

GOVERNOR ASKS SCHOOLS STUDY FIRE PREVENTION

Fire Drill Planned in Every School in State For Next Thursday

ISSUE PROCLAMATION

Two Hundred and Sixty-five Lives Were Lost By Fire In This State Last Year

In a proclamation issued recently by Governor Gardner, the week beginning Sunday is to be known throughout the State as "Fire Prevention Week." Cold weather is only a few days away, and the return to the coal and wood-burning heaters is evidenced by the lazy flow of smoke from the countless chimneys. In making the adjustments, many errors are made, resulting in an increase in the loss of human life and property.

For weeks, the local fire company has not been called upon, but beginning next week, or probably before, the local firemen are due to be called out on an average of once a week, judging from the records kept for October, November, and December of last year. Around ten calls were answered during that period.

In promoting fire prevention, school teachers, fire departments and others have been asked to perform certain duties during the next week. All the schools of North Carolina are asked to have fire drills at one minute past eleven next Thursday morning. The fire companies have been forwarded posters and other educational material for use during the week.

The importance of fire prevention is well set out in the Governor's proclamation:

"For many years our well-trained firemen, our patriotic and public-spirited teachers and editors and other forward-looking citizens, have carried on a relentless warfare against fire waste. I have before me carefully compiled statistics covering the last eight years, and I am glad to be able to say that conditions in North Carolina have been improving steadily during the period. It will probably astonish our citizenship to learn that in this eight years, the fire loss in North Carolina amounted to \$49,882,816, but this loss was well under the national average. The fire loss for the year ending December 31, 1929, was \$4,992,412, which was approximately a million and a quarter dollars under the eight years' average fire loss.

"This shows, unmistakably, that we are improving, and I attribute much of this improvement to the fine educational work done throughout North Carolina every year during Fire Prevention Week, which falls this year in the week of October 5-11. We have not as yet reached the point where we can safely rest upon our laurels, for the fire demon is always threatening and the carelessness of human beings provides boundless opportunities for his inroads. Our fire loss is still a disgrace to North Carolina, and all of us should be alert to relieve our beloved State of it.

I would have you bear in mind that our property loss, heavy as it was, was not our greatest loss. The Bureau of Vital Statistics of our State Board of Health reports that two hundred and sixty-five lives were destroyed by fire in our State in 1929. Probably twice that number suffered from burns and injuries resulting from fires. These truly appalling losses were the result of carelessness and ignorance of the fire hazard."

11 COUPLES ARE SOLD LICENSES

Marked Decrease in Number of Licenses in This County Noted

"Hard times" are reflected in the marriages of this county, the number of licenses issued to couples in the office of the register of deeds here having declined 37 1-2 per cent in two years. For the first nine months of 1928, there were 168 licenses issued; for the same period in 1929, 140 were issued; this year the number dropped to 105 in the first nine months. According to the records in the register of deed's office, the white population is suffering a greater decrease than the colored as the white marriages show a drop of over 41 per cent for the period.

White
Mack M. Bowen-Manda M. Council; Willie Williams-Maggie Whitfield; Asfer Thomas-Minnie Mae Paramore; Murray Hyman-Frances Evelyn Council; Floyd Harrison-Ada Courtney; Henry O. Gurganus-Minnie Cowing.

Colored
E. Jones-Katie Ashley; Gus Whitfield-Rose Collins Jones; James Batesman-Ruby Ward, both of Plymouth; George Price-Daisy Williams; John Henry Clark-Rosette Purvis.
Of the 12 white people, only four were twenty years or older, one of the number being only 16 years of age.

Tobacco Prices on Local Market Continue Strong

Peanut digging and dry weather have greatly affected the size of tobacco sales on the various markets in the Bright Belt this week, according to reports received here. Farmers are said to have temporarily turned from their tobacco grading to dig peanuts, and others are said to be experiencing much difficulty in attempting to grade the weed on account of the extremely dry weather.

While sales have decreased considerably, prices on the local market continue to show improvement, approximately half-million pounds being sold in the first four

days of this week at an average of 11.15 per hundred pounds. Farmers generally seem satisfied with the prices received for all the middle grades of fair quality, but the heavy offerings of tips is said to be holding down the market average.

In a statement issued today by the Farmers Warehouse, of this place, smokers and light tobaccos are bringing good prices. Markets throughout the belt reported a decrease in sales this week, and until the peanut digging season is over, the offerings are likely to be limited. It is believed.

County Agents To Gather In Raleigh Next Monday To Study Co-op Contract

COUNTY COURT HEARS 13 CASES

First Session Held By The Court In Two Weeks; Docket Is Small One

Thirteen criminal and several civil causes were called and heard in the recorder's court here last Tuesday, the session being the first held since September 9th. Considering the length of time that the court had given over to the superior court ending its two weeks term last Friday, the number of cases before Judge Bailey is unusually small. John Bonds, William Cherry and Levi Reddick were found guilty of violating the liquor laws, judgment being suspended in the case against Cherry and Reddick. Bonds was sentenced to the roads for seven months, but he appealed and Judge Bailey required bond in the sum of \$200.

Adjudged guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, John Brown was sentenced to jail for 60 days. He appealed to a higher court, bond being required in the sum of \$150.

Joe Davis was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost when he was found guilty of operating a car while under the influence of whisky.

Quincy Christenberry was found not guilty in the case charging him with operating a car while under the influence of liquor.

A nol pro result in the case charging Phillip Thompson with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Rosevelt Parker, pleading guilty of larceny, was sentenced to the roads for 18 months, the last ten of the term to be suspended upon the good behavior of the defendant.

The case charging Robert Roberson with an assault with a deadly weapon was continued one week.

S. S. Tuthill was found not guilty in the case charging him with reckless driving.

Hugh Jones appealed his case when he was sentenced to the roads for three months for an assault and operating a car while intoxicated. Bond was fixed in the sum of \$250. In a second case resisting arrest and assaulting an officer, Jones was found guilty and sentenced to the roads for three months.

A nol pro result in the case charging John Brown with larceny.

The case charging Joe Sutton with passing a worthless check was not pressed. A similar result was recorded in the case charging Clyde Silverthorne with being drunk.

Several civil actions were called and heard by the court, settlement resulting in one or two, the others being appealed.

Local Baptists Announce Their Sunday Program

There are a few business matters of importance to the local congregation to be taken up Sunday morning at the regular church hour. The pastor asks that a representative congregation be present.

The Roanoke Association will have its sessions at Roanoke Rapids this year, and the meeting time is Tuesday and Wednesday after the second Sunday in October. The State convention convenes in Raleigh this year. Sunday morning the Sunday school will meet at the usual time, followed by the 11 o'clock church service. The young people will have their meetings at 6:30 in the evening and their services will be followed by the evening preaching service.

Every one is aware that the Primitive Baptists are in our community this week in large numbers. Every one is interested in their sessions. The community welcomes them and all hope that their sessions may be of unusual interest and of abiding worth.

R. F. Pope left today for Pollockville to conduct the song services in a revival there.

FEDERAL COURT IN WASHINGTON BEGINS MONDAY

One of Largest Dockets in History of Court To Be Tried

An unusually large docket faces the fall term of Federal court convening in Washington next Monday, according to a review of the records. Apparently the work of the agents has been centered in Martin county, for there are 37 cases, 22 white and 15 colored, defendants to go from here to face Judge Meekins. Bertie county has ten defendants scheduled for hearing in Washington, six white and four colored.

Eighteen defendants appeared before Judge Meekins during the fall term last year, and nineteen were given hearings during the April term. The number of defendants scheduled for trial next week is the greatest ever to go from this county at one time, reflecting a concentrated enforcement program of the prohibition laws in this section.

The cases originating in the office of the United States commissioner here include large and small violations, some of the defendants being held, under bond or in jail, for possessing or selling as little as a pint of the "spirits." There are several cases, however, charging wholesale manufacture and distribution of liquors. Two or three of the defendants in the group are going before the judge for a second time, while the others will view Judge Meekins at close range. Some of the violations, it must be said, are technical in their nature and their destiny rests in the court.

Judging from the unusually large number of cases, 47, from Martin and Bertie counties alone, spectators will be crowded out of the courtroom, for the auditorium will apparently do well to accommodate the judge, defendants, witnesses and lawyers.

The several cases, originating here since last April, and against Martin County people, follow:

John Howard Taylor, George R. Taylor, Noah E. Gardner, Will B. Knox, Jerry Simpkins, John Archie Mizell, Robert S. Hodges, Warner A. Bailey, Clarence Bailey, Archie Whitaker, Ben Grass; B. Haywood Ross, and A. Bear Whitfield, Gold Point; Julian Roberson and Linwood Roberson, Poplar Point; Clyde R. Silverthorne, Joe Griffin, Williamston; Lawrence J. Lilley, J. N. Hopkins, Henry Lee Hopkins, Williams; James F. Gurganus, Robersonville, L. H. Vail, Williamston; Archie Warren, of New Bern, but arrested here.

The colored include, Andrew Pierce, Herbert Keys, Alexander Hill, Leonard Boston, Joseph L. James, Joe E. Boston, of Free Union; Kelly Abbott, Rufus Barnes, Augustus Pitt, William Purvis, Hassell, Judge Cherry, Floyd Sherron, Oak City; John Howell, Gold Point; Henry Roberson, Griffin; Spear P. Lynch, Williams.

Visiting Minister to Preach In Methodist Church Here

Dwight A. Petty, Pastor

The Sunday school and all services will be conducted to lead up to the revival.

Sunday school at 9:45. Professor W. R. Watson, superintendent. Classes for all ages.

Morning worship at 11. Sermon by Rev. O. W. Dowd, of Elizabeth City. Communion service will be postponed because of the Quarterly Conference, which will be held at the close of the service.

Evening worship at 7:30. Sermon by the pastor on theme, "Presenting the Whole Gospel."

The public is invited to all services, visitors give na cordial welcome.

Holly Springs

Sunday school at 10:30.
Worship service at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Presbyterians Announces Several County Services

Sunday, October 5, 1930.
"The Church With an Open Door."

True sayings: "Character is what a man is in the dark, reputation is what he is in the light."

Church school, 9:45 a. m. Departmental classes.

Worship service and sermon at 11 a. m. "Taking Christ Down From the Cross."

Farm Life

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff will preach in the schoolhouse auditorium at Farm Life Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. If you have been missing these services, why not start coming Sunday. We invite all to worship with us.

Loggett's Farm

Sunday school, at 3:30 p. m.

Bear Grass

Services will be held in the schoolhouse auditorium at Bear Grass at 7 p. m. Come and join with us in the singing, story-telling, and worship service.

LOCALS PLAYING COLUMBIA HERE THIS AFTERNOON

Team Will Play Six Games at Home During The Current Season

1ST GAME OF SEASON

Ten Games Will Be Played By The Locals This Season Coach Bouknight Says

The local high school football team opens its 1930 season here this afternoon with a squad from Columbia High School furnishing the opposition. With practically new material and an entirely new organization, the team has fair prospects for a good season this year. Coach Bouknight's big bet is his line of stalwart youngsters who took part in some of the games last season. The main handicap is found in the backfield, where inexperienced but promising material is found.

During the past several weeks, the members of the squad have held extended practice and scrimmage has featured the schedule this week.

Completing the regular practice late yesterday, Coach Bouknight stated that the following boys would likely be found in the line-up this afternoon: Gormer Taylor, center; George Harrison, Jr., right guard; Eli Marion Taylor, right tackle; Melton Griffin, right end; Carroll Crockett, left guard; Clai-born Summerline, left tackle; M. Matthews, left end; Albert Cook, quarterback; Albert L. Clark, right halfback; Stuart Whitley, left halfback; Walter Cook, fullback. Other members of the squad include Warren Roebuck, Ernest Cox, Oscar Anderson, Jimmie Williams, Saunders Revels, Billy Watts, Robert Cowan, William Davis Harrison, Reginald Simpson, Tom Rose, and Henry Lee Harrison.

The tentative schedule announced last night by Coach Bouknight, includes the following games:

October 3, Columbia, here; October 10, Morehead City, there; October 17, Beaufort, there; October 24, Scotland Neck, here; October 31, Beaufort, here; November 7, Roper, here; November 11, Columbia, there; November 14, Rich Square, here; November 21, Edenton, there. Arrangements are now being made for a Thanksgiving Day game here, but the negotiations had not been completed last night. However, those in charge of the schedule stated that six games would be played at home during the season.

DEATH OF MRS. SARAH WILLIAMS

Funeral In Tice Cemetery Near The Home This Afternoon

Mrs. Sarah Stallings Williams died at her home in Griffins township early yesterday morning.

Mrs. Williams was 75 years old, the daughter of the late Stanley Stallings and wife Penina Lilley Stallings.

She was twice married, first to Elvin T. Lilley and by this union she leaves two children, Labon Lilley with whom she made her home, and Eber Lilley, of Norfolk. She next married Samuel Williams, of Beaufort county, who died several years ago.

She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Swain D. Griffin, Mrs. Sylvester Peel and Mrs. J. A. Lilley, and one brother, David B. Stallings, all of Williamston, R. F. D.

Funeral services are being held at the home of Mr. Labon Lilley, here, this afternoon. Interment will follow in the Tice graveyard, in Griffins township.

No Preaching Services at Christian Church Sunday

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Mr. W. C. Manning, superintendent. The inter-mediate Christian Endeavor will furnish the music for this service.

Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Nellie Clyde Harrison, leader. The new officers were installed in a very impressive candle-light service last Sunday night, and are taking hold of the organization in an effective manner. All young people of intermediate age are invited to attend.

There will be no church services Sunday. Next Sunday, which is the first Sunday in our new year, will be observed as Rally Sunday in both the Bible School and Church.

Thurman Taylor, Four Years Old Dies Near Here

Thurman Taylor, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Taylor, died Wednesday near here from an attack of diphtheria.

The family did not realize that the child had more than an ordinary sore throat until the disease had made too much headway to be checked by anti-toxin.

The burial was near the home in the Taylor graveyard yesterday afternoon.

Begin Collection of 1930 Taxes Monday

Makes Unusual Record



BENJAMIN MANNING

An unusual scholastic and attendance record was uncovered in the local schools recently when it was learned that Benjamin Manning, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Manning, had neither been absent nor tardy during his five years in school and had met all scholastic requirements to have his name on the honor roll each month during that time. There is little to be said, the record speaks for itself.

FARM LIFE TO OPEN THE 13TH

E. A. Mercer, of Elm City, Will Head School There During 1930-31 Term

Farm Life, et. 2.—The Asa Manning Farm Life School today announced the personnel of its teaching staff for the 1930-31 school year, beginning Monday, October 13. The coming of a new principal constitutes the only change in last year's faculty, which position is being filled by Mr. E. A. Mercer, of Elm City. Mr. Thos. Mayo Grimes will return as coach and assistant principal. Respective teaching positions will be filled as follows: First and second grades, Miss Lillian Haislip, of Hassell; third and fourth grades, Miss Thelma Harrell, of this place; fifth and sixth grades, Miss Reva Jefferson, of Washington; music, Miss Arue Brown, of Bethel; high school department, Messrs. Mercer and Grimes.

New trucks have been purchased to replace old ones and general teaching conditions have been improved at the school this year, and a bright outlook for a successful year is entertained. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Harrington will again operate the dormitory.

Opening exercises and preliminary details will be announced within the next few days, it was stated by the assistant principal yesterday.

PARENTS FORM ORGANIZATION

Mrs. E. P. Cunningham Is Chosen To Head Parent-Teacher Group

At the grammar school building here yesterday afternoon, a goodly number of parents and all the teachers of the local schools gathered and perfected the re-organization of the parent-teacher association.

Mrs. J. F. Thigpen was in charge of the meeting and after a few well chosen introductory remarks, she called on Professor W. R. Watson for a short speech. He stressed the need and the good that a parent-teacher association can do the schools and the community, and expressed his gratitude that one was to function here this year.

Mrs. E. P. Cunningham was elected to head the new organization by a unanimous vote and Mrs. Roger Critcher was made vice president. Miss Lucille Allen was chosen as secretary and Mrs. R. J. Peel will serve as treasurer.

The only business transacted at the meeting yesterday was on the subject of providing books for those who are unable to get them. It was voted to ask the mothers or parents to send the books used by their children last year to the office of the principal in the old school building next Monday for use by the needy children. Parents of the community who possibly can are asked to join in the movement. The books were changed in 1929 and the need is really an urgent one.

COLLECTORS TO RECEIVE BOOKS NEXT MONDAY

Accounts Are About The Same As They Were Last Year

\$300,000 FOR COUNTY

Garnishee Law Followed In A Large Number of Cases By Both The Town and County Collectors

Tax collections, both county and local, will be in order next Monday, when the books are turned over to the collectors. Final tabulations are being made this week and by next Monday Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and his assistants will start hammering in an attempt to reduce the bill, ranging upward to \$300,000, to nothing.

For a few, taxes will be increased, due to greater property valuations, but as far as the rate is concerned, all will pay on an equal basis this year. It is believed that a majority will pay the same amount this year as they did last, with a few accounts falling below those of last year in size.

A division of the \$300,000 had not been completed yesterday, but it is known that real estate stands high in the list of taxables. Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger and his assistants are about ready to start filling in the approximately 7,000 receipts, a task that requires accuracy and much patience.

Collections during this month are expected to equal those made in the same month last year, the one per cent discount allowed causing those who are able to take advantage of the offer. The larger corporations and many of the individual property owners save several hundred dollars by paying their taxes early last fall, and it is likely that they will repeat the early settlements this month.

A last drive for personal property and poll taxes is under way at this time, and gradually but surely the collectors are closing the accounts. "It is one of the hardest tasks I have ever had," Sheriff Roebuck remarked upon his return from an all-day tour of Robersonville Township this week.

The garnishee law has been used extensively, both in the town and in the county in collecting many personal tax accounts, and while the records are not available at this time, it is believed that the collections are unusually large this year, considering the financial depression. Heart-touching stories have been told by some, but aside from a few of such cases, the work has met with much success.

Chief Daniel, collector for the town, will receive two new receipt books the early part of the week, when he plans to start his long trek through the financial fields.

The one per cent discount is in force during the month of October only, dropping on November 2 to one-half of one per cent.

LOCAL CHURCH PLANS REVIVAL

Rev. H. C. Smith, of Rockingham, To Conduct Methodist Services

A series of revival services will begin in the local Methodist church Sunday, October 12, it was announced by the pastor, D. A. Petty yesterday. The Rev. H. C. Smith, of Rockingham, will assist in the services, it was stated. Mr. Smith is one of the strong ministers of the State. He was for several years pastor of Trinity Church, Wilmington and later served the Duke Memorial Church, Durham. He is now Presiding Elder of the Rockingham district.

The pastor says that the services were planned not merely for the Methodist church, but that they will be held as a contribution to the spiritual life of all the churches and people of Williamston and community. A cordial invitation is extended to every individual to attend each and all the services.

The pastor will preach at the two first services on Sunday, the 12th, and Rev. Mr. Smith will arrive Monday to assist in the work during the remainder of the revival.

Fire Destroys Property at Everetts Wednesday

Several small outbuildings on the John Purvis farm, near Everetts, were destroyed by fire last Wednesday. Nothing was stored in the buildings, and the loss is believed to be less than three hundred dollars.

The buildings are said to have caught from a woods fire that has been burning in that section for several days.