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1928 JAMESVILLE VITAL STATISTICS

Township Had Total of 73 Births and 14 Deaths Last Year

Seventy-three births and fourteen deaths were recorded in Jamesville Township during the year 1928, according to vital statistics for the district filed in the office of the registrar of deeds here last week. While it can not be stated as a fact at this time, it is believed that Jamesville Township showed the greatest number of births as compared with any other of the nine districts in the county.

The number of deaths in the township was evenly divided between the two races, seven being recorded in each case. The white births led over the colored ones by a majority, 40 being recorded among the white and 33 among the colored people. There were 39 female births and 34 male ones, according to the book of vital statistics.

Four of the births were recorded as illegitimate and were confined to the colored race.

Six of the fourteen deaths were attributable, in part, to old age, while there were six among the youth and two among the middle-aged.

CHARGED WITH STEALING AUTO

Robert Edmonds Captured Early Yesterday by Deputy

Robert Edmonds, white, charged with stealing a Ford from Bill Hollis Sunday of last week, was captured early yesterday morning and placed in jail here by Deputy S. H. Grimes. Edmonds, a young man of about 22 years of age, made a hasty attempt to evade the officer, but failed.

It was about 4:30 yesterday morning when the officers arrived at Edmonds' home in Poplar Point Township. The accused man, as soon as he heard the deputy's car, turned out of his bed and jumped out of a window, garbed only in his night clothes. The young man was apparently frightened very badly, Deputy Grimes stating that Edmonds started for the open field in a wild run. The ghostlike figure traveling rapidly across the yard just before the break of day did not make the officer feel much at ease, it could be detected in the story told here. However, Deputy Grimes gave chase, but the white apparition disappeared like unto that of a ghost. Continuing the search along a ditch bank, the officer found Edmonds hugging the ditch bottom. The arrest was made, and after Edmonds had clothed himself, the deputy brought him to the jail here.

Edmonds, said to have been accompanied by a boy named Charlie Keel, stole the Hollis car, a Ford touring, early last week. They went to High Point, where Edmonds stated that a bus hit the car and wrecked it. He returned to the county Wednesday and had escaped the officers until early yesterday morning.

Beaufort To Build Road To Martin County Line

According to unofficial statements, Beaufort County is planning the construction of a road from Old Ford to the Martin County line via Woodlands Cross Roads. The road will hit the Martin County line to the south in Griffin's Township. A right of way, 40 to 50 feet wide, has been asked, and it is reported that the county road force will start construction work at once. Top soil will be used in building the road, it is understood.

Everetts Faculty Play Is Being Given Tonight

The teachers in the Everetts' school are giving a faculty play, "Ruth in the Bush" in the school auditorium, there tonight at 8:00 o'clock.

Flea Beetle Continues To Damage Plant Beds

With favorable weather prevailing, farmers in this section are pushing ahead with their operations in this section, many having planted their corn and prepared their ground for other crops. Reports stating that the flea beetle continues its damage to young tobacco plants are coming from many farmers at this time. A farmer from Griffins Township stated this morning that the insects had completely devoured one bed of plants in that section and are now centering their attack on cabbage plants. "Once the insects find their way into a tobacco plant bed, they wreck it in a very short while," a farmer remarked here this morning.

TRUCK FARMING IS DESCRIBED

Faison Man Says Farmers Of His Section Do Not Depend on One Crop

Coming here the latter part of last week to place orders for fertilizers, Mr. L. E. Taylor, a large farmer-merchant of Faison, described a few of the farmer activities in that section.

Mr. Taylor stated that the farmers of his section no longer depend entirely upon one thing for a living, that they are planting a greater diversity of crops, probably, than any other section of the country. In addition to the, planting and growing of cotton, corn, and tobacco, the farmers grow thirteen truck crops for the northern markets. Describing the truck operations there, Mr. Taylor said the farmers started broccoli shipments first. The broccoli is a vegetable resembling the turnip. As the season continues, the farmers start shipments of onions, strawberries, peas, beans, potatoes, cucumbers, okra, squash, pepper, lima beans, cantaloupes, and watermelons.

The farmers of the section have shipped as many as 35 carloads of cucumbers in a single day to the northern markets. Approximately 500 acres are being planted in cucumbers there this year, Mr. Taylor stated. In addition to the big shipments, the farmers are building a pickle factory to care for the surpluses. The income from the sale of cucumbers ranges from \$150 to \$500 per acre it was pointed out.

Although the Faison section is not very far from the Wilmington port and the big fertilizer factories there, Mr. Taylor comes to Williamston to purchase fertilizers for himself and his customers. Evidently Mr. Taylor knows his fertilizers as well as his cucumbers and onions.

STUDY BUDGET MAKING HERE

School Officials From Five Counties to Meet State Superintendent Friday

Meeting here Friday morning with school superintendents and members of boards of education from Hyde, Beaufort, Washington, Tyrrell, and Martin Counties, State Superintendent of School A. T. Allen and Mr. John L. Hancock will make a study of budget making under the new school law, it was learned in the office of the local board of education yesterday afternoon. While it was not officially announced, it is believed that similar meetings will be held in various sections of the State, preparatory to the State meeting to be held in Raleigh the week of the 22nd.

It is understood that the budgets of the several counties will be studied in an effort to facilitate the work at the Raleigh meeting, where the new law will be applied to the budgeting operations.

Twenty-five or more of the school officials in five counties are expected to meet the State officials here at the meeting.

10,000 People Attend Exposition Opening

With 10,000 people reported in attendance, the opening of the annual Eastern Carolina exposition and automobile show yesterday afternoon in Farmville was declared the greatest ever. The parade, the floats and the big crowd made the opening an ideal one.

The program last night was up to the mark. Johnnie Marvin, the Victor recording artist attracted great numbers. Mr. Newell G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce says the prospect for a highly successful week was never better.

Regular Luncheon of Kiwanis Tomorrow

The Kiwanians will hold their regular weekly luncheon tomorrow with E. S. Peel in charge of the program. His subject for discussion will be the Jones law.

PLANNING FOR CLEAN UP DRIVE

Woman's Club Is Sponsor For Movement Week Of April 22

Sponsored by the women of the town and other citizens, the annual clean-up campaign advertised for the week of April 22, is expected to be the most thorough ever attempted here, according to present indications. Dozens of posters, touching on the importance of such a campaign, have been prepared by the women. Parades are being planned and the drive for an effective campaign is being carried to every nook and corner. The schools, both white and colored, will take a part. The Boy Scouts have been pledged to the support of the movement. Help from the town has been assured, and special arrangements for police support will likely supplement the efforts of the campaigners.

While recognition will be granted those who comply wholeheartedly in the spirit of the movement, special pleas will be made to all in an effort to make the campaign one of the most effective ever staged here.

URGE LONGER CLASS PERIODS

Jamesville School Is Using Hour Period in High School Grades

By A. L. POLLOCK, Principal
The Jamesville school boasts of the fact that it operates the high-school department upon what is considered one of the most efficient plans of organization in the State, the hour period.

The hour period has been in practice since Christmas and has been working effectively. There is a noticeable difference in the amount of work done by the high school pupils. The difference, as compared with the first term, is more satisfactory and thorough in every respect.

By this plan of organization the children not only cover more subject matter, but they have time to master more thoroughly what they do cover. More time is devoted to classwork. More time is devoted to supervised study. Finally the results obtained are more satisfactory.

This plan of organization is highly recommended by the State Department of Education. There are comparatively few schools in the State which are operated on this basis. It is relatively a new thing. But it is no longer mere theory but a reality in the truest sense. Jamesville has found this plan of organization very helpful in solving the problem of meeting the needs of the individual, supervising study, and adequately covering the required amount of work that each class is expected to do.

MUCH DAMAGE IN PLYMOUTH FIRE

Whole Business Block Is Threatened by Blaze Last Night

Plymouth, April 8.—Fire originating in the store of the Nelson Mercantile Company here about mid-night Saturday threatened a whole business block for more than an hour before firemen gained control of the conflagration.

It is thought by some that the fire caught from sparks from faulty electrical appliances. Others think that it originated from careless handling of cigarettes. No definite cause has been attributed by firemen.

Over the store are the dining hall and rooms comprising the Brinkley hotel. Guests in the hotel escaped unharmed except from smoke strangulation. One man on the third floor directly over the store attempted to jump on the hard pavement but firemen and police officials dissuaded him. In a short time a check-up revealed that all guests were safe. Damages caused by fire, smoke and water run up into the thousands.

Oak City Debaters Lose To Chowan

Losing to Chowan High School last Friday night, Oak City's negative and affirmative debating teams were eliminated from participating further in the State-wide triangular contest to be held in Chapel Hill the latter part of this month. Oak City's negative met the Chowan affirmative at Cross Roads in that county while the Chowan negative registered its win over Oak City's affirmative at Oak City.

Methodist Women To Have Silver Tea

The Ladies Missionary society of Methodist Episcopal church will have a silver tea at the home of Mrs. J. W. Watts, jr. in New Town, tomorrow afternoon from 4:00 to 6:00 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited.

County Commissioners Don't Want Any Federal Prisoners

With the county commissioners handing an "unwelcome" sign over the door of the county jail, it is believed that few, if any of the Federal prisoners sentenced to short terms last week by Federal Judge Meekins in Washington will serve the time here. While there is no official record pointing out that extra charges will be made for the care of Federal prisoners, it is understood that the county will require supplementary funds

for the handling of the prisoners desiring to serve their time here. It is understood that one or two prisoners, if allowed to serve the time given them in the jail here, will pay the additional costs themselves.

Several of the Martin County people sentenced at the term last week are now serving sentences in various jail, while three or four were allowed a few weeks to attend to certain business matters before starting their terms.

Odd Occurrences

Donkey Balks, Town Burns; Was Its Only Fire Apparatus

Kars, Turkey.—This bleak town of Northern Asia Minor has sent a petition to Mustafa Kemal to help it become modern.

The petition was prompted by the recent near destruction of the town by fire. With the temperature away below zero, the sole piece of apparatus of the Kars fire brigade, embodied in the person of one small gray donkey carrying water on his back, balked. The shivering beast could not be induced to carry water to quench the flames, and Kars all but burned to the ground.

The townspeople have begged the Ghazi to help them replace the donkey with an up-to-date motor fire engine.

French Births Lag Behind War; Will Take 25 Years to Catch Up

Paris.—It will take France 20 or 25 years to make up the loss in native-born population suffered through war casualties.

Last year there were slight increases in marriages and births but the excess of deaths over deaths was only 70,000. The war death list was 1,500,000.

LITTLE LUCK IN CARP FISHING

About 1,000 Pounds Shipped North Last Week; More Later

While the carp fishing on the Roanoke has advanced very slowly here during the past few weeks, the business is gradually showing more signs of life, the first shipment having been made last week to the northern market. The fish were iced and handled via express, the shipment amounting to 1,000 pounds.

Only 36 nets have been placed in the waters here up until this time, but the number will be increased, it is understood, within the next few days. Unusual difficulty in bagging the fish is being experienced, according to those who are interested in the business, but in spite of this larger shipments are expected to follow. Approximately a ton of the fish is being held in the floating boxes at this time awaiting shipment, it was stated by Game Warden Hines yesterday.

Harry Sinclair Sentenced To Jail for Three Months

Washington, April 8.—Just exactly seven years and a day from signing of the Teapot Dome lease, the Supreme Court today decreed the first jail sentence growing from the now famous Senate oil investigations. It decided today that Harry F. Sinclair, multi-millionaire oil magnate, must serve three months in the District of Columbia jail for refusing to answer questions of the Senate public lands committee, which investigated the case.

Sinclair was acquitted by a jury here some time ago on the major charges of conspiracy growing from the Senate investigation of the lease signed by former Secretary of Interior Fall on April 7, 1922, though the Supreme Court itself, in deciding the "civil" suit against Sinclair and returning the naval reserve in Wyoming to the government, had declared that the whole transaction was tainted with fraud.

It is conviction on a minor related case, refusal to answer the Senate committee's questions on March 22, 1924, which will place the oil man behind the bars of a jail here. Sinclair will be required to begin serving his sentence within a month. Under ordinary procedure, the court's mandate will be sent to the federal authorities in 25 days, at which time Sinclair will be called upon to surrender.

George P. Hoover, Sinclair's local attorney, declined to comment on the decision until he has examined it. The decision will be studied for possible grounds for appeal for rehearing, he said, but it appears there is no likelihood that the oil man can get out

Air Ministry Charts Currents By Whisky Bottles in Seas

London.—Nearly 500 whisky bottles are thrown overboard daily by British ships sailing the seven seas.

The practice has nothing to do with liquor, and the contents of the bottles are the driest things imaginable. In each is a small paper issued by the meteorological office of the British Air Ministry. The finder is not rewarded, but if he forwards the contents of the bottle to London his postage is refunded.

And many of the papers come back for the objective is purely scientific, to chart the courses of ocean currents. Each paper records the position of the vessel from which the bottle is cast into the waves.

Minnesota Senate Is Tied Up By Woman Member at Lunch

St. Paul, April 6.—Sixty-five members of the State Senate fretted and fumed and went without lunch late yesterday while proceedings were tied up for an hour, all because its only woman member went downtown to eat.

The upper house had been considering a bill to open private duck passes to the public, and the vote was 33 to 32 in favor of passage when one absentee, Mrs. Laura E. Naplin, of Thief River Falls. One more vote was needed to assure passage with the necessary majority.

Sergeants-at-arms found the missing Senator at a restaurant and brought her to the chamber.

"Do I have to vote?" she asked of the chair. "Yes," "Well, then, I vote no, because I don't know what the bill is about."

And so, with a tie vote of 33 to 33, the bill was defeated.

Prussian Tobacco Growers Get Success With Our Methods

Marienwerder, Germany.—American methods are being applied by East Prussian tobacco growers in curing their product. First experiments have met the unqualified approval of South German tobacco experts, who were invited to examine the results.

The tobacco was raised in open fields, but instead of being allowed to dry naturally, the "American method" was applied. The leaves were racked in sheds equipped with heating plants. In consequence, the tobacco assumed a much lighter color than if it had dried naturally.

WOODMEN HAVE GOOD MEEETING

Everetts, Jamesville, and Bear Grass Camps Have Fish Fry Here

Members of the Everetts, Jamesville and Bear Grass camps of the Modern Fish Fry at the river bridge here last night, the members of the Everetts camp entertaining. Members of the three camps met in regular session with the Everetts camp at the hall there, and they with the invited guests came here in a body about 9:00 o'clock.

Upon the arrival of the guests at the river, the entertaining committee had supper in readiness for the Woodmen and their invited guests.

The entertainment last night is one of several given each year by the Everetts camp, and one that was greatly enjoyed.

Wednesday night of next week, the Woodmen of the district will hold a meeting at Englehard, Hyde county. Several members of county camps are planning to attend the gathering, it was stated this morning.

Capehart Fishery Bags 680 Shad In One Haul

Windsor, April 8.—The record haul of the fishing season for this and many years past was made at Capehart's Seine Fishery at Avoca Friday afternoon when 680 shad were brought in at one haul. Indications are now that the catches of shad will be large at this fishery this season than they have been for several years.

COUNTY COURT HAVING BIG DAY

Shower of Nol Prosses and Marble Game Features This Morning

A shower of nol prosses and stories of a marble game featured the early procedure of the recorder's court here today. The morning session, as a whole was very quiet. The "Blue Heaven" case originating when one Frances Allen assaulted Connie Foster is scheduled for hearing this afternoon. The main prosecuting witness is said to be out of the State, but bank employees and Pete Fowden, on-lookers at the fight staged in the bank here recently, will be called as star witnesses, it is understood.

The proceedings up until the noon hour: The first case called found W. L. Stalls defending himself of a charge of kicking a small boy who was fighting several other boys following a marble game. There were a number of witnesses called in the case and a large number of opinions were heard. At the conclusion of the evidence, Judge Bailey returned a verdict of not guilty.

While the second case called in the court this morning goes to the superior court for trial, a hearing was held in the case charging Gus Leggett, Simon Whitaker, Joseph Walter and Obediah Bullock with assaulting J. S. Williams, and his family. Lum Tripp, a sixth defendant, has not been arrested at this time.

At the hearing today, Williams stated that the defendants came to his home the third Sunday in February and when he went to feed his team they fired upon him, four shot going through his hat and many others striking posts near by. Williams added that he ran to the house, took his gun from the rack and fired back at his assailants. After this happened, Williams stated that Gus Leggett and Walter Bullock left, returning within a few minutes with another gun. They stopped their truck in front of his home and fired at the door facing and side of porch. He stated that the five men were together but that he did not know who did all the shooting. He was of the opinion, however, that Walter Bullock shot at the front of the house. Williams' testimony was corroborated by Jasper Williams, Mrs. J. S. Williams, Lin Williams and Jesse Bailey.

The defendants were bound over to the June term of Martin County Superior court under \$500 bonds.

Nol prosses resulted in the cases of larceny, and J. D. Wynn, assault, and Henry Daniel, housebreaking and larceny.

The assault case against Hubert Rawls was continued 30 days.

Capias was issued and the case charging Walter Stokes with abandonment continued.

TOWN SECURES ROAD MACHINE

Is Being Unloaded Today; Can Be Handled by One Man

A new road grading machine recently purchased by the town at a cost of approximately \$1,500 is being unloaded at the Atlantic Coast Line station here today. The machine was shipped from the distributors in Richmond a few days ago.

The machine is handled by one man, the power and grading units being combined into one. Work on some of the town's "ungodly" streets will be started at once, it is understood. Once the streets are put in shape by the use of the machine, it is hoped that the town will aid the State in maintaining that 125 route.

Fire Destroys Building In Bethel Yesterday

Fire, said to have started when a pressing club boiler blew up, destroyed a building and threatened an entire business block in Bethel late yesterday afternoon. While no official statement giving the loss had been given this morning, it is understood that the building was completely burned.

A call for assistance was made to the Robersonville fire company, but upon its arrival at the scene of the fire, the Bethel company had the flames under control.

Postpone Meetin of Masons Until Next Tuesday Night

The regular communication of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., which was scheduled to be held tonight, has been postponed until next Tuesday night, April 16, on account of the fact that so many members of the local lodge are also members of the fire company and wanted to attend the firemen's meeting in Greenville tonight. Members are requested to keep this in mind and are urged to attend the meeting next Tuesday, at which time there will be work in the third degree.

SCOTLAND NECK DEBATING TEAMS WIN LAST NIGHT

Defeat Williamston at Weldon and Weldon Here; Go To Chapel Hill

LOCALS BEST WELDON

Williamston Negative Team Wins Unanimous Decision; Affirmatives Lose By One Vote

Competing in the debating triangle formed by Weldon, Scotland Neck and Williamston, Scotland Neck's two teams last night won places in the State preliminaries to be held in Chapel Hill the latter part of this month by defeating Williamston's affirmative at Weldon and Weldon's negative in the City Hall here.

All the debates were held on neutral ground, the Scotland Neck affirmative and Weldon's negative debating here; Scotland Neck's negative and Williamston's affirmative meeting in Weldon, and Williamston's negative and Weldon's affirmative meeting in Scotland Neck.

At Scotland Neck, Williamston's negative, represented by Viola Grimes and Marjorie Taylor, won a unanimous decision over Weldon's affirmative. The local affirmative team, Ollie Marie Roberson and Josephine Harrison, lost by a one-point margin to Scotland Neck's negative at Weldon. In their argument Misses Roberson and Harrison are said to have out-classed their opponents in speeches but lost in the rebuttals.

In the contest here Scotland Neck's affirmative, Jane Purrington and D. Allen Harrell, won a unanimous decision over Weldon's negative represented by Ollie Bell Whitehead and Dot Campbell. While all four of the debaters here last night offered strong speeches, that of Miss Purrington attracted the audience later declaring that her speech would do credit to any college.

Out of a possible nine points in the triangle, Scotland Neck won 5, Williamston 4 and Weldon 0.

Debates in which the question, Resolved, That the United States Should Join the World Court, was discussed, were held all over the State last Friday night, the triangle including the local teams being postponed until last night.

The debates are being sponsored by the University of North Carolina and the finals will be held in Chapel Hill the latter part of this month.

This county will not be represented in the debates at Chapel Hill since the two schools entered, Oak City and Williamston, lost out in the first preliminaries.

HAVING FISH FRY TONIGHT

Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co. Entertaining Employees

The Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company is entertaining a large number of its employees, from various offices in the New Bern district, this evening with a fish fry at Ray's Camp, near here. Employees from the New Bern, Kinston, Morehead City, Greenville, Washington, Tarboro, and Williamston offices are expected to attend the event.

The tentative menu includes fried fish, rock muddle, stewed chicken, etc.

Several officials are planning to attend, it was stated here yesterday afternoon.

Mr. H. H. Harden, assisted by Miss Wooten, is handling the arrangements for the gathering.

Expresses Appreciation To County Authorities

Released from the Martin County jail here recently under the pauper's oath, Will Worley, colored, expressed his sincere appreciation for the attention given him by county authorities during his confinement. Worley was lodged in the jail last October to serve a 6-months sentence for manufacturing liquor. The man was suffering with carbuncles at the time, and he stated upon his release that the county physician offered splendid medical attention and that he had received splendid treatment at the hands of the county officers.

At the expiration of his jail sentences, Worley was unable to pay the fine imposed more than six months ago, and was dismissed under the insolvent debtor's oath.

Eastern Carolina Firemen Meet in Greenville Tonight

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association in Greenville tonight will be largely attended by members from all over the section, according to reports coming from the different fire companies. Several of the local members are planning to attend, it was stated by Chief Harrison yesterday. The meeting is a quarterly event.

WATTS THEATRE

Wednes.-Thurs. April 10-11
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 and
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 in
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 Also Comedy

Friday April 12
JOHN GILBERT
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