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FARMERS APPLY FOR AID FROM GOVERNMENT

Farmers Waiting Outcome of Applications Filed This Week

MANY APPLICATIONS

Hope For Aid Renewed When Application Blanks Are Received By Agent T. B. Brandon

After practically abandoning all hope of getting assistance from the government seed and feed loan fund, Martin County farmers renewed their faith in the administration when blanks were received by County Agent Brandon this week. Consideration for Martin farmers was given at the last minute, and requests for aid have been received in groups during the past few days by the loan committee.

There is not a great number of farmers in this county who actually request the government's aid, but in many of these cases the need is urgent. Fields have been plowed and prepared for the 1930 crop, but work was stopped there when the farmers were unable to buy seed or fertilizer to continue operations. Their applications have been prepared and dispatched to the Columbia office of the seed and feed loan committee, the applicants here waiting patiently for hopeful acceptance.

County Agent Brandon as well as members of the local committee has explained the fund to hundreds of farmers, but it is very seldom that one is eligible for aid under the act. For seed and feed only can the farmers ask aid. The various requests entered were made in the hope that money might be had to pay taxes, insurance premiums, current bills of practically every kind and so on down the line. These requests were necessarily turned down by the committee.

Realizing that the need was limited to a few farmers and that it was urgent in their cases, Agent Brandon has worked night and day in an effort to get a favorable response from the Columbia office, and with the arrival of the application blanks this week, hope was renewed.

HEALTH BOARD RESOLUTION

Orders Owners To Muzzle Dogs or Confine Them

Meeting here last Tuesday, the county board of health passed the following resolution:

All dogs in the county, running at large shall be muzzled. Any dog found at large not muzzled will be taken up and confined, the owner being able to recover his pet by paying the costs.

Any person who fails to comply with this regulation will be subject to prosecution.

There have been several mad dogs in various sections of the county during the past few days and several dogs have been attacked, some of them having gone mad.

The board of health, acting upon many requests and within legal rights considered the action necessary and the public is urged to assist in limiting the possible danger from dogs.

Commencement Sermon Program Sunday Morning

The program for the commencement religious service in the high school auditorium Sunday morning, as announced by Rev. D. W. Petty, follows:

The local churches dispense with their services and join in commencement service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Offering in envelope goes to respective churches, and loose offering goes to charity department of the Woman's club.

Professional—Choir and congregation sing, "Onward Christian Soldiers" while graduating class marches in. Prayer by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff.

Anthem by choir, "I heard the Voice of Jesus Say." Scripture lesson by Rev. W. F. Wiegman.

Offering, Hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers." Sermon, "Integrity," by Rev. D. A. Petty. Hymn, "Lead On O King Eternal." Benediction.

Club Women To Meet at Chocowinity Tuesday

The first district federation meeting of all home demonstration clubs will be held in the parish house at Chocowinity next Tuesday, beginning at 10 a. m. All club women have been invited to attend and bring lunch. A goodly number from this county should plan to attend the meeting.

The county council president, Mrs. Julian Mizelle, of Williams Chapel, is scheduled to make the welcome address.

Miss Sleeper is urging all home demonstration club women to attend the meeting.

COMMENCEMENT SERMON SUNDAY

Rev. D. A. Petty Will Deliver Sermon in High School Building

The 1929-30 commencement in the local school continues this evening with a music recital by members of practically every grade. The commencement sermon will be preached next Sunday morning by Rev. Dwight W. Petty, of the local Methodist Church. The service will be held in the high school auditorium with all the churches taking part. Seats will be reserved for the members of the graduating class and their immediate families, it was stated yesterday by Principal William R. Watson.

Examination will hold the interest of the school during the early part of next week, the opera by the sixth and seventh grades being the following feature of the closing exercises. Certificate will be presented the seventh grade, graduates and perfect attendance honor certificates will be awarded following the opera.

Thursday marks the last day of the term, the pupils returning Friday afternoon at 2 for their report cards.

The term will be formally closed Friday evening, May 2, when Mr. L. H. Davis, former principal of the school, delivers the main address. The 26 members of the graduating class, the largest in the history of the school, will receive their certificates and diplomas at that time, it was announced.

TRAGEDY AT FAMILY'S DOOR

Adverse Circumstances Are Faced by Edenton Family

Edenton, April 24.—Stories of tragedy and pathos are heard in nearly every corner of the world every day. Here is one of those stories right here at home.

Funeral services for Mrs. Laura Wilson, 40, who died at her home here early Sunday morning, were held from the home Monday afternoon. Interment was made in the Wilson family burying ground in Rocky Hook Township. Mrs. Wilson's death followed several years of illness.

Tuesday morning her husband, Tom Wilson, a helpless paralytic, was taken to the county home. Four small children, their ages ranging from three to ten years, are left at home, motherless and practically fatherless, for their father is not able to provide for them.

An elder son of the deceased was allowed to come home to attend his mother's funeral. Then he had to go back to the roads to finish serving a term for larceny.

A 26-year-old daughter of the deceased is in a tubercular hospital, where she was taken after physicians found that she was almost hopelessly ill with the white plague.

Presbyterians Announce Program of Services

Sunday, April 27th, 1930: The Church with an Open Door." Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Mr. Jno. L. Rodgers, superintendent.

There will be no service at the Presbyterian church at 11 a. m., as the members will meet with those of the other churches at the High School, where the commencement sermon will be preached by Mr. Petty.

Bear Grass
The usual Presbyterian services will be held in the schoolhouse at 7:30 p. m. Rev. A. J. Crane, of Tarboro, N. C., will preach, and Mr. Pope will lead the singing. Come and join us in this service.

Special Service May 4th
Dr. E. E. Gillespie, of Greensboro, N. C., will preach in the Presbyterian church at 11 a. m. Sunday, May 4th, 1930. Other prominent Presbyterians will be present. A musical program is being planned. Every one is invited to keep this date in mind and attend this special service.

Baptist Church Program For Next Sunday Service

Sunday, April 27th, 1930: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Owing to the bacillareat sermon at the high school building at 11 a. m., we will not have any morning service. Those wishing to make their usual morning envelope offering will be given an opportunity at this time.

Mr. Fred Taylor will speak again to us at the 7:30 evening service. Those hearing him before will look forward to hearing him speak again with pleasure.

Sunday Services at the Local Christian Church

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. At 11 a. m., this church will join in the graduating exercises at the high school.

Sermon by the pastor at 7:30 in the evening. The public is cordially invited to attend the Sunday school and evening service at this church.

COLOR ADDED TO POLITICS IN THIS COUNTY

Three Candidates Announce for Office of County Treasurer

RACE FOR SHERIFF ON

C. A. Harrison, W. H. Carstarphen and J. E. Pope Out for Treasurer; R. B. Brown Files for Sheriff

More color was added to local politics today when Mr. Robert B. Brown announced his candidacy for the office of sheriff and Mr. C. A. Harrison primary next June. Mr. Brown's announcement develops two races in the county so far, Messrs. W. H. Carstarphen and J. E. Pope having filed their candidacies for the office of treasurer several days ago. Mr. Brown will be opposed in the primary by Sheriff C. E. Roebuck, who filed several days ago with the county board of elections, for treasurer, subject to the Democratic Mr. Harrison's announcement develops a three-corner race for the office of the treasurer, and is the first one of its kind in this county in several years.

As a whole, the political pot in this county has had very little fire under it so far, but with two races already scheduled the water is likely to get hot and possibly boil before the primary June 7.

Turning from local political doings, the senatorial race is next in line as far as interest is concerned. In that contest, however, no great interest is being displayed with the exception of a few of the more or less politically inclined. Thomas Estep, said to be running for the Senate on a wet platform, evidently continues under the water, as his candidacy is hardly ever mentioned.

The race for the solicitorship, with three participants, Messrs. Gillam, Hardison, and Barnes, is probably the next in line, the three contestants together indicating that many voters will be drawn to the polls on the 7th.

JAMES BARNHILL DIES THURSDAY

Was Ill Only a Short Time; Funeral Services Held This Afternoon

James E. Barnhill, popular young man of near here, died suddenly at his home yesterday morning following an acute attack of brights disease. He had been sick only about two weeks, and his death comes as a shock to the community.

Mr. Barnhill, 33 years old, was the son of the late J. E. and Roxie Barnhill. He was a World War veteran, serving in the 42nd division over seas.

The funeral was held at the home near the Roanoke fair grounds at 2 o'clock today by the Rev. Dwight W. Petty, of the local Methodist church. Burial was in the family cemetery on the old Barnhill farm near Everetts.

Mr. Barnhill had never married. He is survived by seven brothers, Henry Barnhill, of Tarboro, B. R., John D., Jodie, Fabian and Harry Barnhill, all of this county, and Kader of New York, and two sisters, Misses Ruby and Blanche Barnhill, of Williamston.

Kiwanians Hold Regular Meeting Last Wednesday

The Kiwanis Club held its regular bi-weekly meeting Wednesday, with 21 members present, and the meeting in charge of Rev. D. W. Petty.

Mr. Petty, chairman of the committee on vocational guidance, stressed the importance of every young person making a definite decision as to their vocation in life, weighing both the good and the bad before making a final decision. In this discussion, he was supported by Mr. R. A. Pope, who dealt with the teaching of vocations in the Martin County schools.

A report was given by G. H. Harrison, chairman of the committee on public affairs, on the new peanut plant for Williamston. A vote of thanks was given Mr. Harrison in appreciation for the diligent and successful work performed by the committee.

Revival Services Continue At Holly Springs Church

Large congregations are attending the revival services in the new church at Holly Springs this week, Rev. D. W. Petty stated this morning.

The services are likely to continue into next week, the pastor stated this morning.

Services at the Methodist Church Next Sunday

Sunday school at 9:45.—Mr. William Harrison, assistant superintendent in charge.

The congregation of this church joins in the union service at the high school for the commencement sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

No service will be held in the church Sunday evening on account of the revival at Holly Springs. The congregation and others are cordially invited to join in the worship there.

SPECIAL TERM CLOSURES TODAY

Davis-Hinson Case Before Court Two Days; Few Cases Are Heard

The small land suit of Davis versus Hinson in the superior court here this week turned out to be one of the main cases this week when more than two days were spent in hearing it. Of the sixty-nine cases scheduled for trial, the court has heard very few of them during the two weeks, and ends today with a majority of the cases going over to a next court.

The Davis-Hinson case was started last Tuesday at noon when a jury was selected. After a wrangle lasting almost two full days, the case when to the jury yesterday afternoon, that body returning a verdict in favor of the defendants after deliberating over the case only a short while.

The land in controversy was only a small tract and hardly worth the trouble and cost of the suit according to reports.

The trial of the case of Jesse Harrell against B. F. Shelton was the first case called in the court this morning. The case was started when Harrell entered a suit for damages sustained when his car was struck by a truck driven by an employee of Mr. Shelton.

HARRY COBURN DIES NEAR HERE

Suffers A Paralytic Stroke While Fishing in the Roanoke Tuesday

Harry Coburn, 47-year-old farmer, died at his home on the Leggett farm near here on the Hamilton road shortly after midnight Wednesday. Funeral services were held from the home yesterday afternoon by Rev. Dwight W. Petty, of the local Methodist church. Interment followed in the William R. Whitley burial ground, two miles from the Coburn home.

Mr. Coburn suffered a stroke of paralysis while fishing in the Roanoke last Tuesday afternoon, falling helpless in his canoe. Lafayette Roebuck, who was in the boat at the time, called for assistance and the man was removed to his home. He never regained consciousness.

The son of the late James Coburn and wife, Mr. Coburn married Miss Ellen Gurganus in early manhood. She with three children, Marvin, age 16, Ellen, age 8 and Mamie, age 5, survives. He also leaves six sisters, Miss Susan Coburn, Mrs. Veona Ange, of Jamesville, Mrs. Lula Leggett, Mrs. Oma Leggett, of Hopewell, Mrs. Beulah Rawls, of Gold Point.

Mr. Coburn had farmed for thirteen years on the Leggett farm and was well regarded in his walk of life.

BETTER HOMES WEEK APRIL 27

Nation to Join In the Observance of Better Homes Week

Annual observance of Better Homes Week is called to the attention of all people in the county. The week will be observed, Miss Lora Sleeper stated, throughout the United States, April 27 to May 3.

At this time, Miss Sleeper pointed out, yards are cleaned, trash is burned and the improvement of the home is considered from the interior as well as the exterior. This movement was started some years ago and has grown rapidly since. In 1929, the week was observed in 6,000 cities and towns over the United States.

To celebrate this movement, the National Cash Register company is lending the county the film, "How to Beautify Your Community." This picture, a two-reel movie, will be shown at the Watts theatre here three nights beginning Monday, April 28. The picture will also be shown in Robersonville three nights, beginning Thursday night, Miss Sleeper stated.

Oak City School Faculty Re-elected for Next Term

The 1929-30 school faculty in the Oak City schools was re-elected in its entirety by the school board there in a meeting held this week, it was announced by Principal H. M. Ainsley.

The reelection was the eighth for Mr. Ainsley, making him one of the oldest principals, from a point of service, in this county. Several of the other teachers return for their third and fourth years.

Current reports from the Oak City community state that the school these has enjoyed a very successful year under the faculty that was re-elected for another year's work.

Committee Fails to Confirm Judge Parkers Appointment

The Senate committee, investigating the appointment of Judge John J. Parker, of this State, for Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, yesterday voted ten to six against his confirmation, six Republicans and four Democrats voting against him and four Republicans and two Democrats favoring confirmation. Senators Overman and Stephens, Democrats, supported him.

The influence of the Northern Negro vote apparently was the biggest issue before the committee.

North Carolina people, both Democrats and Republicans have generally stood solidly behind Judge Parker. He is regarded as a man of honor and ability in this State.

Everetts Woodmen To Meet Next Monday Night

A special meeting of the Modern Woodmen will be held in Everetts on Monday night, at 8 o'clock.

The organization will attempt to perfect a forester team to put on special initiation and camp work. All members of the Everetts camp are urged to attend.

Columbia Peanut Company to Locate Big Factory Here

FOUR PEOPLE LOSE LIVES IN BERTIE COUNTY

Untimely Deaths of Four Occur In Very Short Period

AUTOS KILL 2 PEOPLE

George A. Perry, Prominent Farmer, Killed Yesterday by Truck on Highway Near Windsor

Bertie County was the scene of many accidents during this week and a part of last, four people there meeting with untimely deaths. Accidents were attributed to each of the fatalities.

Delk Mizelle, jr., young white boy, was drowned during the middle of the week in the Roanoke. His body was found almost a week later about 100 yards from the spot where he drowned. Decomposition had set in, and the body was in such condition that the finders were unable to remove it until placed in a casket.

Last Sunday the little five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Thomas was killed by a falling "round robin," upon which she and her sister had been riding. The sister jumped from the merry-go-round contraption, causing it to snatch the connecting pin from its socket. The child fell to the ground the heavy pole striking her and breaking her neck.

The third death occurred last Monday evening when Broad Child's life was snuffed out by an auto on the river fall near here. Child leaves a family of eight small children.

George A. Perry, prominent white farmer of the Perrytown section, was instantly killed yesterday morning when struck by a truck on the Edenton highway. Mr. Perry's hat blew off and when he started across the road to pick it up he walked into the path of a large truck loaded with fertilizer. The driver was exonerated by a coroner's jury. The deceased was a brother to Rev. J. M. Perry, formerly of Robersonville, but now of Vernon, Texas.

Three of the victims suffered broken necks, it was stated.

JUDGE SINCLAIR FREED BY JURY LATE TUESDAY

Grand Jury Action Said to Have Greatly Relieved the Judge

FIND NO TRUE BILL

Judge Makes Statement In Interview Referring to His Embarrassment As an "Unfortunate Matter"

Judge N. A. Sinclair is said to have been "greatly relieved" when a grand jury in the Federal court at Wilson last Tuesday afternoon found no true bill in the case charging him with transporting liquor.

While information relative to the jury's finding is limited, it is understood that the jurors were well acquainted with the case, apparently giving more consideration to the circumstances and that so-called "frame-up" than they did to the actual charge preferred against the proclaimed "dry" jurist.

It is a known fact that the defense held several conferences within itself, but just how far the conferences extended in their scope is a matter for speculation.

In a statement the jurist refers to the Smithwick's Creek Church case, intimating that his reversal of the jury caused bitter disappointment, and further suggested that his action prompted some of the disappointed ones to trap him. The advancement of such an idea is generally and heartily condemned here.

The statement made by the judge following the report on the case by the grand jury, follows:

"I think the people of North Carolina should be advised of my position in this unfortunate matter, and continued, saying, 'at the time of the occurrence I had just completed the trial of a hotly contested lawsuit in Martin County in which the feelings of participants had been wrought upon to a high degree. I felt it my duty as a judge to set aside the verdict rendered by the jury, and naturally this was a bitter disappointment to those who wished the verdict to stand.'

"My bag was searched by the prohibition officer just after I left Williamston after completing this trial, when to my surprise a bottle of whisky was found in my grip. I at first assumed that it had been placed there by some partisan in the lawsuit above referred to who wished to embarrass me on account of my action in setting aside the verdict. I, therefore, expressed the opinion that the whole thing was a frame-up. Later on I found this was not the case, but that the bottle had been placed in my grip by an acquaintance without my knowledge.

"I think the entire matter can be covered when I say that the bottle of whisky was not my whisky, and was not placed in my grip by me nor with my knowledge.

"It has also been stated that another bottle was found in my grip at the same time. It is true that a small empty flask which had once contained whisky was found there. These are the circumstances in that connection: When I was in Baltimore at the time of the recent illness and death of my wife, and was worn out with anxiety and sleeplessness, a relative gave me this small flask of whisky and I used it there under those circumstances. The empty flask was placed in my grip and had been there ever since."

Little Activity In Fishing Reported on the Roanoke

The fishing season is fast coming to a close with very little activity at the local wharf and the fisheries down the Roanoke.

Several hauls at the Flemming Fishery at Jamesville yesterday netted only a few hundred at the haul and other fisheries reported similar results.

So far this season, very few shad have been caught. More rock have been caught than any other large fish, due possibly to the replenishing of the Roanoke at the Government Fish Hatchery at Weldon.

Local School Board To Hold Meeting Tonight

The local school board, meeting this evening, will discuss applications for positions in the local plant for the coming year, according to information gained today. Other matters will also be discussed, it was stated.

Present Flag and Bible to The Parmele School

The Junior Order or Robersonville presented a flag and Bible to the Parmele School last Sunday, at 3 o'clock, with Rev. C. B. Mashburn delivering the address to an audience of 200 patrons of the Parmele school.

TO START WORK ON PLANT HERE AT EARLY DATE

Purchase Site on Jamesville and Washington Highways

TWENTIETH FACTORY

Factory Will Employ Around One Hundred Workers Practically The Year Round

The Columbia Peanut Company, with eighteen factories now in operation in several States, completed negotiations for the location of a plant here last Wednesday, work on the local factory to be started within the next few weeks, according to information coming from the company officials.

Preliminary preparations for the plant's location were started several days ago, the officials, headed by Mr. H. C. Smither, president of the company, purchasing a lot on the A. C. L. Railroad and facing highways 30 and 50 this week. The lot, four or five acres in size, faces the Jamesville road on the east, the Washington road on the north and the railroad on the west, making for ideal delivery and shipping purposes.

The main factory, 110 feet wide and 140 feet long, will be four stories high and of wood construction. Two storage houses, measuring 65 by 100 feet, will also be constructed at the local plant. A small house will be erected for the storage of hulls, it was stated.

Operating practically all the year, the new plant will employ around 125 people, most of the number being women hands.

Starting building operations within the next few weeks, the company plans to finish the factory here by early fall or in plenty of time to start work on the 1930 crop. It is understood that the plant will be equipped with the most modern machinery used in cleaning and shelling peanuts.

The policy of the peanut concern has been to build its factories near the source of raw materials, effecting a saving in freight by eliminating the dirt and trash from the shipments.

According to present plans, the company expects to supply the local plant with peanuts trucked in over the highways from this and adjoining counties.

The company has an unusual system in handling its business in connection with the sellers and its employees. Each day the employees are paid for their work that day as they leave the factory in the evening. The farmer is paid for his deliveries daily, not waiting to make settlement until the individual farmers completes the delivery of his crop.

At the present time, the Columbia people are rebuilding the plant destroyed by fire in Scotland Neck a few weeks ago. They have other plants at Tarboro and Lewiston in this section of the State.

The town offers the new industry its cooperation, and the citizens welcome it here.

Begin Revival At Bethany Holiness Church Tonight

A revival meeting will begin at the Bethany Pentecostal Holiness Church Friday night, April 25th.

The meeting will be conducted by the Rev. Jesse James, of Falcon, N. C., and will last for two weeks.

The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Levi Reddick's Buick Car Destroyed by Fire Saturday

The Buick sedan belonging to Levi Reddick, of this place, was destroyed by fire near Robersonville last Saturday night. Jeff Taylor, Mr. Reddick's nephew, borrowed the car and was to return it Sunday morning. He was on his way home when the machine caught fire and burned rapidly.

Woman's Club To Give Party Monday Night

The Woman's club will give a benefit card party next Monday night at 8:30 o'clock. Tickets have been placed on sale and indications point to a successful party.

As the Lenten season is over, the party is expected to be one of the largest held here in several weeks, it was stated.

Bus Company Adds New and Larger Busses to Line

Taking over the McPherson Bus line this week, the Virginia Beach Bus company this week put into service on the Norfolk-Washington run several large busses. Schedules have been rearranged and a modern service is being offered by the new company.