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Woman's Club and Officials of Town Are Backing Clean-Up Campaign Here Next Week

Prize Will Be Given for Prettiest Yard Later In The Summer

The plans for Clean-Up Week beginning next Monday are being perfected. It is a campaign with "All together for a more beautiful town" for a slogan.

This campaign will not mean so much to our housekeepers as it will to the business men and those owning vacant lots.

One more thing we should remedy—as much vacant woods space as we have to dump trash, we should put it behind some obstruction to the view of tourists.

In Tuesday's Enterprise we will state what sections of the town the trash carts will be in each day, beginning Wednesday.

We sincerely hope that it will not be necessary for the mayor to order the vacant lots cleaned, because we want this to be a campaign waged solely on the town pride of our citizens.

The lots will be inspected by city officials next Friday afternoon.

Catch Thieves Who Robbed Smokehouse

Mr. K. C. Butler, of Windsor, lost seven hams and four shoulders from his smokehouse Wednesday night. Mr. Butler had no clue as to the thieves until a phone call was received from the police chief of Washington, saying that three suspicious negroes with a lot of meat were being entertained at the Washington headquarters.

Whereupon, Sheriff Cooper and Mr. Butler immediately went to Washington, where they identified both the meat and the three negroes, who were Robert Hyman, John Hendrick, and Wright Askew, who were taken to Windsor and placed in jail.

The thieves were picked up in Washington because of their suspicious actions in trying to dispose of the meat.

Bank of Robersonville Purchases New Quarters

The Bank of Robersonville has purchased the building formerly owned and occupied by the Farmers Banking & Trust Co., of Robersonville, and will move their banking business there in the near future.

STRAND THEATRE

Tonight—Friday SHIRLEY MASON in "CURLY TOP"

Fox Sunshine Comedy Only 15c

Saturday LEFTY FLYNN in "THE NO-GUN MAN"

OUR GANG in "ASK GRANDMA"

"SECRET SERVICE SANDERS" Episode No. 2—7 and 9 p. m. 20c and 40c

MAN CAPTURED IS NOT LEROY WHITE

Bertie People Excited Over Report of Capture of Man Who Brutally Murdered Wife 10 Years Ago

All of Bertie County was thrown into a state of excitement yesterday when Sheriff Cooper received a telegram from Mount Airy, N. C., that Leroy White had been caught and was being held at Hillville, Va.

Few murders in this State have been more brutal than that charged against White. He married a Miss Mountain, the owner of a large farm on the Cashie Neck road between Windsor and Woodard.

Some time that night neighbors went to the home and were alarmed by the cries of the baby and as no one could be aroused they broke in the door and found the woman cold in death with the baby sitting on her.

When found, every door and window to the house was locked and the husband gone, and so far as the public knows, never a word nor a sign of Leroy White has been had since.

The mystery of White's disappearance, connected with the tragedy, naturally caused great excitement among Bertie people when they heard that White had been captured.

Methodist Program For the Next Week

Sunday school, 9.45 a. m.—E. P. Cunningham, superintendent.

Preaching services, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Junior Epworth League, 2.30 p. m., Miss Emma Roberson, superintendent.

Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, Monday at 4 p. m., at the church; Mrs. W. C. Liverman, president.

Senior Epworth League Monday at 8 p. m.; Mrs. J. W. Watts, jr., superintendent.

Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m.

Choir practice, Wednesday, 8.45 p. m.

Bear Grass School Finals Tonight

The Bear Grass School will close its most successful school in history tonight. The school, under the leadership of Prof. S. M. Lee, has done good work.

The high-school pupils were conveyed to the Williamston school during the term just closing, because the number of high-school pupils was not sufficient to justify teaching all the grades.

The finals will take place tonight. The program is a play by the school pupils.

Christian Church Sunday Services

Rev. A. J. Manning, Pastor Sunday school, 9.45 a. m.—W. C. Manning superintendent.

There will be no services in the local church, as the pastor will be at Maple Grove for their regular monthly service. All of the church members here are invited to attend this service.

Rev. A. J. Manning attended the revival services at the Christian church last night.

Messrs. J. R. Porter and C. P. McCluer, of Tarboro, were visitors in the city this morning.

SCHOOL IS READY FOR GROUP CENTER

Pupils Who Will Take Part in Elimination Contests at Jamesville Saturday Finish Practice

The local schools yesterday completed the final touches in preparation for the group-center commencement to be held at Jamesville Saturday, April 17. Work will begin at 10 a. m.

The following will represent Williamston in the various contests: Arithmetic: Hewett Edwards.

Spelling contest: Josephine Harrison, Mary Alice Dunning, Charles Fleming, Wheeler Manning, Edith Taylor.

There were two different preliminaries for each event before the contestants were chosen. Every precaution was taken to eliminate anything that might smack of partiality.

Jamesville Baptist Church Services

By A. Corey, Pastor Sunday is your day; it was given for rest and devotion; let me suggest that you give just a little of it to the Lord in His services.

There will be a very special service at the Baptist Church both morning and evening. The morning hour will be devoted to the town and community thoughts, and the subject one of interest. The evening service will be for the school and also special subject for that hour.

The subjects are as follows: 11 a. m., "The Town's Best Assets." 8 p. m., "The Right Angle-Triangle of Life."

We want the parents to attend the morning service, and this is a special service for the community, and every one of every home is invited, regardless of church homes or not.

The Sunday night service for the benefit of the school will be one of interest as the school boys and girls are expected to meet at the school building and come over in a body to the church, and there will be special music by the school group.

Sunday school at 9.45 o'clock a. m. Let's go and have a good day all day.

Sermon Subjects At Memorial Baptist

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the pastor will have for his theme "Unanswered Prayers."

Every Christian prays. The Lord has promised to answer prayer. And sometimes the Christian says his prayers have not been answered. "If he could solve this problem, he could believe anything." An attempt will be made to give the congregation help at this point.

At the 8 o'clock hour the subject will be, "The utter Futility of Holding Out Against God." The story of Sisera will be told, of whom it was said, "The stars in their courses fought against Sisera." The person who pits himself against God's purposes and the march of righteous events does find that the very forces of nature are arrayed against him. It is eventually a losing game. To play this game in the hope of beating it is utterly futile.

Cotton Manufacturer Visitor Here Thursday

Mr. W. T. Shaw, of Weldon, was in town Thursday. Mr. Shaw has been engaged in the manufacture of cotton for many years, and is now selling direct to the retail trade, which brings the goods directly from the mill to the merchant, the consumer only having to pay one profit. Mr. Shaw states that the cotton-goods trade is dull, since cotton is low, and the outlook now points to a big crop this season.

AMERICAN FOREST WEEK, APRIL 18-24

State Forester Outlines Program For Week; Forest Conservation Is Important Subject

Following is the program for North Carolina for the observance of American Forest Week, April 18-24, 1926, as outlined by J. S. Holmes, State Forester, North Carolina department of conservation and development:

Sunday, April 18.—Trees and Religion Day.—Let Sunday school teachers, preachers, and speakers at religious forums refer to and emphasize the aesthetic and spiritual value of trees and forests as beautiful and beneficent gifts of God, and as the friends and servants of man.

Monday, April 19.—Forest Resource Day.—Let speakers, writers, and teachers emphasize the economic value of trees and forests, past, present, and future. Our industries, our farms and our homes need a regular and permanent supply of timber.

Tuesday, April 20.—Forest Protection Day.—The fundamental importance of protecting our forests from fire will be stressed. Let every forest warden devote the day to effective publicity work, especially distributing reading matter and talking fire control. Let newspapers and advertisers cooperate in placing forest-fire slogans in their advertisements to run throughout the week.

Wednesday, April 21.—Forest Renewal Day.—Let the perpetuation of our forest resources be considered by luncheon clubs, women's clubs, and similar organizations and gatherings. Proper methods of cutting, and the selection of suitable seed trees, will secure a second crop in most cases.

Thursday, April 22.—Public Forests Day.—Forest and scenic areas owned by the public and administered by the Federal government, the State, the county, the city or the community are rapidly increasing in number and importance. Demonstration and experimental forests, recreation forests and parks, protection forests and wild life sanctuaries should furnish the topic for speeches, addresses, newspaper articles and editorials, and general conversation where two or three are met together.

Friday, April 23.—School Observance Day.—The superintendents, principals, and teachers of the public schools, both for white and colored, might well arrange for a general observance of this week along appropriate lines. Speeches, essays, or exercises within the school, reading the president's or governor's proclamation tree planting on the school ground, or tree study in the near-by woods should all emphasize the importance of trees and forests to the next generation.

Saturday, April 24.—Know-Our-Woodlands Day.—Go camping, picnicking, fishing, hiking, photographing—anything to get to the woods. See if you can name the principal trees. Can you find abundant seedlings, young growth, or mature timber? Have the woods been burnt over? With what result? Is there a full even stand of timber of desirable species? If not, why not? Compare a farmer's woods with his field crops. Should the State help to bring about better conditions?

Note.—This program may be transposed and used in any way which may better suit local and individual conditions.

Improvements Made in Woman's Club Rooms

Under the supervision of Mrs. J. G. Staton, chairman of the ways and means committee of the club many improvements have been made to the club this week. Running water has been installed, a butler's pantry has been conveniently arranged and outfitted, and the stage has been cleared; the old curtains moved back and gone over, giving the rooms a much better appearance.

Heretofore, when any church or civic organization used the rooms, an awful lot of trouble was caused because dishes, stoves, water, etc., had to be carried to the rooms from the homes of those interested.

Now, for a nominal sum these organizations are allowed the use of the rooms with all the accommodations attached.

A list of the things donated and

150 Invited to Banquet Tonight By Y. M. C. A.; Dr. Chas. O'H. Laughinghouse to be Speaker

There have been invited 150 representative citizens of the town to a banquet to be given by the Y. M. C. A. at the Woman's Club rooms tonight.

Dr. Charles O'Hagan Laughinghouse, of Greenville, who is well known here, will make the principal address of the evening. His subject will be "The Youth or North Carolina's Greatest Resource."

The address will be well worth the time of any one, for Dr. Laughinghouse is probably one of the best-informed men of the State, and as a physician has come in contact with many of the vital problems of life.

Mayor Coburn will be toastmaster. The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church will serve the supper.

COLORED COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

Being Held Here Today; Twenty-nine County Schools Represented; Parade Features

The county commencement of the colored graded schools was held here today, with colored kids, teachers, and old folks from every nook in the county.

Some were on hand before breakfast time this morning, and they continued to flock in until the school campus was overflowing. At 10.45 the long parade began; each school lined up, making a chain more than a mile long, reaching from the schoolhouse almost to the fair grounds.

The county convention will elect delegates to the State convention, which will be held at Raleigh April 29. No nominations for county or State offices are made at either the county or State conventions, but platforms will be adopted and general plans of organization of State, congressional, senatorial and judicial districts will be effected.

The exercises were all held in the grand stand at the fair grounds, which was filled to overflowing.

The display of work by the schools filled the woman's building and consisted of almost any article you can think of. Among the displays were drawing, map-making, needlework, woodwork, etc. Many articles of useful furniture were on exhibit also.

The entire program was a credit to the negro race and demonstrated the power of education on humanity.

The soberness and behavior of all was commendable and would have graced a race of even longer culture than the negro has been blessed with.

Subscription Parties Are Very Successful

The subscription card parties given yesterday and last night by the Woman's Club were very successful. On account of the rain many children were kept away, but those who went had a very happy time.

Last night every table was taken; various games were played, and it was a real community get-together affair. Several tables were reserved in advance, but many others who had brought tickets enjoyed playing with friends they did not have the opportunity to see often.

Mrs. A. R. Dunning served delicious fruit punch. Misses Eugenia Hoyt, Frances Williams, Mary Alice Dunning and Ruth Peel served cream and home-made cakes.

To the ways and means committee and the special committees appointed to help these women goes the credit for such successful parties.

Those attending from out of town included Mr. and Mrs. J. Gold, Sol Gold, and Hil Robbins, of Rocky Mt., Miss Sylvia Levy, of Tarboro; and Mrs. S. S. Lawrence, of Richmond.

Cooperative Power Plan For East Carolina Towns

Eastern Carolina towns are preparing to join in a plan to cooperate in the providing of electric power for lights and power.

The commissioners of Tarboro have decided to enter into an agreement with a number of the town of the State in a plan to build connecting lines and furnishing cheaper current.

The towns which are expected to enter the merger are Greenville, Washington, New Bern, Kinston, Ayden, Farmville, Wilson, Rocky Mount, Scotland Neck, and Tarboro.

Attorneys and electricians from Greenville are taking a leading part in the technical details of such a project and when the advantages are presented to a town it appears to have received hearty approval so far.

SIX DEMOCRATIC MEETS TONIGHT

Township Conventions Will Be Held Tonight and Tomorrow to Perfect Party Organization

Six Democratic township meetings will be held tonight, at Jamesville, Williamston, Everetts, Robersonville, Hamilton, and Oak City, and meetings will be held in Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass, and Poplar Point Townships Saturday at 3 p. m.

All of these meetings will be held at the usual voting places, or at some convenient place which may be arranged by the local committee. These meetings elect candidates for justices of the peace, township constables, and township executive committees and elect delegates to the county convention which will be held here at the courthouse April 24.

The township convention will also elect a chairman, who will be a member of the county executive committee, which elects a county chairman and secretary.

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Free Tombstones For Dead Ex-Service Men

The following has been received from Congressman Lindsay C. Warren, which should be of great interest to many of our people:

The Government will furnish, free of charge, upon application duly made to the War Department, a white marble headstone for the grave of every soldier, sailor, or marine who has served in the army or navy of the United States, whether regular or volunteer, and whether he died in the service or after honorable discharge. This does not include Confederate soldiers.

Civil and Spanish war headstones are 39 inches long, 12 inches wide, and 2 inches thick; top slightly rounded, with emblem cut within a sunken shield. World War headstones are 42 inches long; 13 inches wide and 4 inches thick, and within a small circle will be cut either a Latin cross for Christians, a Star of David for Hebrews, or no emblem, as selected. The inscription on every headstone will consist of the soldier's full name, the State from which he came, his rank, division and date of death. The stones will be shipped, freight prepaid, by the Government, to the nearest railroad station.

Senior Class to Present Play Here Next Friday

The senior class of the Williamston High School will give the play, "Uncle Fred," by W. A. Stigler, on Friday, April 23rd.

The class is composed of the following girls and boys: Elizabeth Gurganus, Trulah Page, Ruth Manning, Mary Melissa Andrews, Marguerite Cook, Lucille Hassell, Cecil Taylor, and Harry Barnhill. They will be assisted by Hazel Edmondson, M. D. Watts, Paul Godwin, Darrell Price, and William Cook.

The play will be directed by Professor J. S. Seymour, who has had quite a bit of experience with theatricals, and he probably few would, will be very ably supported by the cast.

There will be a small admission charged, and the proceeds will be used by the graduates to present their alma mater a gift when they complete their work in a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hall, and Mr. J. L. Warren, of Cape Charles, Va., arrived this afternoon to visit Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Crawford for several days.

Miss Vella Andrews will arrive tonight to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Andrews for the week end.

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

April 18—"The Beginning of Sin."—Gen. 3:1-24.

By C. E. DICKRY

This lesson opens the problem of sin and suffering. It was a paradise through which we walked last Sunday. Today, it is a wilderness of sin. Milton followed his "Paradise Lost" with his "Paradise Regained." This regaining of paradise is the problem now, which confronts all the forces of creation, both in heaven and on earth.

We believe it is being gradually regained. The world is not going all to pieces. Through its heart one increasing purpose runs. God is in His heaven, and all's well. There is evil, here and there and everywhere; but where sin abounded, grace did much more abound. There is more of good in the world today than there has ever been. We are moving, slowly but surely, towards that one far off divine event, towards which the whole creation tends.

The problem will be raised, of course, in connection with this lesson, as to why God permitted evil? As to why He stood by and saw His garden turned into a wilderness? Why He remained inactive while His children fell into sin and estrangement?

Without assuming to answer these questions, it may be said, in the first place, that God created human beings—not machines. A machine is dependent on its maker or operator for every move it makes. Not so with man. He was endowed, from the first, and by His Creator, with freedom of the will and its implied freedom of action. Man is not a piece of machinery but a living soul.

In the second place, if there is to be a moral being, there must be the possibility of evil—the ability to choose between what is best and what is not.

God could have forcefully kept back these first persons from sin, but in so doing, He would have been encroaching upon their ability to do as they liked. If He had held them back from wrong, there would have been no credit accruing to them.

They were made in His image, after His likeness—just a little lower than the angels—a little less than divine—belonging to the same race to which God belongs—the race of the immortals. Their destiny was within their own keeping. They had the capacity of choice, of making decisions, of choosing, of deciding.

Indeed, their problem is the same as ours. In every essential, each of us has followed in their steps. All we, like sheep, have gone astray. Each of us has transgressed the law; none of us are good; no, not one.

"What forbidden fruit," one says, "did they eat?" Nobody knows, and this is not the essential. The outstanding fact—the heart of it is that they disobeyed God. In so doing, they transgressed the law. In so doing, they fell from a state of innocence.

But the hidden glory here lies in the fact that those who fall may rise again. That's what the human race is doing. Some call it evolution. It is the gradual ascent of humanity back up to the level of innocence. We shall reach that state not by our own good deeds, not by might, but through the imputed righteousness of Christ. The new-born twice-born soul is treated as though he were righteous and innocent. He is neither righteous nor innocent; but through the infinite mercy and love of a good God, he is and will be treated as though he were righteous and innocent. For, as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

It is human to err. It is like Christ to overcome! God forgets the past. We should. "On to victory" should be our cry.

Farmer Badly Burned in Dynamite Explosion

M. P. Hugh, of near Coleraine, Bertie County, was taken through town this week to the Washington hospital for treatment for burns and bruises caused when a dynamite charge went off prematurely, badly burning as well as bruising him. At last reports he was apparently doing well. Mr. Hugh is 77 years old.

Sunday Services at Episcopal Church

Rev. C. O. Pardo, Rector Sunday, April 18th: 8 a. m.—Holy Communion. 9.45 a. m.—Church school. 11 a. m.—Morning prayer and sermon. 3 p. m.—Holy Trinity Mission. 8 p. m.—Evening prayer and sermon.