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LOCAL SCHOOLS WILL OPEN 1929-30 SESSION MONDAY

Plans Completed for Opening; No Shortage of Room This Year

PUPILS REGISTERING

Members of Senior Class Registered This Morning; Sophomore and Freshmen Tomorrow

With all plans completed for the opening, the local high and elementary schools will start the 1929-30 term next Monday morning, as announced by Principal William R. Watson recently. Equipment has been placed and arranged in the two buildings, and the schools open here for the first time in several years without being handicapped by a shortage in teaching room and space.

While a goodly number of children is expected in the first grades this term, very few registered last Friday and Saturday, it was stated. Professor Watson is registering high school pupils this week that class work might be started immediately when the school opens. Seniors, according to the schedule announced by Mr. Watson, were registered this morning and the juniors are having their course of study outlined this afternoon. Tomorrow the sophomores will register in the morning and the freshmen are asked to meet the school head in the afternoon for their courses of study.

The faculty has been completed and will be announced next Friday. With the exception of five, all the members of last year's faculty will return this year. The faculty members will hold their first meeting next Saturday at 10 a. m. in the new high school building.

A last appeal is being made this week by the principal urging all parents who have failed to have their children vaccinated against smallpox to have them treated at once.

Many Martin County People in Hospitals

The Washington Hospital has more than its usual quota of Williamston and Martin County folks this week. The regular quota is a pretty good percentage of the hospital's business, but yesterday there were several of our folks there either receiving treatment or there with friends and relatives who were.

Mrs. Bettie Teale and Mrs. L. C. Bennett were there with Mrs. W. T. Meadows, who is in the hospital for examination and treatment.

Mrs. B. S. Courtney, Mrs. W. J. Hodges, and Miss Eugenia Hoyt were spending the day with Miss Miriam Courtney, who had her tonsils removed. Miss Courtney is much better today.

Mrs. B. R. Barnhill is in Washington this week with her little daughter, Frances, who underwent an operation for appendicitis. The little girl is getting along fine.

Mrs. A. R. Dunning and Mrs. Elbert Peel accompanied Mr. Dunning there for X-ray pictures of his shoulder, broken in a recent accident.

Mrs. Whit Moore, who underwent an operation in the Park View Hospital at Rocky Mount yesterday, is getting along as well as can be expected at this time.

Miss Lizzie Roberson Dies in Robersonville Sunday

Miss Lizzie Roberson died at the home of her father in Robersonville Sunday at 5 o'clock. Miss Roberson was found in an unconscious condition in her room last Tuesday and never regained consciousness. The cause of her death is not known.

She was buried at Robersonville on Monday evening. The funeral was conducted by Elder B. S. Cowing.

Mrs. Roberson was the daughter of David F. Roberson, one of the few surviving Confederate soldiers of the county.

Rattler Guards Still; Sheriff Has a Very Narrow Escape

HEAVY BOOT FOILS SNAKE

Officer Inspecting Barrel of Beer Is Attacked By Big Rattlesnake

Late Friday afternoon Sheriff Roebuck was requested by Sheriff Harris, of Beaufort County, to meet him in Griffins Township, and taking J. H. and Warren Roebuck along, he met the Beaufort County officers promptly.

When the officers set out for the woods, it was quite dark, and before they had proceeded far they discovered the smoke of a still in operation. They were quietly moving forward when, by chance, they walked directly over another liquor plant. As they approached the spot where a large number of barrels of beer were placed, one of the Beaufort officers remarked that the beer was singing mighty loud. Sheriff Roebuck walked to a large barrel and while examining it felt something strike his boot; looking down he saw a big rattler preparing for a second strike.

However, the sheriff jumped before the snake got a second chance, and as the first time it had failed to penetrate the sheriff's thick boot, he was not injured. The officer armed himself with a pole and killed the snake, which was a fairly good-sized one and the first rattler the sheriff had ever killed. He brought the reptile back to town and exhibited it after the raid. He says he is unable to say whether the snake meant for him not to bother that beer or whether it meant, "Don't tread on me."

The officers found that the still had been moved from this plant, but the cap, worm, and a number of gallons of beer were destroyed.

They moved on to the plant which was in operation and where the operator was cutting wood, but just before surrounding him he disappeared in the dark. At this plant they destroyed a copper still, several gallons of liquor and a large quantity of beer.

POST OFFICE HAS HAD BIG GROWTH

Receipts in 1909 Totaled \$3,921.75; Postmaster Was Paid \$1,500

As an index to a community's or a town's business transactions, the post office receipts have long been looked upon as one of the best. In 1904 the gross receipts reported by the Williamston post office amounted to \$2,459.06. The receipts in 1909 were \$3,921.75. Since 1909 the receipts have been doubled many times, and during the past few years the increase has been made in leaps and bounds.

In 1909, the postmaster was paid \$1,500 and was allowed \$260 for clerk hire. In 1904 he was paid \$1,200 and was allowed only \$180 for clerk hire. It cost the government in 1909 exactly \$5,687 to run the office.

A review of the business carried on in the post in 1909 here reveals the following:

The money order business has more than doubled since 1904. The Enterprise, in 1904, was dispatched in three sacks, now it takes four. The Gospel Messenger, in 1904, used 10 sacks, now 18. In 1904 the post office made up two pouches for the freight train; local mail was sent to Parmele. North of Parmele another pouch was used labeled Norfolk & Wilm. R. P. O. Tr. No. 103. The Sunday mail was sent to Wash. & Charles. R. P. O., Tr. No. 32. Now there is a postal clerk on the train on Sundays.

There are four daily mails on week days, with a mail clerk in charge. The mail going north, south, and west leaves at 8:28 a. m. and 4:31 p. m. The mail going east leaves at 1:16 p. m. and 6:05 p. m.

Prayer Meeting Service At Christian Church

The Christian church will hold its regular prayer meeting service Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. The topic for the service will be "The Prayers of Jesus." This will conclude the series of discussions on the teachings of Jesus.

The interest shown in these mid-week services has been more than gratifying to the church and to the pastor. The teachings of Jesus as a source for our prayer meeting studies was the topic suggested by the people of the church, and it has been the aim of the pastor to give to the members and visitors something that they will be interested in and will enjoy. Beginning on the first Wednesday night in September, the Philathea class will have charge of the prayer meetings for one month. Every one is cordially invited to attend these devotional services each Wednesday night.

ESCOFFERY CASE GOES TO CHOWAN

Negro Attorney Charged With Perjury Granted Change of Venue

The case against Philip A. Escoffery, negro attorney of Durham, charging him with subornation in attempting to procure witnesses to commit perjury, was called in the regular term of Bertie County Superior Court yesterday.

Escoffery was represented by L. P. McLendon, of Durham; Harry W. Stubbs, of Williamston; and H. Clay Carter, of Washington. The State was prosecuting with Francis D. Winston, E. L. Travis, of Weldon, and all the other Bertie attorneys except those who are State witnesses in the case. Hunt Parker, the solicitor, is a witness, and does not appear in the case as prosecutor.

The defense moved for a change of venue on the ground that it would be hard to get a fair trial in Bertie County and on the further ground that the crime committed, if any, was in Martin County. Judge Walter L. Small, presiding, held that there were proper grounds for removal. The State then objected to removal to Martin County, for the reason that Mr. Stubbs, of defense counsel, lived in Martin, which would give the defense an unfair advantage. Whereupon Judge Small sent the case to Chowan County, in the first district, to be tried on Wednesday, September 11, at Edenton. Judge N. A. Sinclair is now on the first district circuit and will probably try the case.

The charge against Escoffery grew out of the trial of the case against Percy Miller for the killing of Chief of Police Pat White, of Windsor, last February. Miller was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to the electric chair. Escoffery is charged with procuring statements from several of the principal witnesses against Miller in his trial, saying that they had testified falsely and that they had been induced to do so by fear and favors from Sheriff Cooper, Deputy Sheriff Askew, Solicitor Parker, Attorneys Moses Gilliam, Hillary Matthews, E. R. Tyler and others.

TWIN CITY TEAM DEFEATED, 4 TO 2

"Slim" Gardner Pitches Bertie-Martin Team to Win Here Yesterday

In the first of the two post-season games arranged between the Morehead-Beaufort team, of the Twin City League, and the Martin-Beaufort team, of the Bright Leaf Belt League, played here yesterday afternoon, the Martin-Bertie team, with "Slim" Gardner pitching, won by a 4-2 count.

The visitors presented a well-balanced team, with probably the best infield seen here this season. Their left fielder also looked good. The Bright Belt Leaguers furnished the punch necessary to win, however, by bunting their hits and making every one count.

Both pitchers twirled good baseball, and each had one bad inning. Morehead-Beaufort scored both their runs in the second, while Martin-Bertie scored four times in the fifth. There was no scoring except in these two frames. Gardner had the edge on the visiting pitcher. Longest, striking out 11 of the Seaside boys and allowing but 7 hits. Martin-Bertie collected 9 safe blows off Longest.

Batting honors went to F. Ferebee and McIntosh for the visitors, with 2 each; while Gardner and Jimmie Brown collected two apiece for the locals. The game was remarkably fast and clean, few errors being made, and was played in an hour and a half.

The two teams met here again this afternoon at 4 o'clock on the new high school diamond. It is not known whether return games are to be played in Morehead or Beaufort or not.

CAPTURE STILL EARLY SUNDAY

Is Found Within 200 Yards of Highway Between Here and Everetts

Failing to locate a liquor distillery between here and Everetts last Saturday, Officers J. H. Roebuck and W. B. Daniel continued the search Sunday morning and found the still—and a complete equipment. The outfit was located within 200 yards of highway No. 90 and was cold when the officers found it.

The plant included two fermenters, one 50-gallon doubler, a 100-gallon still, two copper worms, two coolers, 800 gallons of beer, two 10-gallon kegs, one 5-gallon keg, two 1-gallon jugs, one hoe, one shovel, two funnels and a one-half gallon fruit jar. No liquor was found.

GAME LAWS FOR COMING SEASON ARE ANNOUNCED

License Fees in Great Many Instances Have Been Increased

COUNTY LICENSE, \$1.25

Squirrel Season Opens in This Section October 15 and Closes January 15; Bag Limit 10 Each Day

With the season for hunting certain game opening within the next few days, the State Department of Conservation and Development is sending out placards announcing the open seasons and the amendments to the original laws enacted by the 1927 legislature.

According to the placards, only one group of licenses have had the price lowered, the combination hunting and trapping fee having been reduced slightly. The county resident license for hunting remains at \$1.25, State resident \$3.25 and non-resident, \$15.25. The state-wide license fee required of non-resident fur dealers is placed at \$400, the highest in the group.

The squirrel hunting seasons begins the 15th of October in this part of the State and closes January 15, while in the western part it is lawful to shoot squirrel the 15th of next month. The bag limit is 10 each day. The season for bear and deer opens October 15 and continues open through January 15. Rabbits may be taken from November 20 to February 20. The season for hunting quail was changed, making it lawful to hunt that game beginning November 20, the season ending February 15. The same season holds for wild turkey.

The North Carolina game law, passed by the 1927 legislature, amended by the 1929 legislature, makes it unlawful to hunt or trap without the proper license, to take or kill game birds and animals out of season, to take in one day or in one season more than the bag limits, to kill a female deer, to buy or sell any game except rabbits and squirrels, to take game by poison, to hunt by autop or boat.

All hunting guides acting for hire will be required to take license and secure regulations from the department. A hunting license does not give the hunter right to hunt on lands of another without permission. Hunters must wear their buttons in plain view and carry their license on their person at all times when hunting and must show license and permit game bag inspection when requested by game wardens.

The placards carry an appeal to all hunters urging them to help prevent forest fires, thus protecting the game and its cover.

NAME FACULTY FOR EVERETTS

Session Will Begin Monday Morning; Urge Parents To Attend

Everything is being made ready for the opening of the Everetts school next Monday morning. Grounds and walkways have been thoroughly cleaned, while buildings and equipment are now in the process of being renovated and prepared for another eight months of use.

All teachers for the coming year have been secured and will report for work Saturday. Five of the old faculty will return, while two will begin new work in Everetts.

The teachers of the elementary school are: Martha Baldrice, Ayden, first and second grades; Allie Marie Roebuck, Hamilton, second and third grades; Christine Alfred, Aberdeen, fourth and fifth grades; Bonner Gurganus, Williamston, six and seventh grades; Helen Stanfield, Roxboro, music.

High school teachers are: Alma Baker, Harrellville; David N. Hix, Durham. Parents and friends of the school are invited to accompany the children on Monday. Those who have children entering school for the first time are especially urged to be present and aid the teachers in registering them.

Return From High Point

Mrs. Jack Edwards and little daughter, Erma Warren, of High Point, brought Mrs. Wilton Knox and little daughter, Alberta, home from High Point, where they had been visiting the Edwards. Mrs. Edwards and little daughter returned to Raleigh Monday to attend the American Legion convention.

Miss Snell Kennett, of Greensboro, is visiting in the home of Mrs. Bettie Simpson. Her sister, Mrs. E. G. Bagley, has spent several weeks with Mrs. Simpson. They expect to leave for their home this week.

Returns From New York

Garland Barnhill returned Saturday from New York, where he has been purchasing fall goods for Barnhill Bros.

Tobacco Market Is Ready for Opening Sales Next Tuesday

FIRE DAMAGES OLD LANDMARK

Quick Work by Firemen Prevents Destruction of Old C. B. Hassell Place

One of Williamston's old landmarks came near passing into ashes this morning, about 2:30, when the fire alarm was turned in by Policeman Allsbrooks and it was found that the old C. B. Hassell home was on fire.

The fire company quickly reached the scene and had several streams of water on the fire, which was entirely out shortly afterwards, but not until much damage had been done to the building.

The fire had started in a closet under the stairway and had just burned itself clear through the floor the side walls, and was beginning to send tongues of flame in every nook and corner of the house when the firemen began to pour two big streams of water on it.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The house had been vacated for a few weeks and practically all the furniture had been removed except from one room.

The loss was estimated at around \$1,500. The amount of insurance could not be learned, but it is known that the Security Life & Trust Co., mortgage holder on the property, had a policy for \$2,500, and it is understood that there was other insurance also.

RECORDER HAS NUMBER CASES

Seven Cases Are Disposed Of Up Until Noon Today

Recorder Joseph W. Bailey and Solicitor H. O. Peel had disposed of 7 cases up to the noon hour today, with prospects that several more would be tried this afternoon or disposed of by agreement.

Frank Roberson, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was found guilty and sentenced to the roads for 12 months. He appealed to the superior court and was required to give bond in the sum of \$300 for his appearance at that court.

W. E. Bunting was tried under two charges, one for assault, and the other for violating the liquor law. In the first case judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs. In the other case he was sentenced to the roads for one month, judgment to be suspended for 12 months upon the good behavior of the defendant and the payment of the cost.

Burley Nelson was charged with disorderly conduct and adjudged guilty. Sentence was withheld.

William Biggs, Jr., and wife, Carrie Biggs, were charged with the larceny of silver spoons and other kitchen equipment from Mrs. Sallie Coltrain. Carrie Biggs plead guilty and Willie Biggs was found not guilty. The woman was sentenced to serve 12 months in jail.

Leamon Taylor plead guilty to two counts of driving an automobile while intoxicated and was fined \$75 in each instance.

In the case against Numphus James, for operating an automobile while intoxicated, the verdict has not yet been rendered.

Early M. Boston plead guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct and was given a sentence of 6 months on the roads, suspended for two years upon the good behavior of the defendant and payment of the cost.

Six Small Projects To Be Let by Commission Today

Raleigh, Aug. 27.—Bids on six highway projects involving the construction of only one hard-surfacing project and the construction of a bridge and approaches over Haw River, will be opened at the State Highway Commission offices today. Total cost of construction will be in the neighborhood of \$300,000.

The projects are as follows: No. 262, Lenoir County, dirt road from Kinoston to the Jones County line on route 121.

No. 2840, Jones County, dirt road from the Lenoir County line to the intersection of route 41, on route 121.

No. 5080, Alamance County, 13.22 miles of dirt road on route 83 between Chatham County line and Graham.

No. 5782, Randolph County, bridge and approaches over Haw River at Central Falls.

No. 8100, Burke County, overhead crossing on route 181 at Morganton.

No. 949, Jackson County, 4.06 miles of concrete on route 106 between Sylva and Cullowhee.

MANY SCHOOLS OPEN MONDAY

Six Months Schools Will Not Start Until Latter Part of Month

That vacation time for Martin County school children is just about over is seen in the announcements of the various schools of the county as to their opening dates. Practically all of the eight-months schools are scheduled to open next Monday, September 2, which is one of the earliest dates for general opening of the schools in many years. There are few vacancies remaining in the faculties of the various institutions, and the local boards are rapidly completing their lists where vacancies do exist.

Among the schools opening next Monday are Williamston, Robersonville, Everetts, Jamesville, Hassells, Parmele, and Oak City. At the office of the county board of education today, it was said that the Dardens school was also expected to open on the 2nd, although no definite announcement to that effect had been received at that time.

The Hamilton school is the exception to the list of longer-term schools opening next Monday, that school planning to begin its sessions one week later, on September 9.

The six months schools of the county will not begin classes until the latter part of September and October. Some of them are scheduled to open September 30th, while others do not get under way until October 28th.

The county superintendent of public instruction, R. A. Pope, today urged that the local boards and principals, particularly of the six-months schools, would adhere to the above schedule of opening dates, as beginning the sessions on the dates mentioned will facilitate office work in connection with issuing vouchers and keeping the records of the county uniform.

DECIDING GAME WON BY MARTIN

Defeat Bertie Here Friday, 5-4, in Final Game of Post-Season Series

Winning the deciding game before approximately 1,000 spectators here last Friday afternoon, Martin County's baseball nine gained the title of champions in the Bright Leaf Baseball League, Bertie dropping the contest by a 5 to 4 count. The "Little world series" was started week before last, both team holding a rightful claim to the title until the end of the seventh game here last Friday.

The game itself was a real thriller. Martin scored 4 runs early in the game and kept the lead until the visitors came to bat in the eighth. Gardner had pitched a splendid game up to this point, keeping the few hits well scattered, and the team had given him excellent support. In this inning, the Bertie boys got next to his offerings and scored two runs. With men on second and third, Dick Cherry, who had been held in reserve, was sent in.

The first man to face him got a hit that scored the two men on the bases and tied the score, after which Dick retired the side in order. Martin came back in her half of the same frame and scored one more run, enough to win the game and series, as Cherry set the visitors down one-two-three in the ninth.

By virtue of their victory Friday, the Martin team lays claim to the cup which has been on display at the Culpepper Hardware Company here which is emblematic of the championship of the league.

SCOUTS RETURN FROM OUTING

Spent Week at Bayview; Wheeler Martin in Charge

Twenty-three of the community's Boy Scouts returned last Sunday from a successful week's outing at Bayview, Scoutmaster Wheeler Martin and his two assistants, C. B. Clark, Jr., and Edwin Peel, returning with them. While the outing was not held under official regulations, Mr. Martin stated that the boys were drilled and did much scout work during the week. Three cookings, three eatings, and three swims and a plenty of sleep featured each day's activity. Of the 23 boys, all but one were swimming before the week was spent.

While one or two of the boys suffered minor cuts about the feet, the boys report a good time. Mr. Simon Lilley, a former Scoutmaster, was with the boys a while during the week.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR BIG SALES FIRST DAY

Market Is Better Prepared Than Ever Before for Good Season

THREE WAREHOUSES

Machinery in Redrying Plant Tested And Put in Good Shape; Floors Being Marked

The tobacco market opening here next Tuesday morning will find the market better prepared to handle the sale of the leaf than ever before. Finishing touches are being applied this week to the new house and improvements on the old ones. Scales have been inspected and placed in readiness for weighing the first of the season's offerings. The floors are being marked and the lunch counters are receiving attention.

The machinery in the redrying plant of the W. I. Skinner Company has been tested and is ready for immediate operation. It is understood that the plant is expecting a big season this year. Messrs. W. I. Skinner and Jim King will operate the plant again this year, and they are in a position to handle several million pounds of the leaf during the season.

The warehouse personnel this year is the strongest in the history of the market, made up of experienced tobaccoists and the section's leading citizens. Messrs. J. Haywood Everett and Evans Willard, at the new Planters Warehouse, come together here for the first time, but they come as experienced tobaccoists and warehousemen. Mr. Willard was on the market several years ago, and during that time he made a splendid record in the business and gained numerous friends. He comes here from Washington, while Mr. Everett is from Robersonville.

At the Farmers Warehouse the market has two live-wire warehousemen, Messrs. L. H. Barnhill and W. R. Ingram. Mr. Barnhill was connected with the house last season while Mr. Ingram bought for several independent companies. Mr. Ingram, while he has bought on the local market for several years, he has had much experience in the tobacco warehouse business. These two men are making a strong bid for a large patronage this season.

The "Big Four," Messrs. W. T. Meadows, S. C. Griffin, H. L. Meador, and W. J. Taylor, will again operate the Roanoke-Dixie house. These men need no introduction to the farmers of this section, and their past records assure them a continued success this season.

In connection with the operation of the market, the warehouse proprietors have secured able auctioneers, floor managers and book and office men. This group of employees assures the even operation of the sales and the rapid handling of accounts.

A strong corps of buyers has been assigned to the market here, and taking everything into consideration, the warehousemen are predicting a successful season as far as operations are concerned and are hoping that the price average will be favorable.

Predictions as to the prices next week vary from bad to good, many being optimistic, while others doubt if favorable prices will be paid. "There's one thing certain," a local warehouseman stated yesterday afternoon, while discussing the outlook, "we'll sell as high as any market, but we don't know what that figure will be."

Oak City Schools Ready For Opening on Monday

"We are all ready for the opening of our schools next Monday," Mr. H. M. Ainsley, the principal of the schools at Oak City, stated yesterday afternoon. The members of the faculty will arrive there the latter part of this week, ready for registration and class assignments Monday morning, the professor stated.

The school officials there are urging all children to attend at the start, as late registration greatly interferes with the schedules. Parents are asked to attend the first day with their children, that proper information might be secured for the records.

House Party in Jamesville

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Flemming and children, Miss Camille and Wallace Flemming, spent the past week end at Virginia Beach with friends from Baltimore, Md., and New York. Their friends, Misses Marie and Elizabeth Jorvinia and Jim Barnes, of Baltimore, Md., and Jack Quinn, of New York, accompanied them home and will be their guests for the week.

WATTS

THEATRE

Wednesday August 28

TOM TYLER

in
"IDAHO RED"

Also SERIAL and COMEDY

Thursday-Friday August 29-30

GRETA GARBO

in
"THE SINGLE STANDARD"

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