

## VOTE FOR EXTENDED SCHOOL TERM MONDAY

### Board Will Allow Macedonia To Retain School This Year

#### GOODLY NUMBER ATTEND MEETING HERE LAST NIGHT

#### Macedonia Representatives Ask Privilege To Send Their Children Here

A third change in the consolidation of schools was effected here last night when Mr. T. B. Attmore, of the State Equalization Board and members of the county board of education met and provided the continuation of the school at Macedonia. The action, considered as final, was taken after the school had been consolidated with the one at Bear Grass, and later at the request of citizens in the district, transferred to Williamston.

In a public meeting here last night, about eighty citizens gathered in the courthouse auditorium, the Macedonia group, about one-half the body, asking that their children be sent to Williamston, and the other group, representing the Bear Grass School, asking that the Macedonia children be sent to Bear Grass.

A marked interest was shown in behalf of the schools, each district expressing its desire to obtain the greatest educational advantages possible for the children. For more than half an hour, the public meeting continued, Mr. A. B. Ayers asking the authorities to remember the Bear Grass School in making their decision. Mr. J. L. Holliday represented the children of the Macedonia district. Going into executive session, Mr. Attmore discussed the issue at length with the members of the educational board, finally compromising by leaving the school in its old neighborhood.

#### BANDITS HOLD UP FILLING STATION

#### Take \$400 In Cash At One Station and About \$28 At Second Last Night

Bandits, last night, held up a filling station proprietor at Green's Cross, in Bertie county, and relieved him of approximately \$400 in cash. Driving a big car, the two hold-up men passed through Windsor and stopped at a filling station, one mile this side, and robbed another filling station proprietor, robbing him of \$28. The bandits made their escape. Bertie officers, working on the case here this morning, stating that no clues that would warrant arrests, had been established.

Going into the Dempsey filling station, about four miles beyond Windsor, the two men bought cigarettes and gave the proprietor the money. When the filling station operator turned to the cash register to make change, the bandits flashed their pistols and took the money without any trouble. The bandits are believed to have passed through here shortly after the second robbery, just this side of Windsor.

#### ROBERT WYNNE DIES AT HOME

#### Funeral Services Will Be Held From Late Home Tomorrow Afternoon

Robert Wynn, 58 years old, died early this morning at the home of his son, Mr. E. G. Wynn, here of pneumonia. He had been in feeble health for some time, but up until six weeks ago he was able to be up most of the time.

Mr. Wynn was born in Cross Roads township, moving from there to a farm near here. A number of years ago, he moved here to make his home.

Three sons, Floyd, of Norfolk, and E. G. and Carl, of Williamston, survive. Another son, Ronald, died in a government hospital from injuries received in the World War. Mr. Wynn also leaves several brothers.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed at noon today, but the funeral services will be held from the home tomorrow afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

A memorial to Woodrow Wilson, war-time President of the United States, has just been unveiled at Poznan, Poland.

At Veldenhof, Germany, a disused windmill has been converted into a church in which the millstone is used as an altar.

#### WOTE MONDAY

During the next few days, many county boys and girls will be leaving for the colleges, universities, and schools in various parts of the country. They, no doubt, will enjoy the home paper with all the home news and current events. It'll be accepted as a letter from home twice each week during the months they are seeking an increased knowledge of the higher arts.

For the small sum of one dollar the Enterprise will be forwarded to them twice each week during their stay in school. All such subscriptions must be entered within the next ten days. Later subscriptions will be entered at the regular outside county subscription rate of \$2 a year. The Enterprise acknowledges, with thanks, the subscriptions already entered by young men and women leaving for the colleges next week.

#### CANNING WORK AT OAK CITY IS GREAT SUCCESS

#### Preserve 65 Quarts of Food For Undernourished School Children

Probably never has a more marked interest been shown in the unfortunate child than that reported in Oak City last Wednesday when eighteen women of that community assembled in the school building and worked a greater part of the day canning and preserving food that the undernourished bodies of the little children in that school district might be cared for during the long and cold winter months just ahead. It was one of the best assemblies of its kind, I have ever seen, remarked Principal H. M. Ainsley, yesterday.

From ten o'clock in the morning until late that day, the public-spirited women canned 65 quarts of soup mixture, apples, corn, beans and other foods that will be prepared and fed to the children each day at noon throughout the school term there. It is hoped by the leaders in the work that more than 100 quarts of food can be preserved for use in the hot lunch this term.

Ladies left tobacco grading work to aid in the work, Mr. Ainsley stated, and although they were tired at 6 o'clock, each one of them enjoyed the task so graciously and willingly accepted by her. Ice water and lemonade were served to the workers, refreshing them as they sealed one can of food after another.

"No money, but a big heart," was the expression of one of the ladies assisting in the work.

#### Informal Exercises In the High School Next Monday

In opening the 1931-32 term next Monday morning at 8:45 o'clock, the principal is asking all children, both high school and elementary ones, to assemble in the high school auditorium for announcements and room assignments. No formal program has been arranged for the day, and children, after a short stay in the auditorium, will repair to their respective class rooms for book and lesson assignments, Professor Watson stated.

#### Grist Mill Operators On Cash Basis In Section

With the price of corn meal at a low point, grist mill operators, or many of them in this section, are announcing cash operations. They state that the toll is not sufficient to offset the gas bill, not to even mention allied expenses.

After grinding approximately 80,000 pounds of corn since March with a small mill running only two days a week, Mr. Simon Lilley, Griffins Township farmer and miller, stated yesterday that he would be forced to adopt the cash plan as the toll system would result in his filling barns as large as those used in storing grain in Egypt just before the famine.

Remains of ancient Egyptians, older than those of the Pharaohs, have been discovered in Egypt recently.

## Tobacco Prices Continue To Decrease on Eastern Markets

Tobacco prices on Eastern Carolina warehouse floors this week reached about the lowest point since Sir Walter Raleigh introduced the weed about the time he attempted to colonize Roanoke Island away back in 1585. A long time to compare prices, but a visit to almost any warehouse floor in Eastern Carolina will support the facts.

Selling approximately 800,000 pounds since the market opened, including the sales today, the local market will not average seven cents for the period. And since last Monday, prices have dropped, the average sinking so low that it is a sin and a shame to mention it. Tags have been turned here, and they have been turned on every market. The farmers are losing

everywhere, it seems, and they are closely followed by the warehouses and other allied businesses. Once in a long while a pile will sell for 25 or 30 cents, but those piles are so few that they would not serve as bait in a crowded fish hatchery. The cotton farmer is now sympathizing with the tobacco farmer and vice versa. It is a precarious situation.

#### NAME TEACHERS FOR SCHOOLS OF MARTIN COUNTY

#### Enrollment of Around 3,000 Expected; Complete Arrangements

Eighty-two white teachers will report for work next Monday morning when eleven schools in this county open for the 1931-32 term. With few exceptions, all the members of the old faculties will return to the various schools, only a new one now and then coming to this county for the first time.

The faculties: Williamston High School: William R. Watson, principal and science, Williamston; Mrs. W. H. Harrell, French and mathematics, Williamston; Miss Bessie C. Willis, English, Goldsboro; Miss Annie Van Dyke, mathematics and history, Greenville; Lawrence Thornton, science and history, Fayetteville; W. R. Bouknight, science and civics, Greenwood, S. C.

Williamston elementary school: Grade 1-A, Miss Serega Peacock, Fremont; Grade 1-B, Mrs. Pattie E. Taylor, Williamston; Grade 2-A, Miss Martha Anderson, Williamston; Grade 2-B, Miss Estelle Crawford, Williamston; Grade 3-A, Miss Bessie Harrell, Aulander; Grade 3-B, Miss Ruth Manning, Williamston; Grade 4-A, Miss Velma Harrison, Williamston; Grade 4-B, Mrs. Leman Barnhill, Williamston; Grade 5-A, Miss Lucille Allen, Fuquay Springs; Grade 5-B, Mrs. Ethel G. Roberson, Williamston; Grade 6-A, Mrs. W. K. Parker, Williamston; Grade 6-B, Miss Ether Gattling, Windsor; Grade 7-A, Mrs. C. B. Hassell, Williamston; Grade 7-B, Mrs. Jessie Hodges White, Washington; Piano and voice, Miss Florence Overton, Greenville.

Hamilton School: Mr. W. E. Plyler, principal; Mrs. W. E. Plyler; Miss Lucille Medods, Greenwood, S. C.; Miss Effie Waldo, Hamilton; Miss Louise White, Andrews, S. C.

Robersonville: R. I. Leake, of Rich Square, principal; Marvin M. Everett, of Oak City; N. C. Brake, of Rocky Mount; Miss Belle Hockaday, of Lillington; Miss Peel, of Williamston; Miss Minnie Hobbs, of Belvidere; Miss Leona Moore, of Robersonville; Miss Myra Sale, of Ronda; Miss Thelma Dale, of Mount Olive; Miss Millie Roebuck, of Robersonville; Mr. J. H. Smith, of Marion.

Oak City: H. M. Ainsley, principal; Misses Leona Newton, Alice Mallard, Adeline Tew, Ruth Pittman, Julia Holway, Fannie Woodard, Elizabeth Whitchard, Myrtis Zetterwer, and Ruth Williams and Mr. W. Ray Latham.

Everetts: D. N. Hix, principal; Miss Martha Baldeer, of Ayden; Miss Allie Marie Roebuck, of Hamilton; Miss Iva Mae Williams, of Durham; Miss Carrie Bell Warren, of Gold Point; Miss Pauline Askew, of Jamesville; Miss Lucy Matt Crofton, of Robersonville; Mrs. D. N. Hix, of Everetts; Miss Alma Baker, of Harrellsville.

Gold Point: E. C. Edmondson, principal; Miss Marjorie Bryant, of Robersonville; and Miss Lillian Holliday, of Everetts.

Bear Grass: S. M. Lee, of Pink Hill, principal; Miss Rachel Godwin, Connettoe; Miss Pitt Roberson, Robersonville; Miss Mary Harris, of Bear Grass; Miss Ernestine Johnson, of Robersonville; Miss Carrie Lee Roberson, of Robersonville; Miss Frances House, of Robersonville; Miss Hilda Modlin, of Jamesville.

Hassells: Mr. George Haislip, principal; Mrs. Ethel Edmondson, of Hassell. (Continued on the back page)

#### REVIVAL

Rev. Warren A. Davis, of Washington, N. C., will conduct a revival at Christian Chapel, beginning Sunday night, September 13th, and will continue for several days, depending upon the interest and attendance at the services. Services will begin promptly at 7:30 each night, and the people of this section are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

#### SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL CALENDAR TOTALS 52 CASES

#### Two Days Are Allowed For Disposition of Criminal Docket

Fifty-two cases appear on the civil calendar for trial at the next term of Martin County Superior Court convening at Williamston next Monday week. The first of the civil cases are scheduled for hearing Wednesday, September 23, allowing the two preceding days for clearing the criminal docket.

The cases appearing on the civil calendar as prepared by the Martin County Bar Association include the following:

Wednesday, September 23  
Lynch vs. Johnson.  
Johnson vs. Fertilizer Company.  
Ferguson vs. Drug Company.  
Hoffman Company vs. Brown.  
Gardner vs. Rhodes, et al.  
Acme Fertilizer Co. vs. Hollis et al.  
Boston vs. Cordon et al.  
Bullock vs. Wynn.

Thursday, September 24  
177 Hampton vs. Davis et al.  
Roberson et al vs. Ausborn, et al.  
Blount & Co. vs. Meadows et al.  
Peel Motor Co. vs. Barnhill.  
Hassell et al vs. Bank.  
Respass vs. James et al.  
Taylor vs. Fertilizer Co.  
Harrison Bros. & Co. vs. Small.  
Farmers & Merchants Bank vs. Bunting et al.

Friday, September 25  
Jobbing Company vs. Bailey.  
Harrison and Co. vs. Mobley.  
Taylor vs. Gurganus et al.  
Fertilizer Company vs. Williams.  
Taylor vs. Street.  
Fertilizer Co. vs. McLawhorn et al.

Monday, September 28  
Parker vs. Railroad.  
Whitaker et al vs. Rogerson et al.  
Fertilizer Company vs. Raynor.  
Fertilizer Co. vs. Barnhill et al.  
Fertilizer Co. vs. Maning et al.  
Chevrolet Co. vs. Roebuck.  
House vs. Roebuck.  
Fertilizer Company vs. Weeks.  
Fertilizer Company vs. Kerr et al.

Tuesday, September 29  
Fleming et al vs. Bank.  
Fertilizer Company vs. Sumrell.  
Rubber Company vs. Brown.  
Stanton vs. Hadley.  
Roberson and Co. vs. Jolly, Adm. Davis vs. Davis.  
Fertilizer Company vs. Hassell.  
Annie Jones vs. Knights of Gideon.  
Harrison vs. Lilley et al.  
Harrison vs. Webb et al.

Wednesday, September 30  
Fertilizer Company vs. Everett.  
Fertilizer Company vs. Fizzell et al.  
Fertilizer Company vs. Bray.  
Fertilizer Company vs. Allen.  
Peel vs. Brown.  
Williams vs. Odd Fellows.  
Fertilizer Company vs. Heckstall.  
Fertilizer Company vs. Wilson.  
James vs. Bunting.

Mr. Irving Smith, of Robersonville, was a business visitor here today.

#### 11 SCHOOLS OPEN TERM IN COUNTY NEXT MONDAY

#### Faculties of Eleven White Schools Opening Monday Are Announced

Vacation days will be over for a season for approximately 3,000 white children next Monday when eleven schools open their doors in this county to receive the seekers of knowledge during the 1931-32 term. For them a year of hard work and serious thought is just ahead.

Opening under the new State school laws and with a new consolidation arrangement, the school authorities will find it difficult to make adjustments the first day, but extensive preparations have been made in an effort to have the 11 units operating smoothly within a very short time thereafter. Faculty appointments have been made complete and while detailed operating arrangements in the schools, in several instances, are awaiting the outcome of the election in the county next Monday, a successful opening is anticipated in all the eleven units any way.

Thirty-two of the thirty-four trucks in operation last term have been repaired and will be put back into service next Monday. Nine new buses will be added to the fleet, it was learned from the superintendent of schools' office here yesterday. Two of the new trucks will replace old ones, and the other seven will care for recent consolidations and still leave a crowded transportation. Truck operation will be closely observed in the county this year and careless drivers will be discharged; in fact, one driver has already been replaced for his careless acts, it was stated by the superintendent. Buses will be numbered this year, it was stated. A meeting of the bus drivers will be held within the next few days when rules and regulations for operating trucks will be discussed by the authorities.

A slight enrollment decrease, due to various causes, is expected next Monday, opening day, but any losses will be, in all probability, regained as the term progresses. Last year there were 2,906 pupils enrolled the first day in the eleven schools opening next Monday. This number included the newly consolidated unit enrollments, and upon this basis, the following enrollments are expected this term in the eleven units:

Jamesville, 371; Dardens, 83; Williamston 700; Bear Grass, 267; Everetts, 310; Robersonville, 423; Oak City, 336; Hamilton, 165; Parmele, 80; Gold Point, 102, and Hassell, 70.

Only four white schools will fail to open Monday, and their opening dates will be determined next Monday by the election. If the election is carried, these four schools, Farm Life with an enrollment last year of 142; Griffins with an enrollment of 29; Lilly Hall, 46; Macedonia, 34, will probably open the 21st. If the election fails, the opening for the three units will be delayed several weeks, it is understood.

Four colored schools, Williamston, Jamesville, Robersonville, and Parmele, with a combined enrollment of 1,607, are also scheduled to open next Monday.

Mrs. Irene Jervis, of Philadelphia, Pa., has been compelled by law to give up her miniature zoo, which consisted of 100 white mice, 15 turtles, 10 dogs, 5 cats, 6 parrots, and 2 monkeys because one of the latter animals had beaten a neighbor's head with the banjo it had stolen.

#### REMEMBER THEM

A last call is being made to the citizens of this county to consider the future welfare of their children and vote in the election next Monday. The polls are scheduled to open at 5:33 a. m. and close at 6:16 p. m.

Tomorrow is challenge day, and it is believed that the registration of 2,431 will be altered slightly in several of the precincts, but not more than a dozen votes, if that many, in all the districts combined. The Enterprise is making arrangements to tabulate the vote as early as possible after the polls close at 6:16 next Monday, and wishes to thank those who are co-operating in the effort.

In an effort to get the complete returns by eight o'clock Monday night, poll holders are cordially asked to start their counts as soon as possible after the polls close and telephone 46, collect, their counts.

#### BUS SERVICE IS MUCH IMPROVED HERE THIS WEEK

#### Total of Sixteen Busses Daily Now Operating Through Here

Inaugurating an improved bus schedule here yesterday, the Virginia Beach Bus Lines and connecting companies are now operating fourteen large busses in and out of here daily, offering Williamston and this section one of the best bus passenger services enjoyed by any large city in the South. While the present schedules might be slightly altered later on, operating arrangements were virtually completed here yesterday by General Manager Hawkins, of the Virginia Beach Line and officials of the Seashore Transportation Company and the Carolina Coach Company.

Yesterday, schedules were maintained out of here to Norfolk, Raleigh and Wilmington, and intermediate points as well as points further north, south and west. The first bus leaves Williamston at 8:15 a. m., followed by another at 11:10 a. m., and another at 2:15 p. m. and still another at 5:45 p. m. and a fifth one at 9:00 p. m. The first bus for Raleigh during the day, or rather just after midnight, leaves here at 12:15 a. m., a second one leaves at 11:30 a. m., a third one at 3:20 p. m. and a fourth one at 7:30 p. m. The Seashore line, is operating a bus out of here for Wilmington at 11:30 a. m. and another one at 4:00 p. m. The Virginia Beach Bus Line is operating a bus out of here to Washington at 5:45 and another at 9:00 p. m., making connection with a bus at Washington for Wilmington. A bus operated by the Seashore Lines, reaching here at 6:00 p. m. from Wilmington will leave again on its return trip at 7:30 p. m., but will spend the night in Washington and continue the following morning. In addition to these schedules, the Bethel-Columbia Line will continue its two trips daily between these towns, stopping here at 11:20 a. m. and 3:50 in the afternoon. All schedules are maintained the week around with the exception of the Bethel-Columbia trips.

The schedule is centered here between 11 a. m. and 12:00 o'clock noon, when busses leave for Raleigh, Norfolk, Wilmington and Plymouth and connecting lines. Traffic over the Norfolk to Raleigh route has required two busses at times this week, and when additional colleges begin to open during the next few days, more busses will be added to the regular schedules. Increased traffic is anticipated on the Norfolk-Wilmington route when the service between New York and Florida, via Williamston, is firmly established, it is understood.

The lines have added several new busses, their equipment comparing favorably with that used anywhere. One of the Wilmington busses, operated by T. J. Horton, will be held here each night after its return trip from Wilmington at 9:00 p. m.

To put the town on the map as a Gretna Green, five Evanson (Ill.) justices of the peace will not only perform the marriage ceremonies without charge, but they will also pay taxi fare for out-of-town couples from the railway station.

Ballots are being distributed this week and booths are being erected in the 12 voting places preparatory to settling one of the most important questions to face Martin County school children in a number of years. All day next Monday hundreds of people, interested in the welfare of Martin County and its youth, will visit the polls in an effort to establish an eight months county-wide school term. There will be opposition, strong opposition, reports indicate, and those who would provide for the youth of tomorrow will have to fight hard to win.

Generally speaking, and with but few exceptions, the opposition is strongest where the proposal is not fully understood. All kinds of unfounded tales have been told by some of those who would reduce their children to serfdom that the educational opportunities might be limited to the few while the less fortunate continue their labors in tobacco and cotton fields. Martin citizens are urged to go to the polls next Monday and take part in the election, one that is not of a political nature, but one that means much to the county's welfare.

### WILL REQUIRE 1,216 VOTES TO CARRY PLAN

#### Failure To Vote Counts Same As Vote Against Proposal

The future of Martin County's youth will rest in the hands of 2,431 citizens next Monday, when those voters take part in an election calling for a two-months extended school term in this county. To assure Martin County's approximately 8,000 children equal educational advantages, none less than 1,216 of the citizens registered will have to favor the proposal with their votes next Monday.

Heavy registrations have been reported in virtually all the 12 voting precincts in the county, and a close contest is expected. Indifference on the part of those citizens registered and who favor the proposal will mean defeat, for there is a marked opposition in several of the 12 precincts, and those who would have equal educational advantages provided for the children should remember that when they fail to vote for the measure, it automatically counts against the extended term.

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Following is the registration figures for the 12 precincts:

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| Jamesville    | 250   |
| Williams      | 132   |
| Griffins      | 315   |
| Bear Grass    | 201   |
| Williamston   | 430   |
| Cross Roads   | 199   |
| Robersonville | 368   |
| Gold Point    | 87    |
| Goose Nest    | 123   |
| Hassell       | 113   |
| Hamilton      | 131   |
| Poplar Point  | 82    |
| Total         | 2,431 |

In connection with the election, the following letter was issued this week by the office of the Martin County Board of Education, and signed by T. C. Griffin, chairman of the board of commissioners; W. O. Griffin, chairman of the board of education; J. Sam Getsinger, auditor; and J. C. Manning, superintendent:

"To the voters of Martin County: There still seems to be some question in the minds of many people about the special county-wide tax election.

"For your information, we are giving here an exact copy of the proceedings of the calling of this special election:

"Board of Education in regular session August 3, 1931.

"Motion Mr. Rogers, second Mr. Getsinger, that the Board of Education request the county commissioners to call a county-wide special tax election to extend the six-month school term. The levy not to exceed 20 cents on the \$100 property valuation, that it be made clear that the present tax continue in case the new election is not successful. The Board of Education went before the county commissioners and stated its action. The commissioners voted unanimously to call the special election in accordance with the wishes of the board of education. It is further ordered that if said election is carried that no additional special tax shall be levied in any special taxing district in the county, but if said election is not carried then the present system of local taxation is not to be affected."

"There are a number of citizens in the county that have been told and led to believe that this is an added tax on the special taxes they are now

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