

BEGIN PRACTICE AT SCHOOL FOR FINAL EXERCISES

Students Are Handicapped By Lack of Space in Old Building

REHEARSE OUTDOORS

Large Percentage of 460 Grammar Grade Pupils To Take Part in Outdoor Program

In spite of the lack of room in the present building, that is in some degree serving both the grammar and high schools, plans for commencement exercises are being carried out, and the practice of some of the various parts of the program is being held on the grounds. There is no room for practice in the building, as the auditorium is being used for classrooms; however, the present music room is used for getting the different parts started before the teachers take up the practice outside.

This outside practice is possible because of the type of exercise that is to be given by the grammar and primary grades as their part in the finals. The custom of using every pupil possible in these performances, as has been the case for the past two years, will be followed. In place of the usual operetta given in the auditorium, a May Festival is to be presented on the grounds with by far the greater percentage of the 460 lower grade pupils taking part. The crowning of the May queen and the Maypole dance will feature the festival. The various aesthetic dances and rhythmic drills will demonstrate phases of work that is being done in all modern schools under the name of public school music and physical education, branches of elementary teaching that are very much neglected in the schools here, as there are no teachers employed to do this work.

Because of the same crowded condition, Mrs. L. H. Davis has been forced to take the high school seniors to the city hall for practice on their play which they are to give in the new high school auditorium Friday night, May 3. There will be no class day exercises, but the commencement sermon will be preached the following Sunday morning by Rev. S. H. Craighill, of Rocky Mount. The graduation exercises will be held Friday night, May 10.

To all of these closing performances the public is very cordially invited.

Dr. Burrell To Preach To Baptists Sunday

Dr. W. R. Burrell will preach in the local Baptist church Sunday morning and evening.

Dr. Burrell is well known here, where he served for some several years as pastor of the local church. His many friends in and out of the church will welcome this opportunity of hearing him again.

At the morning hour he will speak especially to the young people of the congregation. He will preach again at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The pastor will hold the regular Wednesday evening service in the church as usual.

This has been a busy week at the Baptist church. The pastor has been teaching a class in Sunday school teacher training. In addition, the church has been very busily engaged in making due preparation for the convention which is now assembling. The Memorial Baptist church is bringing to Williamston, from time to time, a rather impressive group of public speakers; and the general public is invited to hear them when they come.

R. A. Pope Re-elected County Superintendent

Mr. R. A. Pope, superintendent of schools in this county, was re-elected for another term in that office yesterday by the county board of education in special session here.

Clean-Up Week Program

Sunday—Church Cooperation Day

All clergymen of the city will make special announcement of the following days of the campaign:

Monday—Fire Prevention Day

10:00 a. m.—Ringing of town bell; starting active drive against uncleanness and fire hazards.

10:05 a. m.—Parade of white school children.

Tuesday—Front Yard Day

Cut lawns, prepare gardens and flower beds for planting, clean walks and gutters, exterminate ants.

Wednesday—Flower Bed Day

Exchange plants, plant flower beds and trim shrubbery.

10:00 a. m.—Parade of colored school children.

Thursday—Paint Day

Paint and brighten up inside and out, porches, fences, woodwork, screens, and porch chairs. Downtown business houses clean windows and replace old awnings. "A little paint works wonders."

Friday—Back Yard Day

Clean alleys, repair fences and sheds, screen garbage cans, put fly-traps on garbage cans. Put up screens, plant thrift gardens.

Saturday—Vacant Lot Day

Everybody join in and help school children clean vacant lots and remove tin cans, paper, and dead weeds. Plow and plant garden plots wherever possible.

All Old Members of Board Except One Renominated At Convention Last Night

BALLOTING FOR BOARD MEMBERS IS VERY CLOSE

N. C. Green To Get Place Of E. P. Cunningham On New Board

RENOMINATE MAYOR

R. L. Coburn Gets Nomination By Acclamation; 110 Citizens Attend Convention

Approving in the main the administration of the present town officials, 110 citizens of the town attended the convention held in the City Hall last evening and offered for reelection with one exception, Mayor R. L. Coburn and his board of commissioners to head the town's affairs during the next two years, beginning June 22, 1929.

Apparently remembering the outcome of the town convention in 1927, the women of the town offered no candidates, and aside from a businesslike method of voting, the convention featured nothing out of the ordinary. The convention was nearing a hasty close when Mr. A. R. Dunning added to the list carrying the names of the present board members nominated by Mr. L. T. Fowden, the names of N. C. Green and W. H. Biggs, "just for fun," he stated. Once the ice was broken by Attorney Dunning, the number of nominees increased rapidly until the convention had twelve of the town's leading citizens from which to choose five.

Shortly after the convention was opened, nominations for a mayor were asked for by Judge Clayton Moore, the permanent chairman. Mr. L. T. Fowden nominated Mayor R. L. Coburn, and nomination was made by acclamation.

Mr. Coburn made a brief acceptance speech, stating that he enjoyed the confidence of the people, that during his stay in office he had worked untiring for progressive measures yet ones that were conservative in their nature. He pledged his willingness to handle the affairs of the office with care, offering his support to a progressive administration during his next two years in office. The term beginning June 30 is Mayor Coburn's third successive one.

Accepting the nomination of Mayor Coburn, the convention busied itself with the method of procedure, and once it was ruled that the five highest should win, the nominations for commissioners were entered rapidly. Mr. L. T. Fowden's list of candidates: Messrs. G. H. Harrison, C. O. Moore, L. P. Lindsey, E. P. Cunningham and W. T. Meadows was apparently accepted when the ice was broken by Mr. A. R. Dunning. The nominations followed: Mr. Dunning nominating Messrs. N. C. Green and W. H. Biggs; Mr. Luther Peel offering the name of M. S. C. Griffin; Mr. H. G. Horton entering the name of Mr. John L. Rodgeron; Mr. D. D. Stalls nominating Mr. Theodore Roberson; Mr. C. H. Godwin, after withdrawing his nomination of K. B. Crawford at Mr.

PROCEEDINGS IN SUPERIOR COURT

Few Cases Disposed of Despite Untiring Work of Officials

Baffled by long-drawn out and stubborn cases, the special term of superior court for the trial of civil cases in progress here this week has disposed of very few issues, although Judge Moore and the court attendants have worked untiringly on the docket.

The case of Slade, Rhodes and company against Joe Purvis, colored, called last Tuesday noon was completed late yesterday. The case involved setting aside a deed made by Joe Purvis to his wife, children and others, the plaintiffs charging that the deed was made by Purvis to his family in an attempt to avoid paying Slade, Rhodes and company a legitimate debt. It was pointed out that after the deed was given, Purvis then gave Slade, Rhodes and company a deed of trust to cover the debt, which deed they took in good faith. The land was sold under the deed of trust and Slade, Rhodes and company bought it in. The amount involved was about \$3,000.

The jury found that the deed was void, and the plaintiffs recovered the land.

The Coltrain versus Roberson case was called yesterday and came to an end suddenly when a call for a new survey of a piece of land was made.

Crawford's request, nominated Mr. L. T. Fowden and just before the nominations closed, Dr. H. B. York offered Mr. Hugh G. Horton as a candidate for a seat on the board.

Ballots were distributed and a count was underway within a few minutes. The count was close at the beginning, first one and then the other of the candidates securing a marker. And then from the hat would come a volley of votes for first this one and then the others. Mr. E. P. Cunningham, a member of the present board, missed reelection by only nine votes, while Mr. C. O. Moore led the ticket with 68 votes, followed closely by Mr. G. H. Harrison with 67 votes. Commissioner Lindsey was next with 65 votes and Mr. N. C. Green, the new board member, was fourth with 63 votes. The official results of the convention follow:

For Commissioners	
C. O. Moore	68
G. H. Harrison	67
L. P. Lindsey	65
N. C. Green	63
W. T. Meadows	48
E. P. Cunningham	40
H. G. Horton	31
W. H. Biggs	8
S. C. Griffin	22
J. L. Rodgeron	11
Theo. Roberson	15
L. T. Fowden	1

Although the convention practically determines the town administrative heads, an election will be necessary the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May to make the convention's proceedings conform to election laws.

BODY OF WHITE INFANT FOUND IN RIVER HERE

Had Been in Water for Several Weeks, It Is Believed

NO CLUE TO IDENTITY

Was Discovered Lodged in Pile of Brush by Party of Fishermen This Morning

Partially decomposed by a several weeks' stay in the water, the body of an infant girl was removed from Roanoke river here this morning by Lula Peel, Mary Walker and Phyllis Smith, colored women who were fishing along the stream's bank and saw the body lodged in a pile of floating trash. Coroner S. R. Biggs was summoned to the scene and an investigation was started at once.

The baby, a well-developed white girl, measured 18 inches and weighed approximately seven pounds. The back of the skull was gone, indicating that it had been crushed. Other parts of the body were intact. The condition of the body made an examination difficult, Coroner Biggs stating that it was impossible to tell whether the child's skull had been crushed before the body was thrown into the stream, adding that the body might have been thrown from a bridge and the skull mashed when it hit some object in the stream.

It is believed that the body had been in the water for several weeks and that it had floated a number of miles. Apparently the child was not dressed when thrown into the water as there wasn't even a rag on the body when it was found.

The body was buried in Potter's field here after a thorough examination of it had been made by the authorities.

SCHOOL FINALS AT JAMESVILLE

Plans for Commencement Exercises Are Now Complete

Plans for the Jamesville High School annual commencement are complete. One section of the grade commencement has already been given. Grades one, two, six and seven gave a delightful operetta, "Sunny Side," which was enjoyed by a crowded house.

The senior play was given last Friday night before a large and appreciative audience. The play presented by the seniors was "Professor Pepp."

Coming attractions are as follows: April 23—Grade commencement (Grades three, four, and five) presenting a Japanese program and play, 8 o'clock p. m.

April 28—Baccalaureate sermon, by Dr. Fletcher, of Washington Collegiate Institute, 11 o'clock a. m.

April 27—Music recital, 8 o'clock p. m.

May 1—Reading and declamation contests, 10 a. m. Seventh grade class day exercises, 11:15 a. m. Dinner on the grounds, 12:30 p. m. Literary address by Professor R. C. Deal, of East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, 2 p. m. Graduation exercises, awarding diplomas, certificates, and medals, 3:15 p. m. Baseball game, 4 o'clock.

High school play, "The Road to the City," 8:15 p. m.

Oak City Play Presented Wednesday Is Success

The three-act comedy, "44 Flappers," played to a packed house in Oak City Wednesday night and was declared the outstanding event in the school during the year. The school auditorium was packed, people from a half dozen surrounding towns attending, in addition to the large number in the community. Principal H. M. Ainsley stated that 50 complimentary tickets were issued, and after deducting that number, the receipts amounted to more than \$80.

Following the presentation, those taking part in the program were entertained by the school's social committee.

Prof. Pollock To Speak At Jamesville Church

Professor A. L. Pollock, of the Jamesville schools, will fill the pulpit in the Jamesville Baptist Church Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock. It was announced yesterday by Rev. W. B. Harrington, the pastor. Rev. Mr. Harrington will conduct the morning service at 11 o'clock. The public is invited to each of the services.

Local High Baseball Team Defeats Scotland Neck, 6-4

The local high school baseball team registered its first win of the season here last Wednesday afternoon by defeating Scotland Neck's nine, 6 to 4. The local are playing Morehead City here this afternoon.

Plans Complete for Clean-Up Paint-Up Drive Next Week

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE BEGIN ASSEMBLY HERE

Sessions Begin This Afternoon; Continue Thru Tomorrow

DR. GAINES TO SPEAK

President of Wake Forest College Is Principal Speaker Tonight; Other Noted Workers on Program

With large numbers of Eastern Carolina's finest young men and young women in attendance, the Regional Convention of Baptist Young People opened here this afternoon in the Baptist church, with record sessions forecasted for the evening and tomorrow. Registration, started shortly after the noon hour, continues at the church, the delegates being assigned to the various homes where they will be entertained to night. The delegates to the convention are being given a hearty welcome by the Baptists and members of other religious denominations, pointing to a very successful meet, the first of kind to be held here.

Mr. James A. Ivey, general secretary of the Baptist Young People's work in North Carolina, will be present at all the sessions, and will give direction to the entire program. Mr. Ivey is a cultured young man, and amply capable of leading the hosts of young people in their program of active Christian work.

Dr. Francis P. Gaines, of Wake Forest, James A. Ivey, of Raleigh and Dr. Gerald H. Payne, of Elizabeth City, constitute the "Big Three" of the program tonight and tomorrow. These are all men of ability in their respective fields and will make their certain impression upon the convention when they address it.

Dr. Gaines, President of Wake Forest College, is the feature speaker tonight in the church at 8:00. The public is invited to hear him. It is thought that the commodious church auditorium, and all the opening will be taxed to the limit in seating the great throng of people who will attend the convention when Dr. Gaines speaks.

There will be three sessions held tomorrow, one in the morning, a second in the afternoon and the last in the evening when Dr. Payne brings the convention to a close with a final address.

This is probably the largest convention Williamston has ever attempted to handle, and the young people are warmly welcome here.

Electrical Demonstration Attend by 123 Women

Attended by 123 women of the community, the electrical demonstration held in the Woman's club hall here yesterday afternoon by the Virginia Electric and Power company was declared to be very successful by Mr. R. H. Goodman, the company's sales manager, of Roanoke Rapids.

During the meeting Mrs. Orpha C. Hill, home economist for the Westinghouse Electric company, demonstrated the use of the electric range, giving valuable information as to cost and service to the women. Mrs. Mildred V. Martin, home service director for the Virginia Electric and Power company, assisted in the demonstrations, pointing out the improved and modern use of electrical apparatus in the kitchen.

Several prizes were given to individuals and the societies of the several churches here.

The school, the first to be planned here by Salesmanager Goodman, assisted by Messrs. Jack Green, H. B. Speight, J. R. Griffin, O. S. Anderson and Prince Purdy, was greatly enjoyed by the 123 women, according to reports of the meeting.

Boy Is Unconscious Two Days After Blow on Head

Rendered unconscious when hit on the head by a pole, last Tuesday, the eight-years-old son of Mr. Robert Griffin in Williams township, revived yesterday and is reported to be getting along very well at this time. The child was playing on a load of electric light poles at the home of Mr. Joshua L. Coltrain, near here, when a pole fell and hit him on the head, it was stated.

Program of Services at Church of the Advent

Rev. Arthur H. Marshall, Rector, Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Vesper service and sermon at 5 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend all these services.

Mayor's Clean-Up Week Proclamation

Know all men, women and children by these presents: That, Whereas the National Clean-Up and Paint-Up Campaign has resulted in many advantages to community life throughout the United States in safeguarding health, in promoting thrift, in furthering fire prevention, in stimulating civic pride and in making the home and city beautiful; Now, therefore,

Be it known that plans have been perfected for a thorough clean-up and paint-up campaign in Williamston, beginning April 22. This date to mark the opening of a real campaign of persistent and constructive effort in cleaning up and keeping it up. In this worthy movement of cleaning, painting, planting, repairing and general rehabilitation I urge each citizen to do his or her best part to make our community clean, healthy, safe, thrifty, and beautiful.

R. L. COBURN,
Mayor, Town of Williamston.

IS BADLY HURT IN AUTO WRECK

Tom Carson, of Hobgood, Expected To Die After Accident in Oak City

Tom Carson, aged white man of Hobgood, was seriously hurt last Tuesday afternoon when his car, a Ford roadster, was hit by a truck driven by William Luther Davenport at a road intersection in Oak City. According to reports of the wreck, Mr. Carson was driving down the highway when the 14-year-old boy drove the truck from under a filling station into the road and hit the Ford, causing it to turn over several times. Dr. Fittman was called to the scene and upon finding that the man's body was badly broken up, he had him rushed to a Tarboro hospital. The Ford was badly wrecked, the damage resulting to the truck being negligible. The boy was unhurt.

Rendered unconscious at the time, Mr. Carson's recovery was considered doubtful. At the hospital \$575 was found on the man's person, \$163.50 of the amount being in gold, the remainder in paper bills.

According to reports received from the hospital late last night, Mr. Carson had developed pneumonia, and recovery was considered impossible.

Modern Methods in Local School Are Highly Praised

This week, a general representative of Ginn and company, one of the largest school books concern in the United States, with headquarters in New York City, visited the local High School and stated that it is the only school visited in this section of the State where the teachers are scientifically approaching the problem of pupil classification. In fact, he had visited only one other in his travels. Principal Davis and his faculty are putting modern teaching methods in every grade, and the results are being recognized.

Art Masterpieces To Be Exhibited Here

Reproductions of works of artists of many generations will be placed on display at the new high school building here Monday, April 29 for showing during the entire week, according to an announcement made this morning.

This collection consists of 150 masterpieces, representing the French Italian, Flemish, English, Dutch, German, Spanish and American schools of art. Most of these are the masterpieces studied in the schools.

Famous portraits, landscapes, marine and pastoral scenes in the colors of the original canvases will be included in the display.

A small charge will be made to offset the cost of bringing the exhibit here, it was stated.

Farm Life School Is Having Finals Today

One of the largest crowds in the school's history, is attending the final exercises of the Farm Life commencement today, according to reports received here at noon.

Dr. Maynard Fletcher, of the Washington Collegiate Institute delivered the principal address. The session will close with a play tonight.

MANY AGENCIES TO COOPERATE IN MOVEMENT

Starts Monday Morning at 10 O'clock With Ringing Of Old Fire Bell

SCHOOLS TO PARADE

Complete Program for Entire Week Is Prepared; Monday Is Fire-Prevention Day

With plans completed and the support of every man, woman and child practically assured, Williamston's "Clean Up and Paint Up" campaign next week promises to be the town's most marked event in years from the standpoint of health and cleanliness. Sponsored by the Woman's club and supported wholeheartedly by the town as a whole, next week's clean up and paint up movement is expected to establish a custom that will be closely followed in the years to come. And it is an undertaking that every one can take a part in; for there is no unnecessary burden to result in joining the ranks of those who are striving for a cleaner and healthier place in which to live.

The officials and civic organizations have set aside routine duties for each day during the campaign week in an effort to carry the work into every nook and corner.

Starting with the ringing of the old town bell at 10 o'clock Monday morning, the campaign will stress the prevention of fire during the first day. The town's fire loss has been unusually large this year, and while the loss is not attributed to negligence, it is an accepted truth that a large number of fires is traceable to collections of rubbish and trash. Chief H. D. Harrison, of the local fire department, is urging a general clean up in basements, attics, and store rooms where trash, paper and oily rags have accumulated over the winter season.

During the week the activities will be centered in an effort to beautify the town and make it a more healthful place in which to live. Tin cans must go, the campaign leaders declare if the mosquito and fly are to be ousted.

To make the movement a success, practically every business house in the town has been visited by one or more of the campaign heads, and the merchants and others visited are pledging a 100 per cent support to the undertaking. The appeal is being extended to all, both white and colored and it is the expressed wish of the Woman's club that each individual take an active part in the drive for a cleaner and more beautiful town. Posters will be placed in practically all the store windows next week to remind one of the campaign. The schools will parade during the week, the white children opening the drive Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock with a parade through the principal streets. The colored schools will parade at the same hour Wednesday. The school children, numbering almost a thousand, are planning an active part in the clean up and paint up movement, and splendid results are expected from all quarters next week in the campaign.

J. R. Manning Supervisor Of Weights and Measures

J. Raleigh Manning, of Jamesville has been appointed as supervisor of weights and measures for the First Congressional District, it was learned yesterday. The newly appointed supervisor will begin his duties about the middle of next month.

By an act of the last legislature the State was divided into ten districts with a keeper of weights and measures for each district. O. P. Shell of Dunn, was made the State supervisor.

Methodist Women To Meet Next Monday

The Woman's Missionary society of Methodist church will meet Monday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock at the home of the president, Mrs. W. C. Liverman. All members are urged to be present to discuss plans submitted to the society by the Missionary Conference recently held in New Bern.

Sell Truck Load of Hogs On Richmond Market

Raising a surplus of swine, Messrs. Lester and Haywood Rogers, farmers of near here, found a ready market for 21 hogs in the Richmond stockyards last Tuesday. The Messrs. Rogers delivered the 3,400 pounds of live meat to the Richmond market by truck.

WATTS
THEATRE

Saturday April 20
MONTANA BILL

"Secrets of the Range"
Also COMEDY and SERIAL

"The Vanishing West"
Special Matinee
3 P. M. 10c and 25c

Shows at 7:15 and 9 P. M. Daily
MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE