

Rules And Regulations For County And Group-Center Commencements Announced

Schools Divided Into 3 Groups, According to Number Teachers

The county commencement to be held in Robersonville Saturday, April 24, is not for the purpose of having a tinsel or tin-foil parade, a show, or anything of that nature; but, according to those in charge, will be held with an endeavor to show fathers and mothers and friends results obtained during the school year.

Two preliminary contests will be held, and those winning in these contests will take part in the commencement in Robersonville. The first preliminary will be held in Oak City April 10, and Goose Nest, Hamilton, Poplar Point, Cross Roads, and Robersonville township schools will take part in it.

The general rules and regulations for the contest as announced by the county superintendent, R. A. Pope, are as follows: All schools are provided for and expected to participate. Actual results growing out of the year's work in each teacher's class room should be presented in the commencement.

Group I. Contains schools of six or more teachers: Jamesville, Robersonville, Williamston, Oak City, Everetts, Hamilton, and Bear Grass.

Group II. Contains schools of three teachers, not to exceed five teachers: Farnelle, Hassell, Sandy Ridge, Farm Life, and Gold Point.

Group III. Contains schools of two teachers or less, viz: All other schools of the county not mentioned above. No school in Groups I and II will be allowed to compete with schools in Group III, except in spelling contest A, arithmetic contest C, and story-telling contest B.

Awards Each committee shall purchase ribbons as follows for awards: For first place, blue and white; for second place, red and white; for third place, green and white. These awards shall be made for group-center contests, and the county-wide contests. At group-center or county-wide contests the winning school shall be determined for each group of schools.

EASTERN CAROLINA EXPOSITION OPENS

Huge Crowds Attend Opening Day; Will Rogers and Beauty Queens Were Chief Attractions

Eastern Carolina displayed its best in the exposition, which was formally opened Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The things and the crowd showed that N. G. Bartlett knows his work when it comes to showing Eastern North Carolina to its best advantage. When the folks all got in the big exposition hall, it looked like every pretty girl in the East was there.

Anna Case will be the chief drawing card tonight. Every program during the week is rare and high class. Will Rogers and his rope were worth the price of a whole season ticket, even if he had not opened his mouth.

Rules in Common for All Contests at Group-Centers and County-Wide Commencement

I. Any group-center contest is a preliminary in which contestants in a group are to be eliminated, thus entitling the best to entry in the county-wide contests at Robersonville. Thus winners from the initial contests at group centers should enter the county-wide contests. All schools shall participate in the spelling contest A, in the primary story-telling contest B, and in arithmetic contest C.

All contests at group centers and at county-wide commencement begin at 10 o'clock. II. Contestants—in all contests each student must be a bona fide student of the school which he represents, must have been in school 60 per cent of the entire school year, consisting of fall and spring terms (whether 6 or 8 months terms), and must have made passing grades in four subjects of his school work.

Special Rules for the County-Wide Contests Grammar Grades (4-7) Spelling Match Contest A

1. All schools will participate in this contest. 2. Representatives of grades four, five, six, and seven will enter same. 3. At the group-center preliminaries every school will be allowed one representative for each teacher, not to exceed five for each school. The two best spellers in each school winning over its Group I, II, or III competitors will represent the group at the county-wide commencement.

BAPTISTS GATHER HERE WEDNESDAY

Memorial Baptist Church To Be Host to Regional Convention; Good Speakers on Program

The Baptists of this section of the county are to gather here in the Memorial Baptist Church Wednesday for an all-day session. These regional conferences are being held all over the Baptist State, in the interest of their 1926 cooperative program.

Baptists in North Carolina have made great and rapid strides in recent years. Soon the convention year will end, and as our hosts gather in Fort Worth, Texas, for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, the entire body is anxious that North Carolina make a good showing.

Wallace, The Magician, Pleases Large Audience Wallace, the magician, gave an entertainment at the Strand theatre last night which met with high approval by a large audience.

After opening the entertainment with a series of baffling tricks with handkerchiefs and coins, Wallace displayed an uncanny gift of true showmanship by catching live pigeons from midair and the disappearance of a good-sized lamp.

Wallace says as other magicians have said, "The closer you watch, the less you see." The audience sees all it is intended it should. Watching a magical performance is good exercise in perception, and after seeing Wallace catch flying pigeons from nowhere in an empty net, one would hesitate to hang any man on circumstantial evidence.

Several County Schools To Close This Week

The commencement exercises of the Macedonia School are being held this week. Superintendent Pope made a talk today, stressing the need for more interest on the part of the parents of the school children. Mr. H. M. Stubbs made the address.

Messrs. Clayton Moore, C. D. Carstarphen, and H. T. Roberson attended the exposition in Greenville yesterday.

Mrs. A. R. Dunning motored to Greenville Monday with Mrs. Godwin Dunning to attend the exposition.

Mr. W. H. Coburn, student at the State University, is visiting his brother, Mr. Robert L. Coburn.

Mr. Harry C. James leaves in the morning for Washington, D. C., where he will work for the Peoples Drug Co. as drug clerk.

party giving out words should pronounce it correctly the second time; thus relieving the teacher of further pronouncing the word. Child failing to pronounce the word but proceeding to spell at once relieves teacher from giving a second pronunciation; but child may try to spell the same word twice just the same. Obligation is on the pupil to understand the peculiarities of the voice of the pronouncer.

Scotch Highlanders To Furnish Music for Fair

A contract bring the MacDonold's Royal Scotch Highlanders Band here for the Roanoke Fair this year has just been closed by the management of the association.

The band has been greatly enlarged since its appearance here last year, and will again be accompanied by Mr. Steele, the Scotch tenor soloist. The management had many requests for the return of this famous band, and it is with pleasure that they can announce the return of these famous Scotch musicians. The band met with high approval here last year, and will be as highly received this year.

COMMENCEMENT AT FARM LIFE

Exercises Begin Tonight and Continue Through Friday; Public Invited To Attend

The Commencement exercises of the Asa Manning Farm Life School will begin Tuesday evening, April 6th, at 8 p. m., with the program by the primary department. Wednesday evening at the same hour the sixth and seventh grades will give their program, and Thursday evening the music class will give their recital.

Marriage Licenses Issued in March

The number of marriage licenses issued by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getzinger fell below that for February and decided under the number listed in January. Only 12 licenses were issued last month, 6 for white and 6 for the colored people. Those issued are as follows:

- White John F. Early, 28, Bertie County; Hazel Midgett, 18, Dare County. John W. Watkins, 28, Wake County; Nadine Simons, 20, Pitt County. Chas. H. Cowen, Jr., 21; Beulah William, 22, Beaufort County. David S. Williams, 24; Nettie Harrell, 18. Nunnie Haislip, 21; Ada Beach, 18. Frank Hopkins, 21; Katie Mae Cherry, 22. Colored Gabriel Wiggins, 22; Janie Purvis, 21. Tobe Purvis, 49; Roxanna Scott, 38. Moses Carr, 22; Susie M. Shields, 21. Handy Grimes, 55; Annie Hardison, 22. E. D. Jones, 40; Eliza Williams, 23. LeRoy Little, 21; Vivian Sherrod, 18.

Woman's Club To Meet Tomorrow

The Woman's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the club rooms. A very pleasing program has been prepared, and all members of the club are urged to attend. Some plans pertaining to beautifying the town are to be brought up before the club also at this meeting.

Twentieth Century Meeting Postponed

The Twentieth Century Club will postpone its Wednesday meeting until Wednesday, April 14, on account of conflicting with the Woman's Club meeting tomorrow. All members will please take notice. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. W. K. Parker. Mrs. W. H. Biggs, President.

Local Pastor Conducts Service in Robersonville

Rev. A. J. Manning, pastor of the local Christian Church, conducted the Easter services in the Robersonville Christian church Sunday morning and evening. Both services, which were well attended, were very enjoyable. At the morning hour there was one confession, and baptism followed that evening.

AGENTS REPORTS FOR TWO MONTHS

Carload of Cottonseed Bought for Martin Farmers; Carload of Poultry Shipped

Following is the reports of County Agent T. B. Brandon for the months of February and March, as submitted to the county commissioners:

February 16 days spent in field work. 8 days spent in office work. 83 conferences with farmers in regard to farming. 77 telephone calls in regard to work. 86 letters in regard to the work. 50 farms visited on official duties. 843 miles traveled on official duties. 6 articles written in regard to work. 150 hogs treated for cholera. 1 car of tile ordered and delivered, orders for two cars are being taken now.

1 car of cottonseed is being ordered. 1 car of Pyratol has been ordered this month. Have ordered permanent pasture seed for farmers for 220 acres. 60 pounds of tobacco seed have been treated for farmers.

The greater part of this month has been spent in getting farmers to plant a better variety of cotton. In a cotton-variety test conducted in this county last year the local varieties yielded on the average of 950 pounds of seed cotton, while pedigreed varieties yielded as high as 1,600 pounds per acre. According to this test, the farmers are losing too much cotton by not having better varieties.

March Report

24 days spent in field work. 3 days spent in office work. 13 conferences with farmers in regard to farming. 190 telephone calls. 434 letters written. 50 farms visited on official duties. 921 miles traveled on official duties. 8 articles written for local papers. 73 hogs treated during the month. 2 cars of farm-drain tile were delivered to farmers this month, making a total of 4 cars since January 1. Car of cottonseed was delivered to farmers. This seed is the Wannamak or Cleveland, from the original breeder at St. Matthew's, S. C., the variety that yielded the highest in the variety test here last year. Seed for 250 acres of permanent pasture were ordered for farmers. 9,937 pounds of poultry were sold in one car, which was 4 1-2 cents above the local market. This poultry loading is done during this season to keep the local market from being glutted, making the price fall. Car of Pyratol was delivered during the month.

T. B. BRANDON, County Agent.

County Prosecutor To Be Paid Salary

The change from the old fee system to a straight salary to be paid the solicitor of the recorder's court, made by the county commissioners in their last meeting, is a most worthy one. Little by little this old system is passing, and each step to the better should be hailed by all those who favor justice.

Schedule of Operating Costs of County Schools

The schedule showing the operating costs for the schools of Martin County presents some very interesting figures for the 1924-25 term. The table shows that it costs a little more to operate the larger schools than the one-teacher ones. However, the cost is very little more, and when the difference is measured in terms of value the smaller schools are at a decided disadvantage.

Mrs. Estelle Causway Dies at Hamilton Home

Mrs. Estelle Causway, wife of Frank Causway, of Hamilton, died Monday night following an illness of several weeks, embracing a complication of troubles, among them pneumonia. She had a young brother to die of pneumonia about 10 days ago. She was the daughter of Mr. Hugh O. Pittman. She leaves an infant son 3 weeks old. She will be buried at Tarboro Wednesday at 1 p. m. Mr. Harry A. Biggs attended the Moravian Easter service in Winston-Salem Sunday. Mr. Clayton Moore attended the exposition in Greenville last night.

Board of Commissioners Puts County Solicitor on Salary; Salary of Recorder Reduced

Parents-Teachers Meeting Thursday

The Parents-Teachers Association will meet Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the school building. Another interesting program has been prepared and everyone is especially urged to attend.

Jamesville Dramatic Club Is Entertained

The Dramatic club was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Daura Martin Monday night by Miss Varro Hairr, a member of the faculty of the Jamesville High school.

The entrance was attractively decorated with clinging ivy and pink and white creations. An arch covered with ivy was placed at the front entrance and as each guest entered they registered and was ushered to the back hall where another attractive booth was placed and punch was served by Miss Dorothy Carson. Then each guest was accompanied to the reception room where delightful games were played and enjoyed. All were favored with selections played by Misses Camille Fleming, Edith Stallings, Dorothy Carson, Pauline Askew and Callie Walters. In the reception room fudge, ice cream and cake were served with dainty Easter favors. Misses Fannie Martin and Lillian Jones were presented with prizes as winners in the question and answers contest. A very delightful evening was enjoyed by all. Miss Hairr making a very charming and entertaining hostess.

Those present were: Misses Bernice Williams of Roper, Camille Fleming, Callie Walters, Ella Moore Davenport, Irene Tetterton, Edith Stallings, Fannie Mizelle, Irma Knowles, Mary and Ruby Gurkin, Blanche Davis, Carrie V. Davis, Lillian Jones, Miss Pace, Hilda Summerill, Hazel Martin, Dorothy Carson, Pauline Askew, Jane Davis, Carl Martin, Harry Martin, Wallace Fleming, Oscar Davenport, Raymond Bailey of Norfolk, James Mizelle, Hugh Davis, Robby Walters, C. B. and Russell Martin, Paul Sykes, Paul Walters, Watson, Mr. Bachelor, Carl Brown, C. A. Askew, Howard Gaylord, Onward Gaylord and Charlie Davenport.

Few Cases Are Appealed From Recorder's Court

In the seven years that the Martin County recorder's court has been in existence there have been only four cases won on appeal. While the number of cases appealed from this court to the superior court is not known at this time, it is thought the cases will not exceed 25. The record clearly shows the efficiency of the court, and the number of cases certainly indicate the need of such a court.

The University News Letters, reporting on cases in the superior courts, gives the number for this county as being 29 for the year ending June 1, 1924. Of this number, 27 per cent were liquor cases. This county ranks 57 in the News Letter's list, and when this is considered we see that the recorder's court has greatly assisted the superior court in disposing of cases.

School Debaters Win At Home; Lose Away

The high school triangle debate at the courthouse Friday night was fairly well attended. Hon. R. L. Coburn, mayor, presided. The judges were Mr. Wallace Lee, of Durham; Prof. J. L. Jones, of Hamilton; and Mr. H. L. Rider, of Charlotte.

The speakers for the Williamston School, who held up the affirmative were Ruth Manning and Marguerite Cooke. The question was "Resolved, That the State of North Carolina should adopt the eight-months school term instead of the six-months term."

It was soon seen that one of the greatest obstacles that the affirmative side had to overcome was the unpopularity of taxation, while the negative side did little else but stress taxes. The affirmatives, however, did go further, and upheld the great principle of public education, stressing the need to make it general to all the people rather than exclusive to those who have the best opportunities. The judges voted unanimously in favor of the affirmative side of the question. The Williamston negative team lost at Scotland Neck to the debaters of that place.

Anti-Typhoid Campaign To Be Backed By County

In their regular monthly meeting here yesterday the county commissioners reduced the salary of the judge of the recorder's court and changed the method of payment of the solicitor from a fee basis to a flat salary of \$750 per year. The salary of the judge was decreased from \$1,500 to \$900.

In the meeting the commissioners pledged the cooperation of the county in an anti-typhoid campaign this year. The campaign will be managed under the supervision of the county health officer with the assistance of the doctors of the county. The county is to pay 25 cents for each case, the State paying the remainder. A similar campaign was staged last year and proved very successful.

The board ordered the admission of James, Bobbie and Simon Beecham to the county home. Such an order was passed some time ago, but was met with flat refusal by those concerned, and for the past several years they have depended on what little help was offered by the people of the town. Only this week the boy, Simon, was pleading for a permit from the mayor to allow him to beg on the streets. His story was most pitiful and the step by the commissioners was a most needed one.

The estate of Mrs. Augusta Woodard was released from the payment of tax on \$1,500, on house and lot double-taxed in Williamston. Joe Riddick was released from the payment of poll tax and dog tax in Williamston township; non-resident. Miles Riddick, of Williamston township, was also released from the payment of \$2 poll tax and dog tax on account of being a non-resident.

J. D. Bond was released from the payment of \$1 dog tax in Williamston Township. John Price was released from the payment of \$2 poll tax in Williamston Township, listed through error. R. C. Clemmons, of Cross Roads Township, was released from the payment of taxes on \$900, listed by error.

J. W. and C. L. Leggett were released from the payment of taxes on \$800 worth of property, on account of house being burned. E. D. Leggett, of Cross Roads township, was released from the payment of poll tax on account of the loss of a leg. E. R. Turner, of Goose Nest Township, was refunded taxes on \$800 worth of property, listed by error.

Eli Roberson, of Williamston, was released from taxes on \$97 valuation, listed in error. H. L. Hopkins was released from the payment of poll tax in Poplar Point township, he having listed and paid in Hamilton. The R. H. Hargrove estate was released from the payment of taxes on \$10,365, which was listed by error.

W. J. Taylor presented his resignation as road-trustee of Williamston township, which was accepted. John M. Bowen was elected a member of the board of trustees of Williamston township roads. H. P. Leggett, of Griffins Township, was released from the payment of taxes on \$150, listed through error. J. L. Roberson, of Robersonville, was appointed county tax supervisor.

It was ordered that the property of Mrs. Ida Godard, of Williamston Township, be reduced \$250 on account of road damage. It was ordered that lumber be furnished for a 12-foot bridge in Griffins Township near L. B. Peels.

John Mayo, of Bethel, Victim of Pneumonia

Mr. John Mayo, of Bethel, died at his home at that place Sunday. Mr. Mayo was 76 years old, and was for many years one of the leading farmers of Edgecombe County, living a few miles north of Bethel. He moved from the farm to Bethel a few years ago.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. The funeral was held by Elder W. B. Harrington Monday, and burial took place at the Robersonville cemetery.

Government Boat Comes Up Roanoke

"Paquippa," a boat of the engineering department of the U. S. Government is inspecting the Roanoke River. It docked here late yesterday afternoon and left this morning for Hamilton.

STRAND THEATRE

TONIGHT

"Not So Long Ago" With Betty Bronson and Ricardo Cortez

TOMORROW

Admission 15c Yakima Canutt in "White Thunder"

Also 2-Reel Comedy Two Shows—7 and 9