

Sunday School Convention of County in June

To Be Held in Everetts Christian Church June 2 and 3

Plans have been made for holding the annual Martin County Sunday School convention at the Christian church, Everetts, on Thursday and Friday, June 2 and 3, 1927. Arrangements for the convention are in hands of Mr. James L. Robinson and Miss Helen Adkins, president and secretary of the county Sunday school association.

These officers have announced that they have secured as outside speakers for the convention Mr. D. W. Sims, Raleigh, general superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School association, and Miss Ione Alverson, young people's division superintendent of the association. Besides these outside speakers, a number of prominent pastors and Sunday school workers of the county will take part on the program.

The program for the convention will include addresses and discussions of various phases of modern Sunday school work, the object being to make it possible for workers in all departments of the Sunday school to get help from the convention. A special request is being made to the Sunday school workers of the county to present to the convention any special Sunday school problem that should be discussed.

Announcement is also made by the officers in charge of the convention that, following a custom started three years ago, a pennant will be presented to the Sunday school having in the convention the largest number of representatives, 16 years of age and over, according to the number of miles traveled. Any Sunday school in the county can compete for the pennant, except the Sunday school with which the convention is held and others within one mile of the convention church.

51 Honor Students At Robersonville

Fifty-one pupils in the Robersonville school won recognition when they went the entire term just closed without being absent or tardy. The sixth and ninth grades led the entire school with nine honor students each. The averages made by the Robersonville school during the year is thought to be the highest in the county.

The students who attended school 160 days this year are:

- First grade: Julian Baker, Janie Everette, James Gray, Irma Rogerson.
- Second grade: Annie L. Roberson.
- Third grade: Clinton Baker, Ann Eliza James.
- Fourth grade: Clifton Everette, Phillip Keel, Simon Woolard, Dixie Roberson, Kathryn Chandler, Garner House.
- Fifth grade: Eugene Roberson, Alice Ruth Bland, Mary Glenn Taylor, Doris Jenkins, Alga Lee Moye, Margaret Norman, Rosa White.
- Sixth grade: Harold House, Elton Manning, Archie T. Roberson, Edward Ross, J. C. Smith, William Warren Taylor, Irma Pae House, Marjorie Rogers, Pauline Whitfield.
- Seventh grade: Mildred Creecy, Emily Roberson, Selma Gurganus.
- Eighth grade: Brownie Roberson, Doris Hurst, Margaret Taylor, Thelma Marshall.
- Ninth grade: Wiley B. Rogerson, James Pope, Herbert Pope, Vernon Ward, Betty Crandall, Callie May Gray, Frances Jenkins, Vivian Morris, Elizabeth Warren.
- Tenth grade: Mary Johnson, Lillian Edmondson.
- Eleventh grade: Glenn Norman, Frances House, Bessie Morris, Hattie Ross.

Tax Listing Going Forward Slowly; Expect Rush Later

Fewer Taxpayers Have Listed Property This Year Than Ever Before in Same Length of Time

Reports coming from several of the county tax-list takers show that fewer people have listed their taxes this year than in previous years for the same length of time. Indirect reports from one or two townships state that their listings are taking place at a fair rate. The majority of the township lists, however, state that nothing has been done by the people in their townships to get their property on the county books. Several of the list takers seem to think the majority of the people are delaying their listing until the last minute without realizing the fact that it will take longer to list their taxes this year than it ordinarily does.

At noon yesterday, out of the 552 taxpayers in Cross Roads Township,

only 104 had listed their taxes. Williamston is said to have around one-fourth of its number listed. Griffiths reports a large percentage of its taxpayers already listed, but that there are yet many who have not. Robersonville reports little progress in its listings. Reports from other townships, while they are not direct, state the situation to be about the same as it is in Williamston and Cross Roads Townships.

Over half the time for listing is past, and judging from the time required to list one man's property, much confusion and trouble are expected the latter part of the month. The list takers are making an appeal to all property owners, urging them to list their property at once, and not wait until the last minute.

LOCAL SCHOOL TO CLOSE FRIDAY; EXERCISES ARE BEING WELL ATTENDED

Corn Growing Demonstration

Five Acres of Land Will Be Used in the Demonstration

"Martin County will conduct a corn-growing demonstration this year," stated Farm Agent Brandon today.

"Feeding and marketing hogs," he stated, "is just another way of selling our corn, but unless we grow the corn we feed and produce it at reasonable cost, we will not secure the greatest returns from our hog-feeding work."

"Hog feeding is essential however, in a well-balanced farm program for Martin County. I am interested, therefore, in seeing more corn grown in the county."

"In this demonstration, we will show that high acre yields will reduce the per bushel cost of growing corn. High acre yields," he continued, "can only be secured when the plant is furnished a liberal amount of nitrogen and large quantities of soil moisture. A soil filled with humus holds moisture and we may expect our best yields from such a soil when we apply a liberal amount of nitrate of soda when the corn is from knee-to-thigh high. It is necessary to produce from 40 to 60 bushels per acre if we expect to grow corn at a reasonable cost."

"Five acres will be used in the demonstration," he stated. "An application of 300 pounds of nitrate of soda per acre will be used. Accurate recorders will be kept, also, of all labor and materials required to produce the crop. The location of this demonstration will be announced later."

Bryant Carstarphen Editor Duke Paper

Bryant B. Carstarphen, of this city, received one of the most distinguished honors bestowed upon a student at Duke University this year when he was elected editor of "The Duke University Archive," which is the college magazine, and ranks among the leading college magazines of the entire country. Bryant was not chosen by the student body alone, but the faculty and alumni also had a part in the selection of an editor.

The position carries with it the confidence in his ability to sense a situation or condition of things and to suggest the proper thing to do to make the best of it. The editor is not a gatherer of news; he is more, a pioneer of thought.

Home Department To Meet Thursday

The American Home Department of the Williamston Woman's Club will meet Thursday afternoon, May 19, at 4 p. m., in the home demonstration kitchen at the courthouse annex. The subject for the meeting is "Salads."

Mrs. J. G. King has returned to her home at Roanoke Rapids after visiting her mothers, Mrs. Emma Thomason for sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson Griffin, of Goldsboro, announce the birth of a son, A. Wilson, Jr., Monday, May 16. Both Mr. and Mrs. Griffin are Martin county folks. Mrs. Griffin, before her marriage, was Miss Essie Woolard, of Jamesville.

Cantata Last Evening Well Received by Large Audience

The first of the commencement exercises of the local school was held last Sunday morning when Rev. A. J. Manning preached the annual sermon to the 17 graduates and several hundred of their friends. Pastor of the other churches announced no services for that morning, and the four congregations gathered at the Memorial Baptist church for the first number of the commencement series. Choosing "The Threefold Secret of a Great Life" as his subject, Mr. Manning delivered an able sermon to the young graduates. The power to concentrate, to forget and to anticipate go to make the threefold secret of a great life, according to the writings of Paul said the preacher. The high school juniors added to the impressiveness of the morning sermon when they filled the choir seats and led the music.

Sixty-five little folks, appearing in a cantata in the school auditorium last night pleased one of the largest audiences seen at a school commencement here in years. From the opening through the last number on the program the little folks drew hearty applause from the large audience. "The best thing staged by the school since I was in a play some 30 years ago," stated one man when he expressed his opinion of the "Brownie Band," the name of the cantata.

The teachers of the elementary department of the local school are deserving of much credit for their efforts in training the little folks for the performance last evening. In no exercise in years has there been evident a more thoroughness in training than was evident in the acting of the 65 primary pupils. Each of the 17 numbers in which the little folks took part reflected hours of training and perfect coaching.

The individual numbers were unusually good, and so were the soil and choruses, all going to make an excellent performance extraordinary. Tomorrow night at 8:15, the several school clubs will take charge and render the third number of the commencement series.

Thursday night at 8:15, the seniors will hold their graduating exercises. The final exercises will take place Friday morning when Dr. R. H. Wright delivers the commencement address.

Time For Advertising Town Taxes Not Known

According to a town official, the time for advertising the property of delinquent town tax payers has not been definitely decided upon. While not certain, it is thought the list of delinquents will be published within the next several days. The exact date, it is understood, will be decided upon at the board's next meeting.

Respected Colored Woman Buried Sunday

Martha White, who was one of the most respected and best-thought-of colored women in town, died last week and was given one of the biggest funerals Sunday that has been held in Williamston for years, either white or colored. The service was held at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church and the procession of automobiles reached almost from the church to the cemetery, a mile away. Martha White was the wife of Madison White, who is regarded as highly for good citizenship as any man in town.

County Schools All to be Closed By End of Week

Finals Held Last Week at Parmele, Hassells and Everetts Schools

Commencement exercises in the county last week brought to a close the 1926-27 session for all the schools with the exception of three, Dardens, Hamilton, and Williamston. These three schools will close this week with exercises at each place.

Parmele Closed Wednesday
Parmele had its finals last Wednesday when the graduating exercises were held and a play was given that evening. Rev. Mr. Warren, of the Methodist Church, delivered the main address in the morning at 10 o'clock. Supt. R. A. Pope made a talk, and Rev. J. T. Wildman, of the Presbyterian Church, delivered certificates to seven pupils. The final number on the school's commencement program took place that Wednesday evening when the elementary grades appeared in a play.

Hassells Closes Tuesday
Monday and Tuesday saw the close of a most earnest year's work at the Hassells School, when a unique program of exercises were held. In a recitation contest Monday evening, Miss Gertrude Ayers won first place, Misses Eva Ayers and Elizabeth Downs tying for second place. All three of the recitations were excellent, and the judges, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Warren, of Parmele, and Miss Martha Council, of Hamilton, had no little difficulty in determining the winner. The prize presented by Mr. J. W. Eubanks, was given by the Salisbury Supply Co. The recitations were followed by an operetta, "The History of Music," the entire school taking part.

Tuesday a picnic dinner was served on the grounds to the school and its patrons. Citizens of the town added to the exercises Tuesday afternoon when the married and single met in a baseball game, the single men winning, 13-11. That evening, the primary and intermediate grades appeared in a program of songs and recitations. The last number of the program, a negro minstrel, presented by the grammar grades, brought to a close the year's work.

Finals at Everetts
Everetts closed its 1926-27 session last Friday, a session regarded by the community as one of the most successful in many years. Rev. Richard Bagby, of Washington, was the principal speaker of the day. He centered his address on "Service," stressing the word on parent as well as on pupil. He stated that our children are worthy of the best of everything. We owe it to them to give them the best teachers, and the best schoolhouses. The speaker stated that we find it hard to direct our energies to the high principle of giving service because we too frequently wish to be served. The service that we are called upon to render may lead to sacrifice, but it is always wise to sacrifice with our service, because it makes no difference what we gain it is all lost unless we have so lived that we are worthy of the blessings of the crown of life.

Supt. R. A. Pope, at the conclusion of Mr. Bagby's address, talked on future plans for further development of the school. Following Mr. Pope's talk, a large picnic dinner was spread, and people from many sections gathered around the heavily laden tables. A baseball game in the afternoon and a play that evening brought the year's work to a close.

"Happy Jack" Caves Lands in Local Jail

"Happy Jack" Caves, around-the-world walker, was placed in jail here last Friday night when he partook too freely of Martin County rum. Caves, who is now on the last lap of his journey around the world, landed in Sheriff Roebuck's jail when he used obscene language and expressed a willingness to fight.

While chasing a drunken auto driver here last Saturday afternoon Chief of Police Daniel and Deputy Sheriff Grimes lost sight of the man wanted, but without knowing it they soon got on the track of another car. They followed it up Elm Street and to the colored Baptist Church, where the car stopped alongside the church building. The officers soon discovered their mistake, as well as Dave Rogers, who hopped out of his machine and broke a quart container over the hub of the car. Dave, with his friend, John Little, was placed under bond, and the two are appearing before Recorder Bailey here today. Ned Barnes, the drunken driver, was arrested later in the afternoon and placed in jail. Barnes' drunken condition while driving his auto led to the arrest of all three of the men.

Minstrel Plays To Big Crowd Friday Night

Black and White Revue Staged By Kiwanis Is Successful

Friday night around four hundred people enjoyed the minstrel staged by the local Kiwanis club under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McIver. The opening overture brought out some of Williamston most attractive talent, the costumes were pretty and the singers had pep. Harry Stubbs as interlocutor first introduced Joe Godard, jr. who began the program with the song, "I wish you were jealous of me." Charles Knight, Buddy Orleans, Ned Laughinghouse, Lon Hassell, jr., Bill Manning, Henry McIver, Chas. Frank and Harry Stubbs all had solos and each and every one made a hit. Johnnie Philpot and Gaylord Harrison could not sing but they were very funny with their jokes, in fact all the comedians were good. The others besides Johnnie and Gaylord were Ned Laughinghouse, Chas. Knight, Chas. Frank and Mr. McIver.

The grand finale "Stepping Around" brought the minstrel proper to a close, but the choruses and "Exclusive Features" brought even more applause from the audience than did the minstrel.

The chorus girls were all good and they had attractive costumes. All their dances were enjoyed.

The Harmony Four, Ned, Bill, Chas. and Charlie were fine. Their singing was fine but their "make up" better.

Lon, jr. and Miss Lydia Cook in "A Summertime Flirtation" were not bad at all and the dancing of Chas. Frank was one of the outstanding features of the show.

"A Dollar for a Kiss" was the last and best all round number. Herry Stubbs as Josiah Willoughby, the irascible father, was up to his usual standard. Murt is as good as the professionals but he always gives generously of his time and talent to local benefit shows. Miss Emily Lincke, as the daughter and Buddy Orleans, as her beau, were perfect lovers and Peto, the old darkey butler was played by Mr. McIver and he is fine as a darkey, just natural enough to be funny.

The musical numbers by the chorus girls in this act were all bright and catchy.

Drunkard for 50 Years; Doesn't Drink Drop Now

"Eight years without touching my lips to the cup," was the statement made by Hal Biggs, aged colored man, who happened to call by our office yesterday afternoon. Hal, known as the "old colored boy," stated that he thought going without a drink for 8 years after being a drunkard for 50 years was something to talk about. All during the 8 years, he stated that the taste of the drink had never been forgotten, but not once has he turned to the bottle.

When asked in what manner he managed to refrain from the hard drink, he stated, "While lingering halfway between a sober man and a drunkard, I realized I was disgracing and ruining myself in body, mind, and soul; and added to that I was robbing my people of the things that rightly belong to them. I saw myself in that state of disgrace and ruin and I made up my mind to stand up as a man. There have been many times when I would have enjoyed a drink, but remembering myself as a drunken sot, I always managed to refuse. I find that the man who gives you a drink is not your friend. He only thinks he is your friend, when in fact he may be causing your destruction."

Hal says he is around 75 years old, yet he has every appearance of a boy. Those who have been near him for the past half a century have perfect faith in his honesty. He has probably been fishing more times than any other negro in Martin County, and he has paddled a boat for J. G. Staton on so many occasions that his trips, if added, would carry him across the Atlantic several times. Hal knows where the fish stay, and when the squirrel season opens he knows just what kind of oaks they feed in.

To Present Play at Jamesville Saturday

Under the auspices of the Christian Chapel church, the Cross Roads school will present "A Daughter of the Desert" at the Jamesville school auditorium next Saturday night, May 21. The play has been presented in several auditoriums in the county, and at each showing it has met with hearty approval. It is understood the play will be shown in other places of the county during the next few weeks.

Young Man Killed In Friendly Scuffle

Dr. Wright Will Speak Here Friday

The last of the 1926-27 commencement exercises will take place Friday morning at 11:00 o'clock when Dr. Robert H. Wright, president of the East Carolina Teachers college, delivers the main address. Dr. Wright has done much for the cause of education in the State, especially in Eastern Carolina, and his address here Friday morning will be well received by a large audience.

School Closes At Hamilton

Dr. M. C. S. Noble Will Deliver Address Tonight

The closing exercises of the Hamilton High School began Sunday night with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. E. P. West, pastor of the Hamilton Baptist Church, and will continue through Wednesday night of this week.

Mr. West's text was from the fortieth verse of the twenty-seventh chapter of Acts, "And when they had taken up the anchors, they committed themselves unto the sea and loosed the rudder bands and hoisted up the mainsail to the wind, and made towards the shore." The aim for a definite port when sailing on life's wide and rolling ocean was the advice to the young graduates when hauling their anchors from the base and launching on the high seas, where they will have to man their own ships, and they will have to set their own sails if their ships are to glide with safety to the haven of rest at the sunset of life. The choir, composed of 12 junior high-school boys and girls, rendered several sacred songs.

The floral cantata, "The Brownies' Whippers," given by the elementary grades, comprising almost 100 boys and girls, last night was pronounced very fine by the large number in attendance. The graduating exercises will be held tonight. The program includes the salutatory, by Bertha Bell Pritchett; class history and prophecy, by Gertrude Ayers; and valedictory, by Catherine Everett. Dr. M. C. S. Noble, jr., will then deliver the commencement address.

On Wednesday night the play, "The Wren," will be given. This promises to be one of the finest features of the entire program and a large attendance is expected.

E C Chamber Commerce Branch Opens at Benson

Complete arrangements have been made for opening a branch office of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce at Benson June 1, according to information given out at headquarters in Kinston by Secretary Newell G. Bartlett on his return from Benson Wednesday night. Benson has raised her quota of the amount needed to put this office in operation; the Johnston County commissioners and Harnett County commissioners made their appropriation for the work, while the citizens of Sampson County are raising Sampson County's part of the budget.

Raid Still Couple Hours Too Soon

Sheriff Roebuck, with Deputies Grimes and Ballard, struck the thicket too quick Saturday afternoon when they went on a still hunt in a big woods a few miles northwest of Bear Grass. They found an 80-gallon still complete, ready for business except for filling and firing. They also found about 800 gallons of beer in vats and about 400 gallons in barrels, all of which was poured out and the still taken.

The officers say they believe if they had been a few hours later they would have found the operators present.

Dardens School Finals Take Place Tonight

Dardens' school closing exercises will be concluded tonight with a play. Last night the exercises consisted of many beautiful recitations, dialogues and short plays. The Dardens school only has the pupils up through the sixth grade. Those above are transported to the Jamesville high school.

Body Brought Here Last Night for Doctor's Examination

Coy Woolard was killed Sunday evening while attending Snow Branch Holliness church in Beaufort county by Archie Leggett.

According to eye witnesses, Woolard was getting ready to get into his car and go to his home when Leggett, boasting about his great strength, caught hold of him and started a tussle in which they fell to the ground. During the scuffle Leggett fastened his arm around Woolard's neck holding it there until a young man pulled him off saying to him that he was killing Woolard. When Leggett loosed his grip, Woolard breathed only a few times and never moved.

There seemed to be no madness expressed by either, yet Woolard did not want to engage in the tussle. Leggett was said to be drinking as he had been the night before at the same church he had caused some disturbance. Leggett, a young man just past 21 years and Woolard, 22 both lived near each other as neighbor boys all their lives. Woolard was regarded as a very pious, sober and dependable boy while Leggett drank and was regarded as a rowdy.

A few months ago Leggett ran his car into Woolard's and tore it up. He was required to pay the damage and it is rumored that he had asserted on some occasion that he was going to get even with him. It is said that the two had ceased to be friends since that happened.

The Woolard family had the young man's body brought here to Dr. York's office where an x-ray picture was made to ascertain if the neck had been broken by the powerful grip of Leggett. There has been no report made of the finding. The body was removed to its old home where it lay in state last night awaiting its final resting place today.

Robersonville Woman's Club Met Last Tuesday

Robersonville, May 11.—The Robersonville Woman's Club met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. H. Knox. Reports from the various departments and chairmen of committees indicate continued progress. Several new members have been enrolled.

Mrs. W. P. Sumner announced that a benefit motion picture would be shown at the Trio Theater on Wednesday and Thursday evening. The chairmen of literature announced a meeting of her department for Tuesday, May 17th. The president, Mrs. C. L. Wilson, stated that the cake contest would be held at Grimes Cafe on Wednesday afternoon, May 18. A prize of \$5 will be given for the best cake.

Mrs. C. A. Roberson, J. H. Gray, and V. A. Ward reported the important event of the convention in Durham. In their opinion, the address at the breakfast and luncheon conferences by Miss Nell Battle Lewis, Mrs. Jane McKimmon, Dr. Paul Weaver, Mr. Paul Green, Dr. E. C. Brooks, and Dr. E. C. Branson were among the high lights of the convention. Other features of the meeting which deeply impressed the delegates were the beautiful music and vocal solos prepared for the entertainment of the guests, the address on constitutional government by the chief justice of the supreme court, and the enthusiasm displayed during the taking of pledges for the Sallie Southall Cotten loan fund. The Robersonville clubs pledged \$20 to the fund.

Following the business session, Mrs. Vance Roberson gave a splendid rendition of the Spring Song, by Greig, and Mrs. A. S. Everett made an interesting talk on Woman's Club activities in Titusville, Fla., after which the members exchanged plants, as is customary at their annual meeting in May.

LOCAL GIRL MADE PRESIDENT OF SORORITY AT A. C. C.

At its regular business meeting at Atlantic Christian college, Wilson, the Alpha chapter of the Sigma Tau Chi sorority elected its officers for the next school year. The officers are: president, Miss Ruth Manning, Williamston; vice president, Miss Eunice Aycock, Lucama; treasurer, Miss Rachel Rogerson, Robersonville; secretary, Miss Janet Daughtry, Winter Path, Florida.

In the election of Ruth Manning as president of the sorority comes the third special honor from colleges to Williamston high school, the others being Velma Harrison and Bryant Carstarphen.

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