued invitations to a card party, for to-morrow (Wednesday) morning at 10:30 o'clock. Mrs. Station is entertaining in honor of her house guests, Miss Rebekah Lawson of White Stone, Virginia and Miss Susan Grice of Elizabeth City.

Commissioners held at the Mayor's Office on the 7th, day of July, I was ordered to collect all outstanding taxes at once in order to make my settlement with the town of Williamston, N. C.

All persons owing taxes to the town of Williamston will take due notice and pay their taxes at once as I will be compelled to advertise all taxes not paid by August 1st.

J. O. MANNING, Tax Collector. July 7th, 1924.

EVANGELISTIC MEETING TO BE HELD HERE SOON

M. G. Leaman of Washington City Is To Conduct Services

Williamston is preparing for an evangelistic meeting to be held about the middle of August in one of the tobacco warehouses.

M. G. Leaman of Washington, D. C. has been called to conduct the meeting. Mr. Leaman has held many very good meetings at several places in North Carolina. In the list are Belhaven, Nashville, Wendell and other places. He had wonderful success in every town, leaving the people in a more spiritual and Christian mood.

A similar meeting has been endorsed not only by the church members of the town but by the people at large.

A general committee of sixteen four from each of the church organizations of the town, will make the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

B. Duke Critcher is chairman, J. E. Pope, secretary; H. M. Stubbs, Treas. W. C. Manning, chairman publicity committee.

Mr. J. C. Caston will be with Mr. Leaman as song leader. He is highly recommended as a song leader and a very good organizer.

IN WINDSOR, FRIDAY NIGHT, JULY 11TH.

Windsor is soon to be fortunate in having the opportunity of hearing Julia Culbreth Gray, singer, impersonator and entertainer, of Washington, D. C., in her delightful costume recital. She stands in the fore-front of her chosen art, her specialty, in which she is a conceded authority, being Afr-American Folk Songs. Folk songs are the true classics of the people. Such music is the early and spontaneous uprising of artistic power in a nation and the ground on which all national music is built.

Three Washington, D. C. papers, the Post, Evening Star, and Times, speak in glowing terms of Julia Culbreth Gray as a singer, as well as a dramatic impersonator. She has appeared many times in Washington City, as well as in this and other states, winning the hearts of every audience with her beautiful voice and lovely personality. She uses five different costumes to suit her different groups of songs. Her Russian peasant costume was made for her by a Russian peasant girl Mrs. Gray met in Washington.

Seats on sale at the Windsor Pharmacy.

RED CROSS RENDERS AID TO TORNADO VICTIMS

Atlanta, June 7.—157 dead, 1,200 injured, 5,280 people homeless, and a property damage of over \$20,000,000, in the South is the toll taken by three tornadoes and a cloud burst in two months, according to a statement issued today by the American Red Cross.

This constitutes one of the most destructive series of storms the South has experienced in many years, Red Cross officials declare.

A relief fund of approximately \$138,275.00 is now being administered for the sufferers in over eighteen Southern communities by Red Cross workers. Homes are being rebuilt, crops replanted and pictures of ruin and desolation transformed again into scenes of normal life and prosperity.

To local relief efforts the Red Cross contributed funds and trained workers, giving communities the benefit of its experience in over 400 other disasters.

"All that relief can do is at most little," said Joseph Logan, Southern Red Cross manager. "Following these disasters the Red Cross tries to help these people to help themselves, and the courageous spirit in which they have turned to the task of rebuilding their homes and replanting their ruined crops is a credit to the South."

ENTERTAINED AT BRIDGE THIS MORNING

Mrs. C. B. Hassell entertained at three tables of bridge this morning complimenting the house guest of Mrs. James G. Stator, Misses Susan Grice of Elizabeth City and Miss Rebekah Lawson of White Stone, Va. and Mrs. Charles Hassell of Washington, D. C.

The lovely home is always a charming background for any affair and its attractiveness was added to by the profuse use of flowers and plants.

A two o'clock course luncheon was served at the conclusion of the bridge games.

DECIDE DATES TO OPEN AUCTION WAREHOUSES

September 2nd Date of Opening for Eastern Carolina

Rocky Mount, July 6.—Dates for the opening of the auction tobacco markets for North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia have been determined by the Tobacco Association of the United States in session at White Sulphur Springs, according to a telegram received here from W. E. Fenner, local warehouseman and president of the Eastern Carolina Warehousemen's association, who is in attendance upon the session.

Mr. Fenner's telegram gives the opening dates as follows: South Carolina, August 5; Georgia, August 6; Eastern Carolina, September 1; middle belt, September 3; old belt, October 1.

Mr. Fenner will make official report as to the dates upon his return, which is expected tomorrow. It is explained by tobacco men here that in the event weather conditions retard the crop, the dates fixed by the association may be moved up to meet the circumstances. At a subsequent meeting of the Warehousemen's association here some time ago a date several weeks earlier was recommended, but on account of the crop the change to Sept. 2 as opening date for the Eastern Carolina market was decided upon at the White Sulphur Springs meeting.

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REPLY TO "COMMUNITY MISTAKE"

GRIFFINS TOWNSHIP VOTER ANSWERS ARTICLE RELATING TO DEFEAT OF SCHOOL TAX

The reply follows: "In reply to the community mistake of Griffin township where by a special school tax was defeated.

"I don't feel as it is a bad mistake, however, but I beg to say that we in joy good school and intend to have a good school, but not a Public waste like it has been, when men get in harmony with each other and respect the others fellow opinion then we will have a good school, but as long as we care nothing for the other fellows opinions and leave out the great word of Do unto others as you would have them to do unto you we will go backward and never accomplish much.

"It says this neighborhood was good honest workers. I think is indeed true, for in looking over the adv. of Real Estate for Taxes I saw that every man in Griffin town ship had paid his taxes, and I think the must be good workers to support their Families and pay their Taxes at the present rates. I say we like the old way of Education we don't like the old way, but we don't like the way of Tom Foolishness and a Public waste of money and time like it has been.

"It stated that the Devil can be responsible for such. I don't know a bout it but I know the Devil is slapping us in the Face through Publication and slander everytime he get the chance and when help is needed we or soon look for. If People would first stop and Remove Beans in there Eyes before Picking the Mole out of the Bro Eyes we would have much better times, and Give everybody a chance of his own opions.

"It says we cant have a school above the Primary grades, dont be too nervous a bout it we or men a nuff to look out for our school and have a school Run by the People and not by a few at their own ways, what we want is men who can and will Run our school and give a statement of what is being done, when ever the Business of our school is Run by Peoples say so, we will have more a coroparative a greement and a great school.

"I can say and feel glad that when ever our men of Griffin Town ship is call on for a just cause to help, they all ways go over the Top, and if our a slanders would stop and look back and see what Bridge carried them safe a cross they would have a nuff to do, and would be better off. Thank you.

Yours truly,
Rote by J. R. COLTRAIN."

PROFESSOR POPE TO CONDUCT SERVICES

Due to the absence of the Pastor, Rev. E. J. Dood, Professor R. A. Pope will conduct the service at the Wednesday evening prayer service at the Methodist church. Mr. W. T. Meadows will make a talk during the services.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET HERE YESTERDAY

Many Corrections Made In The 1923 Tax Lists

The County Board of Commissioners met at the court house Monday, July the seventh in their regular monthly session. All the members were present Chairman H. C. Green, J. G. Barnhill, of Robertsonville; T. R. Slade, Jr., of Hamilton; W. R. Harrington, of Griffin and C. A. Askew of Jamesville. The proceedings of the meeting dealt briefly with corrections to the tax list, exempting those whose property had been improperly listed from the payment of the taxes upon same.

It was ordered that A. S. Roberson be released from the payment of taxes to the amount of \$16.10 on property improperly listed in Goose Nest township for the year 1923.

S. C. Ray was released from the payment of taxes on a town lot valued at \$100.00 in Williamston, same being listed by error.

F. L. Edwards was appointed Coroner from this date until the first Monday in December, 1924.

G. B. Hollingsworth was released from the payment of taxes on \$400.00 worth of property improperly listed in Williamston.

It was ordered that the Cotton Growers Cooperative Association be released from the payment of \$692.25 in taxes on property improperly listed in 1923.

Mr. J. G. Barnhill was appointed to audit the books of the Board of Education.

Mr. Stubbs Lilley was reimbursed with \$10.00 for a coffin that he had purchased for Dempsey Hines.

Messrs. Leggett and Duval were released from the payment on \$200.00 worth of bees improperly listed in Williamston township.

Burrell Whitley was released from the payment of \$2 dog tax in Hamilton township.

Upon motion of C. A. Askew, which was seconded by W. B. Harrington, it was agreed to pay the firm of Bailey and Barnhill of Everett the sum of \$1200. for damages done by the highway to their property in Everett, N. C. and also to pay Joe Barnhill the sum of \$300. for damages to his property by the said highway in the same town. The entire Board voted in the affirmative for this motion.

The meeting then adjourned until the first Monday in August.

CALVIN COOLIDGE, JR. DIES IN HOSPITAL

Washington, July 7.—Calvin Coolidge, Jr., son of the President, died tonight at Walter Reed hospital of blood poisoning.

The end came after the boy had battled with the utmost bravery and fortitude for five days against a disease which had racked his body with pain and sapped the reserve strength of his frail constitution.

President and Mrs. Coolidge, who had maintained constant vigil at the hospital were at his bedside, hopeful and cheering and comforting their son to the last.

Three sinking spells Sunday night brought him to the point of death. A slight rally Monday gave slight hope, but soon thereafter he began to lose ground and he never rallied again.

A sinking spell, the fourth he had suffered in 24 hours, brought death. Notwithstanding the use of oxygen and other restorative, the courage which had withstood crisis after crisis and had beaten death off repeatedly, was unable to meet the final attack. The collapse began at 6:30 o'clock and he gradually sank into eternity. He died at 10:30 o'clock.

The brother John was not at the bedside. He was to be joined by the President and Mrs. Coolidge at once, however, as they arranged to leave without delay for the White House.

NOTICE

City License Plates for Autos and Trucks for year 1925 can be obtained at the Mayor's Office.

All motor vehicles within the Town of Williamston, N. C., not equipped with a city license by July, 15th, will not be allowed to operate on the streets of Williamston, N. C., and any one violating this ordinance will be fined ten dollars and costs in the discretion of the court.

By order of the Board of Town Commissioners.
G. H. HARRISON, Clerk. July 7th, 1924.

McADOO FALLS BELOW SMITH WHILE RALSTON REACHES 99 1-2; DANIELS RECEIVES 19 1-2 IN 89TH BALLOT

McAdoo Hope Smashed When Delegate Pledges Are Released; Virginia Goes To Glass When Other Strength Goes to Him

COUNTY AGENTS REPORT FOR MONTH OF JUNE

19 days spent in field work. 6 days spent in office work. 146 farmers conferences with farmers.

67 letters written. 43 farms visited. 11 boll weevil meetings held with an attendance of 95 people. 909 miles traveled in the county in performance of duties. 7 articles written. 120 hoes treated for bot cholera. 8 moving picture shows held in the county showing pictures on how to tell a hen that is a good layer from one that is not a good layer. One reel on how to control poultry pest. We had a total attendance of 712 people.

41 farmers advised as how to control the weevil. 32 farmers advised as how to use the calcium arsenate dust to poison the weevil. 6 farmers assisted in feeding insect balanced rations. 4 farmers advised in regards to permanent pasture. 16 farmers advised in regards to caring for poultry. 4 farmers assisted in selling their wool.

Advised 3 farmers in regards to growing pecans. 18 farmers advised in regards to the use of fertilizer. Advised 3 farmers in regards to building sanitary poultry houses. Advised 5 farmers in regards to caring for orchards.

Next month will be devoted to weevil control work, dusting cotton to control the weevils, I expect to have demonstrations located over the county so that a greater number of farmers can see the work going on. When any one wants information in regards to weevil control work be sure to call on your county agent.

T. B. BRANTON, County Agent.

MRS. M. J. JAMES DIED YESTERDAY

Mrs. M. J. James passed from this life into death at her home in Everett, July 7th, 7:30 P. M. The end was expected as she had been suffering from cancer for five months and it had appeared for several times that the end was near. In her death ended the career of one of our noblest women. She was honest, faithful and dependable.

She was born May 19, 1844 near Everett, a sister of the late A. P. Barnhill. On June 27, 1865 she married Amelick James who died several years ago.

Mrs. James leave six children, Ed. James of Robertsonville, W. A. James of Williamton, Cornelius James of Enfield, Mrs. Mary L. Everett, Mrs. H. O. Daniel and Mrs. Pattie Faulkner of Everetts. Her three children Mrs. Sudie Barroughs, Gideon and Church James all preceded her to the grave.

She leaves 25 grand children and nine great grand children.

Mrs. James was a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist church at Bear Grass for about thirty years.

The funeral was held at the family cemetery at Everetts with Elmers E. N. Roberson and B. S. Cowitz of Bear Grass officiating.

MRS. DUNNING ENTERTAINS FOR MISSES GRICE AND LAWSON

Mrs. A. R. Dunning entertained with two tables of bridge last evening honoring Mrs. J. G. Stator's house guests, Misses Lawson and Grice at her home on Main street.

The living room and music room of the lovely home were thrown together and were made more attractive by the use of quantities of summer flowers.

After the games were over a salad with sandwiches and tea was served. Those who enjoyed Mrs. Dunning's hospitality besides the guests of honor were, Mrs. J. L. Williams, Mrs. J. G. Godard, Mrs. Roy Gurganus, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Peel, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Woodard, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Stator.

Rev. E. D. Dodd and family are out of town until Friday afternoon visiting Mr. Dodd's sister, Mrs. H. L. Griffin in Spring Hope, N. C. and his wife's parents.

Convention adjourned at 2 o'clock to-day until 9 o'clock tonight with indications of a land slide to Ralston. The last ballot before adjournment gave McAdoo 314, Smith 355 and Ralston 196.

The 89th ballot was as follows: McAdoo 314 1-2; Smith 355; J. W. Davis 64; Robertson 11; Glass 66 1-2; Ralston 99 1-2; Robinson 20 1-2; Kiehn 22 1-2; W. L. 1 1-2; Owens 20; Meredith 26; Bryan 2; Daniels 19 1-2.

McAdoo made further losses when balloting began today, falling below Smith.

The indications are that both the McAdoo and Smith delegates are preparing to go to other candidates. The Smith forces, however, are holding on with more determination as they are being harried on by the howling cheers of the New York visitors.

Ralston has raised third place and is a favorite with many.

Joseph Daniels appeared in the running when the 89th ballot was cast, he receiving 19 1-2 votes.

When other strength went to the support of Glass, Virginia threw her entire vote to him.

The convention may be counted on to make a nomination before many days.

Jamesville Team Defeats Lilley's Hall

The Jamesville baseball team defeated that of Lilley's Hall July 4th, 8 to 5.

The Jamesville club played an exceptionally good game with the exception of the second inning when Jamesville' star second baseman fumbled an easy out.

Gurkin for Lilley's Hall showed rare form and used his curve to an advantage in the pinches. As a whole he pitched a very good game.

Those scoring for Lilley's Hall were as follows: P. Liley, 1; J. Ward, 1; A. Corey, 1; J. Liley, 1; R. Gurkin, 1.

Those scoring for Jamesville were, H. Gurkin, 1; P. Waters, 1; T. Sykes, 2; R. Bailey, 2; M. Holliday, 1; J. Brown, 1.

Umpire, J. Martin.

MRS. C. B. HASSELL ENTERTAINS WITH DANCE

Mrs. C. B. Hassell entertained the younger social set of the town with a dance last evening at her home on East Main street from the hour of nine till twelve, honoring Miss Frances Perkin of Pikeville.

The living room was used for dancing and in this and the music room where the orchestra played, quantities of summer flowers were placed attractively.

An ice course was served at midnight and had been enjoyed until a late hour.

Misses Lucille Hassell, Melba Wynne and Frances Williams.

The guests for the evening were Misses Dorothy Woodin and Florence Ellington of Kinston, Misses Mary E. Ehea and Rosalie Ehea of Windsor and Misses Geneva Cook, Myrt Wynne, Eddie Hassell, Bonner Gurganus, Martha Louise Anderson, Thelma Brown, Melba Wynne and Frances Williams and Mrs. W. B. Watts and Messrs. Charles Sawyer, Bond Gilliam, Willie Gregory, William Powell of Windsor and Julius Purvis, Lon Hassell, Lyman Britt, Johnnie Philpott, William Hodges, Bryant and Bill Carstaphen, Frank Carstaphen and Jno. L. Hassell.

SUGAR ENTERS BY THE TON INTO SOUTHERN MOONSHINE

Columbia, S. C., July 7.—The up and down of the sugar market have a real meaning for the makers of moonshine, according to Robert Kirksey, United States marshal for the western district of South Carolina. His jurisdiction includes that portion of the mountainous region of the state known commonly as the "Dark Corner" which had a reputation for producing "good corn" in blockade stills long before the Volstead edict.

Sugar and molasses, Kirksey said, play an important part in the manufacture of moonshine liquor and the lower the price of these staples the higher the profits of the manufacturers, who often buy sugar by the ton.