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LOCAL JUNIORS PLAN DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS

Number of Committees Are Appointed At Meeting Held Recently

GOAL IS SET AT 200

Campaign Begins Next Tuesday and Lasts Until March 31; Optimistic Over Prospects

Martin Council, No. 122, Jr. O. U. A. M., is planning to stage an extensive membership campaign, beginning next Tuesday and running until March 31, according to an announcement made yesterday by an official of the order. The goal is set for 200 new members by the close of the campaign, it was stated.

At a meeting held recently a number of committees was appointed:

General: R. B. Brown, J. H. Harrell, T. M. Britton; Degree Work: B. S. Courtney, J. S. Getsinger, J. H. Harrell; Re-instatement: H. D. Harrison, J. E. Pope, R. D. Gurganus; Good of the Order: S. E. Sprinkle, V. D. Godwin, W. H. Harrison; Refreshment: J. S. Getsinger, R. D. Gurganus, T. M. Britton; Permanent in Investigation: J. E. Pope, B. S. Courtney, J. S. Getsinger, V. D. Godwin, J. A. Ward; Publicity: J. E. Pope, R. E. Manning, W. H. Harrison; Membership: J. E. Pope, R. B. Brown, H. D. Harrison, J. S. Getsinger and J. A. Ward.

The Junior Order of United American Mechanics is the strongest and most active in North Carolina. It has a total membership of over 63,000 in this state alone. It maintains one of the largest and most modern orphan institutions in America at Tiffin, Ohio and another at Lexington, N. C. It is strictly all-American and seeks out the best citizens for its members.

Local members are planning a big campaign and are predicting much success in adding new members.

PRINCIPALS HAVE A GOOD MEETING

Held in Oak City Wednesday; Discuss School Problems

"The Principals' Conference held in Oak City last Wednesday evening was one of the best we have held so far this year," declared Mr. R. A. Pope, county superintendent of schools, who attended the session.

A lively discussion of matters pertaining to the county schools marked the conference, representatives of the county board of education and the principals present pledging their loyalty to any movement offering more efficient teaching.

Mr. L. C. Brogden, general supervisor of elementary schools of the State Department of Education, made valuable suggestions before the meeting, pointing out the need for a county supervisor in Martin. Mr. Brogden discussed this need at length and pointed out several phases of work that are necessary to better teaching. Among the minor phases discussed were: cooperation of parents and teachers, relative value of supervised study and home study, regulation of teaching load, number of subjects and the regulation of time for entrance of beginners.

Children From Baptist Orphanage Here Sunday

A group of Baptist orphans will appear in a service here Sunday night at the local Baptist church.

The Baptist denomination supports about 700 orphans in the State, and there are twenty-three other organizations and institutions engaged in the same work.

This group comes to Williamston from the Kennedy Home, near Kinston. They will be in charge of the service Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, and the public is cordially invited to see and hear them.

Tobacco Market Will Close Two Days for Thanksgiving

The local tobacco market will be closed Thursday and Friday of next week for the Thanksgiving holidays, reopening the following Monday.

Sales continue small with prices holding about the same average as for the past few weeks.

The October prices this season in Williamston, Robersonville and Washington average about four cents lower per pound this year than last season with sales much smaller.

Sales for the month: Robersonville, 1,807,472; Williamston, 1,807,300; Washington, 1,135,492; Windsor, 669,110.

The average price here and at

Washington was exactly the same for the month. Windsor was a little lower while Robersonville was one cent higher. Wilson has averaged higher than any of the bright markets in the east. Enfield was lowest with New Bern next lowest.

The present indication is that all the markets in the extreme east where the heavy rains fell will show a decrease in pounds of approximately 40 per cent from last year and about 20 per cent in price per pound. These markets are Greenville, New Bern, Robersonville, Washington and Williamston with some variation within the group.

METHODISTS TO HEAR REV. PETTY

New Minister Is Well Qualified to Carry on Work at Local Church

The new Methodist pastor, Rev. D. A. Petty, is delivering two special sermons for Sunday which will command the attention of all his people, and possibly others. In one sermon he asks and answers the question, "Will Civilization Stand?" At the other hour he speaks on the interesting subject, "Subduing Adversity."

Mr. Petty is prepared to deal with these difficult subjects both by his experience and training. He spent six years in the regular ranks of the ministry in North Carolina, after which he took up special studies at Yale Divinity School which further prepared him for an effective ministry. During these studies he was pastor of the Methodist church at Wallingford, Conn. Coming back to this State, he was appointed to Clark Street Church, Rocky Mount, where he served most effectively for two years. He comes to Williamston with an effective record as a minister, and with a thorough preparation as a student, having taken his bachelor of arts degree at Duke University, and his bachelor of divinity degree at Yale.

FAIL IN SEARCH OF OLD RECORDS

California Party Interested in Old Estate Fail in Quest for Old Books

A party of four people, understood to be headed by Mrs. W. D. Rusing and from California, apparently met with bitter disappointment here yesterday it failed to find records in the courthouse establishing a right to property in this county. Facts were guarded closely by the members of the party, and it could not be positively learned just what they were seeking to find. It is believed that they were interested in an old estate thought to have belonged to the Everetts in the early part of the 19th century. This belief could not be established as a truth, however.

Arriving here Monday, the party entered the courthouse and inquired after certain records filed between the years 1805 and 1860. It is understood that the records they sought burned with the old courthouse in 1882. Information given to the party by the Historical Commission, Raleigh, where the party went from here, maintained that the records were not burned.

Yesterday, the party returned on the strength of the information gained in Raleigh and started another search. Apparently not acquainted in the work of chasing records and guarding closely their mission, the party met with no success in their search and departed about noon, leaving, it is thought, still believing the records intact here.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hathaway Dies

Dorothy Louise, the eight-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hathaway, died early Friday night following an illness of influenza and pneumonia.

The funeral services were conducted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cherry, Everetts, Saturday by Rev. C. H. Dickey, of the Williamston Baptist Church.

Interment followed in the Bethel cemetery. There was a large attendance of friends and relatives. The floral offering was beautiful.

Respected Colored Woman Dies Saturday

Maggie Alexander, highly respected colored woman, died at her home near the Baptist cemetery here last Saturday, following a long illness. She had been in poor health for many months, the last several of which she was confined to her bed. She was 65 years old, having lived here all her life. Interment was made here Monday.

MANY WOMEN AT MEET TUESDAY

County Council Is Reorganized; Demonstrations by Mrs. Kline

Meeting in the Woman's Club hall here last Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, officers of the several home demonstration clubs in the county reorganized the county council, the following officers being elected:

Mrs. Julian Mizelle, of Palmyra, president; Mrs. C. L. Wilson, Robersonville, vice president; Mrs. T. M. Woodburn, of Parme, secretary; and Mrs. Minnie Everett, of Palmyra, was elected treasurer.

The council meeting, adjourned promptly at 3 p. m., for Mrs. Frances Kline's demonstration. Tuesday afternoon at the woman's club room, approximately 90 women gathered from all over the county to attend demonstrations given by Mrs. Frances Kline. Mrs. Kline gave an excellent salad and "quick roll" demonstration. "The success of this meeting was due B. S. Courtney for the use of a very good oil stove," declared Miss Sleeper.

Mrs. Kline has been a commercial demonstrator for some years, but was formerly a food and nutrition specialist with the South Carolina Extension Division. She has also served as district agent in Kentucky. It was a rare opportunity to have her here, since she is kept very busy representing her company.

FIX VALUATION OF POWER LINES

Determined at Meeting of County and Company Officials Tuesday

The value of property owned by the Virginia Electric and Power Company in this county was determined at a meeting of the county commissioners and officials of the power company held here last Tuesday, the parties listing the property for taxation at \$60,000.

The property listed through the Corporation Commission was valued at approximately \$34,000, the commissioners, studying the question with the power company's officials, accepting the \$60,000 listing. The power concern was represented at the meeting by Mr. J. T. Chase, manager of the Carolina Division of the company; R. H. Goodman, sales manager, and Attorney Dickens, all of Roanoke Rapids.

Mrs. Maggie Knox Found Dead at Home Near Here

Mrs. Maggie Knox, 37 years old, was found dead in bed at her home in Poplar Point township this morning, death apparently resulting from heart failure. Mack Knox, her husband, stated he thought her to be in good health and that he knew of no trouble until he found her dead. Mr. Knox arose early and built a fire. Calling to his wife, he failed to get an answer and made the shocking discovery when he went to the bed side.

She leaves seven small children. Funeral arrangements had not been completed at noon today, but it is thought that interment will take place near the home.

The family moved from South Carolina to the Speight farm in Poplar Point township last January where the members cultivated a crop this year. Mrs. Knox was a native of South Carolina. The death is marked for its sadness, according to reports coming from the home.

16-Year-Old Boy Dies Result of Appendicitis

David Barber, the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt B. Barber, of near Jamesville, died in a Washington hospital last night peritonitis. He is the second child Mr. and Mrs. Barber have lost this week, their 15 months old baby was buried Monday.

Suffering a sudden attack of appendicitis, the boy was rushed to the hospital, reaching there too late as the appendix had burst while he was on his way there. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

NEGRO PROWLER IS HELD UNDER BOND OF \$5,000.00

Charged With Attempted Assault and Attempted Housebreaking

IS RETURNED TO JAIL

Alleged To Have Attempted to Enter Home of C. B. Godwin and A. Anderson Last Saturday

Charged with attempted criminal assault and attempted housebreaking, William Crew, colored, was required to give bond in the sum of \$2,500 in each case at a preliminary hearing held before Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell in the county courthouse auditorium here last Tuesday afternoon, shortly after 4 o'clock. Unable to meet the required bond, Crew was returned to the local jail where he will be held until the next term of Martin County superior court, convening here December 9th.

The defendant, through his attorneys, E. A. Ritcher and H. G. Horton, waived examination, the prosecution quickly agreeing upon the amount of the bond to be required in the case.

Crew is alleged to have attempted to enter the homes of Mr. C. B. Godwin, on Main Street, here and that of Mr. A. Anderson, on Houghton Street, last Saturday just before midnight. He was arrested and placed in jail early Sunday morning, practically admitting his guilt in one of the charges at that time, it is understood.

HONOR ROLL FOR BEAR GRASS

Small Decrease in Average Attendance; Increase in Honor Roll

While there was a small decrease in the average daily attendance during the second month, the Bear Grass school made a substantial gain in its number of honor students during the period, according to a report received here yesterday afternoon from Principal S. M. Lee. A decrease of 1.7 per cent was recorded in the daily attendance figures, the number of honor students increasing from 25 the first month to 25 for the second period, closing a few days ago. A list of the honor students, by grades, follows:

First grade—section A—Magdalena Harrison, Lillian Taylor, Rachel Ayers, Francis Bailey, Francis White, Edna Rawls, Altie Britton, Bernice Rogerson, Albert B. Bennett, Doris Rogers, H. D. Harrison, Jr., Ronald White, Esther Rawls.

Second grade—Annie Mae Bailey, Magdaline Harrison.

Third grade—Ophelia Rogerson, Kathleen Rogerson, Effie Davis Britton.

Fourth grade—Elizabeth Bailey.

Fifth grade—Dan Peel, Josephine Gurganus, Susie Gray Harris, Hilda Roebuck, Marjorie Terry.

Sixth grade—Fred Ayers, Sarah Roberson.

Eighth grade—Sallie Roebuck.

Ninth grade—Vera Green Rogers, Nossie Lee Taylor, Mildred Ayers.

Greenville Loses Two Leading Men by Death

Greenville lost two of its leading citizens this week. Richard Williams died early Wednesday morning following a short heart attack and O. L. Joyner passed away yesterday morning following a long illness.

Captain Dick Williams was 71 years old and had been a leader in his county for half a century. At the time of his death he was bookkeeping for Mr. Joyner who died just a few hours after he did.

O. L. Joyner was the pioneer tobacco man in Pitt county. The first tobacco barn in the county was built by him under the supervision of Jno. T. Seat, of Granville county. He was the founder of the Greenville tobacco market with which he has been connected nearly every year since.

Ten Cases Go To Jury In Superior Court Here

Up until noon today ten cases had reached the jury serving the civil term of Martin County Superior court started here last Monday. A number of cases has been settled, but no cases of marked importance have been heard.

A few tax suits have been heard, and one or two divorces have been granted. Minutes of the proceedings have not been completed at this time.

RUN AUTO INTO FREIGHT TRAIN NEAR PLYMOUTH

Two Negroes Have Narrow Escape From Death Tuesday Night

CAR IS DEMOLISHED

Driver Hit 57th Car in Train; One 5-Gallon Jug of Liquor Comes Through Wreck Intact

William Cooper, colored, of Edenton, and William Bennett, colored, of Elizabeth City, narrowly escaped death last Tuesday night about 10:00 o'clock when they ran their new Plymouth Chrysler coupe into a moving freight train of the Norfolk Southern, one mile this side of Plymouth. According to information gained from those viewing the scene of the wreck, Cooper, the driver, was speeding his car so rapidly that he failed to see the train in time to stop his car. Cooper cannot say that the whistle on the train failed to blow, for 56 box cars had passed the crossing when he ran his car into the 57th one.

Cooper suffered a crushed leg and Bennett was cut about the eye and head. The car was completely demolished, the only thing coming through the wreck being a 5-gallon glass jug filled with East Lake liquor, according to Sheriff Reid, of Washington county, who investigated the wreck. The remainder of the liquor, about 30 gallons, was smashed with the car.

Cooper and Bennett stated they had purchased the liquor on East Lake and were taking it to their home towns by way of Williamston and the Chowan bridge.

Dr. Bray, of Plymouth, took both of the injured men to a hospital in Washington where they are receiving treatment.

The two men were sober at the time of the accident, it was stated.

MANY HUNTERS TAKE TO FIELDS

Fifty Licenses Sold Here Wednesday and Thursday

While Thanksgiving week is a popular one for hunters in this part of the State, many of the sportsmen are roaming the fields and woods this week in search of game, judging from the large number of licenses sold by the Culpepper Hardware Company here since the season opened for the taking of quail and rabbits. Approximately 50 licenses were sold Wednesday and yesterday here to hunters who are out to shoot quail and rabbits.

Trappers are said to be more numerous this season in this section than in the past. Numbers of the hunters purchasing traps for the work. Practically all game is on the increase in this section this year, according to reports gathered from practically all sections of the county.

Is Bound Over to Court On Abandonment Charge

Charged with abandonment, W. C. Purvis waived examination at a hearing held before Justice of the Peace John L. Hassell here last Tuesday afternoon. Bond was fixed in the sum of \$1,000, the case being referred to the recorder's court to be called the first Tuesday in December.

Program of Services at Church of Advent

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Morning Prayer and service, 11 o'clock. Afternoon service at Hamilton at 3 o'clock. Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 o'clock.

Taylor, Bailey & Brother Are Staging Big Sale

Taylor, Bailey and Brother, prominent Everetts merchants, are announcing a big reduction sale at their store there beginning tomorrow and continuing through the middle of December. Annually the firm stages a sale that attracts hundreds of people, the store offering dependable merchandise at greatly reduced prices. In connection with the sale, the owners award a number of worth-while and valuable prizes.

Local High Eleven Is Playing Henderson Today

Henderson's football eleven arrived here shortly before noon today for a game with Coach Hood's warriors this afternoon on the high school field. A cold rain, part sleet, falling at noon offers to interfere with the attendance, but the teams will battle, anyway, it was stated.

New Ballot System Gets Its First Trial

BAPTIST REVIVAL ENDS TOMORROW

Final Service by Dr. James B. Turner at 10 o'clock Saturday Morning

The special series of meetings at the local Baptist church will come to a close tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in a mass meeting at the church.

Dr. James B. Turner, pastor of the Hayes-Barton church of Raleigh, has been preaching to large congregations every evening this week. The people have been coming in large numbers, and the splendid attention they have given is characteristic of Williamston audiences, the pastor remarked this morning.

Dr. Turner has personally enjoyed his stay here, and he has made many warm friends for himself. He will leave for Raleigh tomorrow afternoon.

Dr. Turner's messages have been Scriptural, safe, constructive and sound. His week's stay here has made a telling impression for good upon large numbers of people in and about Williamston. That the community is better for his having been here is the common belief of all.

Tonight he preaches at the church again at 7:30 o'clock and the concluding service Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Everyone is invited.

TWO ALARMS OF FIRE YESTERDAY

Chimney Blaze and Small Fire on Roof Call Out Fire Company

A drop in the thermometer mercury in these parts yesterday increased fire hazards greatly, the local fire company answering two calls during the morning, going first to the home of John Bland, in New Town, where soot furnished a strong chimney blaze, and later to the home of S. Gorham, colored, near the colored Methodist church.

No fire damage was reported at the Bland home, and the loss at the Gorham home was said to be very small, only a few shingles being burned.

The first call, coming at 6:30 in the morning, called local residents to their work several minutes earlier than is the usual case.

CATCH CONVICT IN CROSS ROADS

Raymond Heath Returned To Finish Sentence in Pitt County

Raymond Heath, escaped colored convict, was captured in Cross Roads township this week by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and turned over to Pitt County authorities who will send the man back to the roads to complete an eighteen months sentence. Heath was sentenced to the roads in the Pitt County court last April when he was found guilty of forging a check.

While serving his sentence, Heath met Charles Whitaker, of this county. After completing a six-months sentence, Whitaker returned to his home near the Leggetts mill, this county. It was only a short while following Whitaker's return that Heath escaped from the road camp and came over to live with his friend. When captured, Heath and his partners were in the midst of an interesting game of set-back.

Program of Services at Presbyterian Church

True sayings: "If you are not kind, you are the wrong kind." Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. The public is cordially invited to the special Thanksgiving program which will be given at this hour. Those taking part are urged to be on time.

Worship service and sermon, 11 a. m. "And Isaac digged again the wells of water which had been stopped." At this glad Thanksgiving season of the year, we invite all who will to come and worship with us.

Program of Services at Christian Church

Sunday morning services, 11 o'clock. Evening service at 7:30. Sunday school 9:45 a. m.

SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX CARRIES IN HURST DISTRICT

Will Provide Consolidation For District with School At Everetts

ONLY 28 REGISTERED

New Voting System Proves To Be Curiosity: Is Improvement Over The Old Method

Held under the system established by the passage of the Australian Ballot Law passed by the last Legislature, the Hurst School election last Wednesday carried by a 25 to 3 vote. The carrying of the election makes permanent the temporary arrangement of caring for the 40 or more children included in the district in the Everetts school.

During the past two months or more, the children of the district have been receiving instruction in the school at Everetts, but the arrangement was only temporary. Should the election have failed to carry, it is understood that the children would have to return to the small school maintained in the district up until the beginning of the present school year.

The election calls for a special levy of 30 cents on the \$100 property valuation in the district, and gives the children there equal rights to the offerings of the Everetts school as enjoyed by those of the Everetts district. One truck will care for the children, it is believed.

The new method of voting attracted the attention of officials, and according to reports the new system is a marked improvement over the old. It was stated that to learn the trend of the election from the ballot box at any time before the count was impossible. Voters found a new type of ticket, and the booth was somewhat a curiosity.

The election was held strictly in accordance with the law, officials having carefully reviewed the statute in making arrangements for the voters.

YOUNG MAN IS CAUGHT AT STILL

Mayo Harrell Arersted, at Plant Near Oak City Yesterday

Mayo Harrell, young white man, was arrested at a liquor still near Oak City yesterday afternoon by Officers Street and Roebuck. "I was doing something I should not have been doing," Harrell stated at a preliminary hearing given him soon after his capture. He was released under bond.

According to his own statements, Harrell was preparing to run a batch of beer for his own use, that it was his first connection with the business. The still was said to belong to two colored men, but their names were withheld. They, according to the evidence given, had run the plant early in the week and had agreed to lend him the use of the equipment yesterday.

The kettle was of only 60 gallon capacity, and there was very little material on hand when the officers made the raid.

Baptists Announce Program of Services

The Sunday school meets at 9:45 o'clock Sunday morning, and will be followed immediately by the 11 o'clock church service. The B. Y. P. U. s meet at 6:30 Sunday, and the evening church service follows immediately. At the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning, there will be a baptismal service. This is always an impressive service and the public is invited.

Sunday night, the church program will be put on by a group of orphan children from one of our orphanages. These young people will come into Williamston on Sunday afternoon, and will be entertained in the homes of the people.

Union Service at Christian Church Thanksgiving Day

Williamston churches will hold a union Thanksgiving service in the Christian church next Wednesday evening, 7:30 o'clock, according to an announcement made this morning following a meeting of the ministers. Rev. Arthur H. Marshall, rector of the Church of the Advent, will preach the sermon, it was stated.

The churches here have held union services each Thanksgiving for about ten years, the services rotating. The pastors of the town urge their people to attend the service next Wednesday evening.

WATTS THEATRE

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