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ROBERSONVILLE SCHOOL LEADER IN ATTENDANCE

Has Average Daily Attendance Percentage of 77.5; Hamilton Second

BUT 5 SCHOOL REPORT

Williamston Has Highest Percentage Pupils on Honor Roll; Bear Grass Has Lowest Attendance

Of the five schools, Robersonville, Bear Grass, Everetts, Hamilton, and Williamston, reporting their attendance and honor pupils, Robersonville led in the average daily attendance, that school reporting a daily average of 97.5 per cent. Bear Grass trailed in the same column with an unusually low average, the school reporting only 80 per cent. Where Robersonville had only 12 pupils absent daily, there were 46 in the Bear Grass school who failed to attend. The location of the schools, no doubt, has much to do with the large variation in the attendance percentage, the children in the Bear Grass district apparently being held at home to assist in farm work.

Four hundred and sixty-nine of the 481 pupils in the Robersonville schools attended regularly while in the Bear Grass school only 223 of the 276 pupils enrolled attended daily on an average. The two schools ranked the same in the percentage of honor students, each averaging 11.5.

According to the reports filed in the county superintendent's office here, the five schools take the following ranks:

	Honor Roll	Attend.
Robersonville	11.5	97.5
Hamilton	11	95.5
Everetts	4	95
Williamston	14	94.7
Bear Grass	11.5	80

OFFICERS RAID IN FREE UNION

Get Three Men and Pour Out 23 Gallons of Liquor

Working by night and sleeping now and then, Federal Prohibition Officers Street and Rangely, with assistants Joseph Roebuck and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, and Bill Haislip, centered their activities in Free Union late Wednesday night. Twenty-three gallons of the finished product and 1,400 gallons of beer were destroyed on the spot, making drier and drier the mouths of a waiting many, who are said to be meeting with some difficulty in purchasing the spirits just at this time.

Reaching a far section in Free Union late in the night, the officers found Fleetwood Brooks, Grady James, and a 13-year-old boy, all colored, so busily firing the still that the operators did not even think about running. It was Brooks' third offense, so the officers brought him in with them. The other two appeared at the hearing held here yesterday morning by United States Commissioner W. C. Manning. Brooks was released under a \$1,500 bond, James was required to raise a \$500 bond, and the boy was released under the condition that he appear before Judge Meekins at the next term of Federal court in Washington the first Monday in April.

The still was of a 150-gallon capacity and was turning out the "spirits" rapidly, according to Mr. Haislip, who saw one in operation for the first time. Going along out of mere curiosity and as a guest of the raiders, Mr. Haislip hinted that there were too many thrills in the raiding business for him.

Program of Services at The Christian Church

Preaching service at the Christian church Sunday at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday school at 9:45. A cordial welcome awaits all friends and strangers to all these services.

WATTS THEATRE
Saturday Oct. 26
WM. S. HART
in
"Three-Word Brand"
Also COMEDY and SERIAL
Monday-Tuesday Oct. 28-29
RONALD COLEMAN
in
"THE RESCUE"
Also NEWS AND FABLES
MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE

Roanoke Fair Progaam To Offer Variety Amusements

Completing arrangements this week, Manager John L. Rodgerston stated yesterday that the Roanoke Fair opening here week after next, will offer one of the most diversified programs ever presented here. Several additions to the free attractions were made this week when Mr. W. T. Stone, owner and manager of the Stone Shows playing the fair this year, came here and assisted with last-minute details. While here Mr. Stone stated that he was bringing his best show, assuring the fair patrons amusement galore.

JOS. E. HARDISON DIES WEDNESDAY

Funeral To Be Held From Holly Springs Church This Afternoon

Joseph Edwin Hardison, 23 years old, died at the State Sanatorium late last Wednesday night, following an illness of several months' duration. Suffering poor health, young Mr. Hardison went to the Sanatorium for treatment last February, and for a while his condition was thought to have been improved. The period of recuperation was short, and gradually he weakened until the end.

FREE ALLEGED MOB MEMBERS

Gastonia Grand Jury Fails To Return True Bill in Wiggins Case

Gastonia, Oct. 24.—Gaston county spoke its mind today. All prosecutions instituted against alleged members of two anti-communist mobs, one of which shot and killed a mother of five children on the highway in broad daylight, and the other of which kidnapped three textile union organizers and took them 40 miles for a flogging near Concord, came to an end today. The 16 defendants in the two cases were released from their bonds. The Gaston county grand jury returned the two indictments into superior court, with each marked "not a true bill," ending the cases without the formalities of trials.

One indictment charged employes of Lora mills, center of Gastonia strikes, with a conspiracy to murder and with murdering Ella May Wiggins, as she and 22 other unionists were fleeing on a truck which had been turned back from attending an advertised meeting at South Gastonia, which other anti-unionists prevented from being held at all. On this indictment Judge H. Hoyle Sink, presiding over the court, was under the misapprehension that a true bill had been returned and had the entire grand jury brought into court in a body and polled. When Major A. L. Bulwinkle, attorney for the Lora mills, who appeared for the defendants in that case and in the kidnapping case, arose and asked that the bonds of all the defendants be discharged, Judge Sink appeared amazed. The grand jury had dispersed, but the court immediately sent for the foreman F. H. Cunningham, local real estate dealer, and said to him:

"Mr. Foreman, this six months grand jury has not ended in its duty in this matter. Your entire body must return to the matter and continue until this killing is ferreted out."

Everetts Woodmen Will Meet Monday

The Everetts camp, Modern Woodmen, will hold a regular meeting of its members next Monday night, the Forester team having charge of the evening's program, according to an announcement made this morning. While it was not officially announced this morning, it is understood that the camp will initiate one or two candidates at the meeting. All members are urged to attend the meeting.

TERM OF CIVIL COURT TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER

Number of Old Cases Are Scheduled To Be Tried

61 CASES ON DOCKET

Judge Clayton Moore Will Preside; Is First Regular Term of November Court Held Here

Sixty-one civil cases have been scheduled for trial in the next term of the Martin County Superior Court convening here the 18th of next month. The calendar, prepared by the Martin County Bar Association this week, calls for a two weeks term. Judge Clayton Moore, of this place, will preside.

A number of old cases will be heard, according to the calendar schedule, the one of Dickey versus railroad probably being the oldest one in the list of cases. Lewis Dickey, formerly of Stanton, Delaware, was hurt March 10, 1924, when a car in which he was riding struck a train at a highway crossing in Parme. The case was heard in the court here last year, the plaintiffs entering an appeal when the court decided against them. The supreme court granted a new trial which is scheduled to be heard Monday, the 18th, the first day of the term.

PRINCIPALS IN MEETING HERE

Decide Upon Holidays for Thanksgiving and Christmas

Two days for Thanksgiving and two weeks for Christmas will constitute the holidays in the Martin County schools, according to a decision reached by 11 of the county's school principals in conference here last Wednesday evening. The Thanksgiving holidays will come out of a clear sky, but not so with the Christmas vacation; for just before closing December 20, the pupils will be faced with examinations, the school heads decided.

Announces Services at Episcopal Churches

Rev. A. H. Marshall, Minister Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning service and confirmation by Bishop Darst of the Diocese of East Carolina at 11 a. m.

The members of the Church of the Advent and friends are invited to meet Bishop Darst at the rectory on Saturday night from 8 to 10. This will give the Bishop an opportunity to meet with the people of the church and town and the people of the church and town an opportunity to meet him.

Holy Trinity Church Bear Grass Road Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Afternoon service and sermon by Bishop Darst at 3 p. m. You will be welcomed to this service.

St. Martin's Church—Hamilton Sunday school at 10 a. m. Evening prayer and confirmation and sermon by Bishop Darst. This is a real opportunity to hear one of the strongest preachers in this country and a man who has done more for Evangelism than any other man in the Episcopal Church.

Kelly-Arnold Players Have Headquarters Here

The Kelly-Arnold players, who have been playing throughout North and South Carolina the past summer, closed their season here last Saturday. In the future the company will make its headquarters here, it was learned yesterday. The entire cast will return here next April and remain two weeks, spending one week rehearsing a new line of plays and giving a public performance the second week.

17 CASES TRIED BY RECORDER

Most of Cases Were Carried Over From Previous Tuesday

Seventeen cases were called in the recorder's court here last Tuesday, the docket carrying a large number of carry-over cases and practically none of any importance. Appeals were made in several cases, one measly \$5 fine sticking. Two jail sentences, one for 30 and another for 90 days, were imposed. The cases follow:

A nol pros resulted in the case charging Timothy Keys with disorderly conduct. Papers were issued for George Robert Grimes, charged with reckless driving. The case charging George and Henry Woolard with larceny and receiving, was continued. Oscar Edwards was found not guilty in the case charging him with larceny and receiving.

The case charging A. R. White with passing a worthless check was continued. Charged with assault with a deadly weapon, Henry Price entered a plea of guilty of simple assault which was accepted by Prosecuting Attorney H. O. Peel. Judge Bailey fined the defendant \$5, the costs added.

A nol pros was returned in the case charging Wesley Baker with disorderly conduct. A similar disposition resulted in the case charging Victor Roberson with non-support. Mattie Williams was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs when the court adjudged her guilty of violating the liquor laws. A six-months jail sentence was suspended. She appealed the case, Judge Bailey requiring bond in the sum of \$100.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Hebron Roberson entered a plea of guilty of being drunk and disorderly and accepted a 30-day jail sentence. The court failed to find Irving Coltrain guilty of driving an automobile while he was under the influence of liquor, but it established guilt in a reckless driving charge. He was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs, the defendant appealing his case. Appeal bond was fixed in the sum of \$100.

James Ruffin was sentenced to the roads for a period of six months when he was found guilty in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon. The sentence was suspended upon the defendant paying the costs of the case and the prosecuting witness' doctor's bill.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, G. H. Gurganus was found not guilty. Pleading guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, Eugenia Hughes was sentenced to jail for a period of 90 days. Henry Gainer was found not guilty of carrying a concealed weapon.

The case charging Julius D. Hardison with violating the stock law was continued. In the case charging Vance Price, Gray and Roy Simpson with trespass, the minutes of the court read as follows:

"It appearing to the court, who, from the evidence, finds that one Jones was the tenant of one Barber for the year 1929, and that Jones was living in a dwelling house of said Barber which was on lands other than those cultivated by Jones, who, in addition to using the dwelling house, also, with the permission of Barber, used the stables and out-buildings for purposes of housing his mule and storing corn and other like personal effects;

"That Jones sold a hog to one of the above-named defendants, delivery of which was not made at the time of the sale; The hog, both before and after the sale, having eaten the crops of Barber, the said Barber thereafter finding the hog in his bar impounded it in the stable building used by Jones, placing a notice on the door thereof forbidding any one to move said hog without his permission and nailed the door leading and opening into the stable used in impounding the hog."

"Another stable, which directly adjoined the stable in which the hog was impounded, and which was not nailed, was entered by the defendants, who lifted the hog to their own premises, which removal was made with the knowledge of Jones, who made no protest against it, and which removal was made without any notice to remove other than the written notice above mentioned, and without any other manner of notice."

The court held that the facts do not constitute the offense with which the defendants were charged and dismissed the case. The State appealed.

Presbyterians Announce Services for Sunday Sunday, October 27, 1929: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Worship service, 11 a. m., subject: "Loyalty." Bear Grass

Sales During Week Are Best of Season

NO GAME WITH ROBERSONVILLE

Football Fans of County Disappointed in Failure To Get Together

Football fans here and in Robersonville were greatly disappointed this week when officials of the two schools failed to reach an agreement making possible a game between the two teams this season. While it is understood that fans in both towns are still entertaining hopes for a match between the two teams, it looks as if their hopes will be in vain, for a game between the squads is not at all likely at this time, according to unofficial statements.

After an agreement had been reached between the officials of the two schools, and a game was practically assured, the fans, the Robersonville officials found that alterations would be necessary. Robersonville's representatives ignored the agreement reached Monday night, and the officials here refused to accept the proposed change, giving a deadlock and rendering chance for a game practically hopeless.

According to information gained following a meeting of Messrs. Hood, Ainsley, Leake, and Watson here last Monday evening, Robersonville agreed to come here for a \$35 cash consideration, Williamston furnishing the referee and umpire, who were to be chosen by Robersonville. November 8 was the date set for the game, and the match was announced. "But," says Coach Ainsley, "supporters of the Robersonville team stated that since two game were played in Williamston they would back the team in offering a guarantee of \$50 for the game to be played in Robersonville. Since no agreement could be reached, Robersonville made a counter-proposition to play in Williamston for \$50, which was refused."

Numerous suggestions have been made in an effort to bring about a match between the two teams, but so far no game is in sight. "Some say Williamston is afraid of Robersonville and others say Robersonville is afraid of Williamston, but what they say don't count; we want some one to say something that will make possible a match, so we fans can enjoy a real game of football," a local supporter was heard to say yesterday.

Number Pupils on Bear Grass School Honor Roll

Honor roll of Bear Grass School for month ending October 11, 1929: First grade, section B: Jessie Grey Terry, Carrie Dell Terry, Ella Mae Rogerson, Ernest Capps.

Second grade: Madeline Harrison. Third grade: Ophelia Rogerson. Fourth grade: Bonnie Bailey, Elizabeth Bailey. Fifth grade: Dan Peale. Sixth grade: Fred Ayers. Seventh grade: Magnolia Rogerson. Eighth and ninth grades: Not any.

Mrs. Walter Harrison Dies At Home Here

Mrs. Walter Harrison died at her home here on East Main Street last night, following an illness of only a few days' duration.

Mrs. Harrison, before her marriage in 1913, was Miss Lizzie, Roberson, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Roberson. She was born 42 years ago near Bear Grass, having lived in this county all her life. Two years ago she, with her family, moved here where Mr. Harrison is employed by the Peel Motor Company. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Bear Grass, the minister of that church officiating at the funeral services which were held at the home here this afternoon. Interment took place at Mobley burial ground, near Bear Grass.

Besides her husband and mother, she is survived by the following children, Roland, Grover, Ben, Carrie, Verna and Henry. Two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Harrison, of Bear Grass and Mrs. Mittie Rogers, of Robersonville, and one brother, Dawsey Roberson, of Robersonville, also survive.

PRESENT "HI-HAT" AT NEW SCHOOL BUILDING TONIGHT The local Woman's club presents "Hi-Hat" a musical comedy, in the new high school auditorium tonight, the curtain rising at 8:00 o'clock. The players have been practicing the comedy for several days, and the performance is expected to attract many.

AVERAGES UP TO 65 CENTS MADE

Wednesday Was Best Day of Week; Market Averages 30 Cents

OUTLOOK BRIGHTER

Warehousemen Look for Good Prices And Large Sales Next Week; Good Tobacco High Tobacco sales on the local warehouse floors this week have been the best of the entire season, according to official reports coming from the market's board of trade. With sales ranging around the half-million pound mark for the week, the price average tipped the 30 cent figure last Wednesday, one of the best days for the market so far recorded this season.

Prices showed considerable strength Monday over those of the past week, and while the break was small Tuesday on account of rain, the price continued to the new high level Wednesday. Thursday's sales showed a slight weakness from the previous day, especially on the upper grades. Today, prices are said to be back up and a spirit of optimism prevails again. The spirit of cooperation between warehousemen and buyers here this year is marked, all pulling together for the advancement of the market and the farmers.

Averages on the floors here this week have passed the 65 cent mark, and hundreds of farmers have averaged between the 45 and 55 cent mark.

The outlook for next week, according to warehousemen and buyers points to good prices and big breaks.

OFFICERS GET THREE STILLS

Two Are Raided in Griffins Section Wednesday; No Arrests

Raiding in Griffins township last Wednesday prohibition agents captured two copper stills with plenty of beer but no whiskey at the plants. One of the stills was located in the poocassin section of the township, and the other was found a mile or more east of Batts Cross Roads. Both of the plants were cold and no one was near when the officers arrived.

Yesterday afternoon the officers went into Cross Roads and after searching the swamps around the Leggett mill for several hours they found a steam plant just as they were starting their return trip. The complete outfit was destroyed along with ten and one-half gallons of whiskey and plant equipment. The still, a steam one, had been in operation during the day and was still steaming when the officers reached it, but no one was seen at the plant.

COLORED MAN SHOT IN SIDE

Man Who Fired Gun Says It Was Accident; Held Under Bond

George T. Purvis, colored was shot in the arm and side the early part of this week by Melton Barnhill, colored, Barnhill declaring the shot was fired accidentally. At a hearing held before Justice of the Peace John L. Hassell, Barnhill was placed under a \$1,000 bond in default of which he was placed in jail. Later the bond was reduced to \$200, which was furnished and Barnhill released.

According to Chief of Police W. B. Daniel, who made the arrest, Barnhill claims he was playing with a gun on the porch at the home of Willie Davis when it accidentally fired. The load of shot went through a window and hit Purvis, who was in the room. A part of the load hit the man in the arm, several others piercing the side. While the man's injuries are not considered serious; his wounds are said to be painful.

Baptists Announce Program of Services

Sunday school classes for all ages and a teacher for all classes is our aim. The sessions begin at 9:45. We welcome every one, but especially the people who come in from the surrounding rural districts. The regular preaching services will be held at 11 o'clock in the morning and at 7:30 in the evening. The B. Y. P. U. will meet at 6:30; and the members are invited to remain for the preaching service. The young people are asked to remember the B. Y. P. U. enlargement work and to so arrange their school work as to be with us for five evenings next week.

On account of this work there will be no mid-week services at the church.