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County Baptist Sunday Schools Are Organized

Meeting Held at the Everetts Church Last Sunday Afternoon

Last Sunday afternoon representatives from the Baptist Sunday schools in Martin County met with the Everetts Baptist Church for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Sunday school convention in this county.

Quite a large number of people from all parts of the county were present, and the organization was perfected under the direction of Mr. Roy D. Clarke, educational director of religion for the Baptists in the Roanoke Association.

The superintendent for the organization was Mr. Paul Salisbury, of Hamilton, and the secretary was Mr. Paul Bailey, of Everetts. Other officers were elected for the various sections of the work.

As this meeting was given over largely to organization, the first regular meeting with program will be held with the Baptist Church of Hamilton on the afternoon of the first Sunday in June, at 3 o'clock.

Those attending the meeting at Everetts from Williamston included Mrs. Fannie S. Biggs, Miss Mattie Lou Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Holloman, Miss Carrie Dell White, Mr. Andrew Summerlin, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Biggs, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Courtney and Furney Howard, Rev. C. H. Dickey, of the local Baptist church, accompanied the delegates.

Oak City Negroes in a Free-For-All

Oak City was the scene of a cutting, duffing, and shooting frolic Sunday night, when John and Norman Jones got into combat with Ben Purvis, Spencer Hyman, and Thurston Hyman. All the participants are colored.

The row apparently occurred over some gasoline, yet some suggestion of a woman in the case appeared.

At any rate, things got lively when one of the Jones succeeded in slipping a knife blade in Purvis's shoulder and some of the gang tried out a Coca-Cola bottle on Jones's cranium, which produced plenty of blood but no broken bones. The fun, however, did not reach its full blast until a gun flashed and the noise aroused the town. The load took effect in the calf of Thurston Hyman's leg. The shot was very small chilled shot, so small that they did not get very deep. This shot did not end the fight, for another crash came; this time the load of shot struck Spencer Hyman in the back and right side; and then came another, at such close range that the load tore through his right thigh, but not deep enough to do very much harm.

No arrests had been made up to yesterday afternoon.

Sparrow Caught Here From Pennsylvania

On August 7, 1926, James Spenser placed a band of the Biological Survey around an English Sparrow's leg at Wallingford, Pa. Just what course the bird took from that city is not known. The next thing heard of the bird was when Mr. Simon D. Perry, of Williamston route 4, trapped it in a deadfall the early part of this month.

During the heavy snow, Mr. Perry prepared a deadfall at the request of his children, and it was then that the Pennsylvania Sparrow revealed his identity. The band bore the stamp of the Biological Survey, Washington, D. C. and through the number, 181,062, on the band the bird's course was partly traced.

Baptists to Have Pre-Easter Revival

Following a custom of many years, the pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church of Williamston has asked his church to make plans for a two-weeks revival meeting to be held just before Easter.

Accordingly, the time has been arranged, the preacher engaged, and the meeting is for the first time publicly announced.

The special preacher for these meetings is Mr. A. O. Moore, of Salisbury. He is pastor of the First Baptist Church of that city, which is a great and growing church. Mr. Dickey was in Salisbury last year while Rev. Moore was conducting his own revival and heard him preach in his own church. From hearing him in his own revival, Mr. Dickey was so charmed by his preaching that he wanted him for the people of this section.

It is a source of great gratification to the local Baptist people to be able to announce, therefore, that Mr. Moore will come to Williamston and Martin County for a revival meeting just before Easter.

Mr. Charlie Barbery made a business trip to Coleraine today.

Start 2-Weeks Term Court Here Monday

Judge Reviews Crime History

States that 98 of Every 100 Criminals Are Never Punished

Judge Romulus A. Nunn opened his first term of court in Martin County Monday morning, with State Solicitor Gilliam prosecuting the docket. This term is for the trial of both criminal and civil cases. The civil calendar will begin tomorrow.

Judge Nunn gave a considerable history of crime in the world today. He said that there is about 10,000 murders in the United States each year; that in 20 years past there have been 175,000 murders and of that vast number only 1,500 have been executed by hanging or electrocution. According to his figures, about 20,000 of the murderers have died; another 18,000 are now in prison, with 135,000 of them still at large and going free among other men in the country; that there are 50,000 more murderers at large in the United States than there are policemen in every town and city in the nation.

Continuing, there are 10,000 more murderers going at large than our entire standing army; and there are more people who have committed murder in the United States than there are prisoners in every jail, lock-up, or penitentiary, national, State, and municipal.

While we had 10,000 murders in 1924, England had 100 and France had 400. We had 30,000 burglaries and 56,000 robberies. England and Wales had 211, and France had 47.

In North Carolina, crimes are just a little above the high average for the United States.

It is claimed by the leading authorities that a majority of those who commit capital felonies are never detected, and only 2 per cent are punished. That is, 98 of every 100 people who commit arson, rape, murder, or burglary are never punished. Judge Nunn said the crime of burglary has increased 1300 per cent in 10 years.

The judge went far enough to clearly intimate that society needs more protection today than prisoners; more penal institutions, and fewer hotels for prisoners. We have made prison life so attractive that men are breaking in rather than breaking out. He commended the law of New York, which inflicts unpardonable life imprisonment on any person for his fourth conviction of any crime for a felony.

The jurist stated that the old saying, "It is better for 99 guilty persons to escape than for one innocent man to be punished" has been the cause of much leniency by jurors.

He said that the countries which have fewest of the major offenses are diligent in meting out sure and just punishment for the crimes. In America, it is quite different. We use the modern method, get them loose and let them kill again.

Judge Nunn took very little time in charging the grand jury on the minor issues or crimes, simply instructed them in their duties and the dignity of their position.

The jury is composed of L. B. Harrison, foreman; W. A. Brown, Alex. Peel, R. A. Edmondson, Arnold L. Roberson, J. D. Woodard, G. D. Ward, G. A. Pel, J. F. Weaver, J. H. Ayers, R. L. Smith, M. E. Roberson, Augustus Williams, J. E. Congleton, W. S. Gurganus, Jno. W. Green, C. O. Moore and L. H. Rouse.

Charlotte Man is New Pardon Commissioner

Governor McLean has appointed Edwin Bridges, of Charlotte, pardon commissioner to take the place of Hoyle Sink, who was appointed full-time emergency judge. Mr. Bridges is a Virginian, but has been practicing law in Charlotte since his return from the World War.

Mrs. Maggie Griffin Died Last Sunday

Mrs. Maggie Griffin, of Smithwick creek, died last Saturday morning from an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Griffin was before her marriage a Miss Woolard, of Beaufort county. Mrs. Griffin was 65 years old and resided in Beaufort county until her marriage to the late John R. Griffin. She leaves three sons, two daughters, several grand children, three brothers and a sister.

Interment was made in the Griffin burying ground near her home Sunday afternoon.

Proceedings of Superior Court to Noon Today

Jury Will Get Murder Case About 3:30 in Afternoon

The first case to reach the jury of the present term superior court was a charge of burglary against William Taylor, Tom Fleming and Wright Smith. Early in this month they broke into a smoke house and stole 18 hams. They carried the meat to Greenville, where they tried to sell it. Failing there they went to Ayden and while they were selling ham at 10 cents a pound, the buyers were tipping-off the police. Neither of the defendants had a lawyer and each cross examined the State's witnesses, and then told the story for himself. Each of the defendants tried to make the story a little better for himself, laying his accomplices to foot the penalty. Taylor described his actions as he peeped into the residence of Tom Brown, owner of the meat, while the others were doing the stealing. It seemed that Smith remained at the car while the others went to the smoke house.

The jury found no trouble in convicting the defendants and all were given road sentences of six months. The second jury case was against Jones for driving an automobile while drunk. He was convicted but up to time of our going to press sentence had not been pronounced. This case was appealed from the recorder's court where it was heard several months ago.

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Seine fishing started in the Roanoke at Jamesville yesterday morning after a few days' delay caused by high water.

The catches were reported to be small and that the fishermen had much trouble with snags and logs in the river. The seine was completely torn in two once when it was caught over a log. After two hours, however, the break was mended and fishing started anew.

Each year thousands of people visit the fisheries on the Roanoke and this season will see a like number going to see the fish trapped by the thousands. Messrs. Fleming and Hassell operate the fisheries at Jamesville.

Officers Seize Several Stills

One Found on Platform in Turkey Swamp Friday Morning

Deputy Sheriff Grimes and P. A. Ballard, while hunting in Turkey swamp last Friday, found a big still built on a platform with water all around it. The water was not very deep however, but it was deep enough to hinder parties in their search for stills. The kettle was bricked suitable for a permanent service and was warm when the officers arrived, it having been fired a few hours earlier. The output of the still had been removed and only nine barrels of beer awaited the distiller's hand.

Last Sunday Sheriff Roebuck was asked to look in a certain wood for moonshiners. He took Policeman Hardy, of Everetts, along and after a few miles drive they took a side road into the Great Branch section of Robersonville township. The condition of the road forced them to park their car and set out from there on foot. Right near where they parked their car they found another which they guessed belonged to rum runners. They took the number of the car and continued their journey in search of the reported still. A 60-gallon copper outfit and 700 gallons of beer constituted their first catch. A few hundred yards away they made a second catch, but all the beer had been worked up and the still was bare.

Further information coupled with newer circumstances cleared the parked car from all suspicion.

R. L. Hight Found Dead in a Plymouth Hotel

R. L. Hight, middle-aged white man, was found dead in the hotel at Plymouth yesterday morning shortly after seven o'clock. While no cause for his death could be assigned, it is thought that an over-indulgence in the use of liquor brought his life to an unexpected close. The man had dressed and was returning to his room when he fell dead in one of the hotel's halls.

Mr. High, for the past 15 years, worked with the Western Union Telegraph company, serving as a line-man. About three weeks ago he lost his job with that company, and since that time he has been unemployed, according to information coming from Plymouth. Instructions as to the disposal of the body were awaited this morning by an undertaking establishment in Plymouth.

Roanoke River Alloted \$2,700 by Government

The War Department has just announced the allotment of funds for the rivers of North Carolina for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928. All of the allocation is for maintenance except that part which will be necessary to complete the Hyde County cut of the inland waterway. A total of \$794,750 has been set aside for all of the waterways of the State, but the first congressional district gets \$577,100 of that amount.

Representative Lindsay Warren gives the allocations in this district as follows: Inland waterway, Norfolk to Beaufort (Hyde County), \$550,000; Tar and Pamlico Rivers, \$16,500; Meherrin River, \$2,700; Scuppernon River, \$2,700; Roanoke River, \$2,700; Swan Quarter to Deep Bay, \$2,500.

County Tobacco Acreage Increased Twenty Per Cent

No Shortage in Tobacco Plants

With an estimated increase of 20 per cent, Martin County will have 16,150 acres of tobacco this year. This estimated increase, coming from a large number of farmers throughout the section, will take place in those sections of the county where the acreage of cotton has been greatly reduced. Within the past several days some

less than a hundred farmers in this and Washington County have given the reports as gathered by them in their respective sections, and in each case the increase in acreage ranges from 15 to 25 per cent. Using the average yield per acre of last year, the 1927 crop will amount to around 10,239,100 pounds.

Teachers Hold Last Meet of School Year

Held Friday in Robersonville

Schools All Over County Well Represented by Committeemen

The last teachers' meeting of the Robersonville schools, opened this, the largest meeting of the teachers this year. The Rev. Mr. Harrell, of the Robersonville Christian Church, read the Scriptural lesson, and Rev. Mr. Mason led the assemblage in prayer. After the minutes had been read and approved, several business matters relating to school work were brought up and a number of changes made. The county commencement, which takes place here the 22nd of next month, was given a few minutes discussion. After several suggestions were made, the dates for the group and general commencements were moved up a day in each case. The group center commencements will be held in Hamilton on the 8th of April, and in Jamesville on Friday, April 15; the county-wide commencement taking place here on the 22nd instead of the 23rd.

Delegates to the North Carolina Teachers' Educational Association were appointed by the body. To the superintendent's section, Mr. R. A. Pope, county superintendent, was appointed. Professor Ainsley, of the Oak City schools, will represent the principals and high schools at the meeting in Raleigh. Miss Rebecca Bonner, of the Everetts school, will represent the grammar grades, and Misses Annie Harper, of Williamston, and Essie Jordan, of Jamesville, and Mrs. Ruth Brown Winslow, of Gold Point, were appointed to represent the primary departments. Miss Elizabeth Jones, of the Oak City schools music department, was chosen from that field. The meeting begins in Raleigh tomorrow and continues through Friday. Some of the country's best educators will appear and talk to the hundreds of teachers present. The interchange of ideas among the various members of the appointed groups will be one of the main features of the meeting.

For the past several years, our county has been ably represented at these State meetings, and the reports brought back by the delegates have been of much help to the members of the county teaching staff. Heretofore, these reports have been given by the delegates at the regular teacher's meetings, but this year the delegates will write their reports, which will be placed before the teachers of the county through a medium selected by the county superintendent. Superintendent Pepe stated late yesterday that it might be advisable to call another county meeting of the teachers and have the reports placed before them in that manner. While another meeting of the teachers is highly speculative, the need of one was stressed in the office of the superintendent; but if other methods of distributing the delegates' reports are decided upon, no meeting will be held.

The program, while it was a bit long, was varied and made interesting by a number of demonstrations.

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Considering Selection New Fair Manager

While no successor has been named to take the place of Mr. H. M. Poe, late manager of the Roanoke Fair, the names of several applicants are now before the association, and an appointment is expected within the next few days. The officials of the association are giving the selection of a new manager much consideration in an effort to hold the fair up to its present high standard.

According to an official of the association, preparations for the fair next fall are being carried on ready for the new manager when he is named within the next few days. Before the death of Mr. Poe, many of the fair's contracts had been signed, most of the number including features now playing the fairs in the far South. It is likely that these contracts will hold, but just what they include has not been announced by the association.

E. E. Bundy is Now Head Hertford Schools

A late issue of the Hertford News carries a picture of Prof. Edgar E. Bundy, which was taken just as he met a bunch of his school children at Hertford during the recent big snow storm. The picture looks almost as much like a snow man, as it does Mr. Bundy, and it is quite evident that he met too large a crowd of the children at one time.

Professor Bundy was for several years superintendent of the Williamston schools, and is now superintendent of Hertford County schools as well as head of the city high school of Hertford.

Town Team Loses Rocky Mount Y.

The local town team lost in a practice game with the Rocky Mount "Y" team in Rocky Mount last night 48-36. Jimmy Simpson for the Y played a splendid game and to him his team's win is due. Jimmy Brown and Gay-Bundy for the locals were high scorers. Rocky Mount is to play Charlotte next Friday night for the State championship and it was for that team to keep in practice that the locals visited there last night. A much larger score was expected, and the result of the game is a credit to the local team.

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Robersonville Womans Club, Reviews Work

Heads of Departments Make Reports; New Officers Elected

Robersonville, March 21.—(Special to The Enterprise).—The regular monthly meeting of the Robersonville Woman's Club was held in the home economics room of the school building at the usual time, the second Tuesday afternoon in March. The president turned the first part of the meeting over to Miss Trentham, the efficient county home agent. She displayed steam-pressure cookers and explained their use. She then placed a three-year-old uncooked hen, dressed whole, and a quart of uncooked navy beans, in one of the cookers, put it on the stove, and stated that the food would be done within 45 minutes after the needle on the pressure gauge reached 15 pounds pressure. She then gave a short talk on home gardening, after which the club had a business session.

March, being the end of the local club year, all officers, chairmen of departments and standing committees gave reports of the past year's work. The treasurer reported \$114.82 turned in, \$52.55 paid out, balance on hand \$62.27; also more than \$20 health fund derived from the sale of Christmas seals, of which Mrs. G. H. Cox acted as chairman. The ways and means committee reported \$71.02 raised. The membership committee reported several new members added during the year, including Mrs. W. P. Sumner, Mrs. R. K. Adkins, Mrs. Ethner Anderson, Mrs. John Bailey, and Mrs. Harrell.

The publicity committee, through its chairman, reported that reports of 8 meetings were sent to the News & Observer, 8 to the Williamston Enterprise, 9 to the Robersonville Herald, and 4 to the Robersonville Times. Notices of meetings have been published in the Herald and announced in the local churches. The corresponding secretary reported 50 letters received and 15 written.

Reports of Mrs. I. M. Little, chairman of music and art; and Mrs. Abram Roberson, chairman of home economics and public welfare, who could not be present on account of illness, were deferred until the April meeting. Mrs. William Gray, chairman of literature and civics, reported that three programs had been prepared for the year, the first of which was interrupted by a storm. The December program was a study of North Carolina writers, and the February meeting brought Miss Mary Flournoy, of the State Library Commission, to the club with a splendid message on public libraries and how to enlarge our school library for public use.

The special library committee reported a meeting held and plans made.

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Large Shipment Kitchen Cabinets to Local Store

One of the largest shipments of kitchen cabinets ever to be shipped into Williamston at one time arrived here the latter part of last week. The shipment constituted almost a solid car of the famous Sellers cabinets.

Mr. B. S. Courtney, the purchaser, stated that the appearances of the American Kitchen are fast becoming the topics in American housekeeping. Those who recall the old-time kitchen with the glaring oak woodwork, wooden sink, and red table cloth remember also what a relief it was when the glistening white kitchen, so spic and span, was introduced. It seemed that the very limit in kitchen beauty had been reached. Then on top of that enterprising and alert manufacturers have produced the kitchen cabinet. Today the cabinet holds an elevated position over the first designs, and the carload shipment includes the very latest.

These new style cabinets are being shown by Mr. Courtney at his furniture store here and they are well worth a visit. Certainly with the new kitchen sets and new "homey" effects, it won't be long before the practice of "eating in the kitchen" will be quite plausible. It might not be for all the meals of a day but for afternoon tea, buffet supper, and the like.

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