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## 698 CHILDREN AT OPENING LOCAL SCHOOL MONDAY

### High School Registration Increased Over Opening Day Figures Last Year

An auspicious opening marked the beginning of the 1932-33 school term here yesterday, when 698 children reported for the instruction, the number being 8 less than the opening day figures of last year. Poverty is believed to have held many children of elementary school age at home, and Principal Watson expressed the opinion yesterday that the total enrollment would be materially increased as soon as these children find it possible to attend.

The high school enrollment was increased by 10, bringing the number in the last four grades up to 182, with about 10 or 15 more expected to register this week and next. The elementary enrollment dropped from 529 on opening day last year to 516 yesterday, but this loss will, in all probability, be more than offset when all the little folks find it possible to attend.

With the children of the two schools assembled in the high school building, Rev. Z. T. Piephoff led the devotional service, followed with talks by Mayor R. L. Coburn, Attorney E. S. Peel and Editor W. C. Manning. The little folks had a huge task outlined for them by the speakers, but throughout the program a marked seriousness was noted, making the opening one of the most successful here in years.

Following the joint exercises, the children and teachers repaired to their respective rooms, where assignments were made and foundations for a hard year's work were laid.

Enrollment, by grades, was announced by Principal William R. Watson yesterday, as follows:

Grade 1, 83; grade 2A, 29; grade 2B, 42; grade 3A, 35; grade 3B, 39; grade 4A, 43; grade 4B, 41; grade 5A, 48; grade 5B, 37; grade 6A, 25; grade 6B, 25; grade 7A, 25; grade 7B, 44; Total, elementary school, 516.

Grade 8A, 24; grade 8B, 35; grade 9, 51; grade 10, 36; grade 11, 36; total, high school, 182.

Total, both schools, 698.

### Former Oak City Man Loses Life in Michigan

Oak City.—Mr. Moses Whitley, of Roanoke Rapids, and formerly of Oak City, was killed Friday, September 2, in an automobile accident near Kalamazoo, Mich., it was learned here this week. Mr. Whitley was en route home from visiting his son, Jasper, who lives in Kalamazoo.

The car in which Mr. Whitley was riding, together with Mrs. Whitley and three granddaughters, was struck by another car at a crossroads about 3 miles out of Kalamazoo, fatally injuring him and seriously hurting Mrs. Whitley. The other occupants escaped with minor injuries.

The body was brought back to Roanoke Rapids Tuesday of last week, burial taking place in a local cemetery Wednesday.

Mr. Whitley was well known in this county, as well as in Pitt and Edgecombe, and his death will come as a shock to his many friends.

Surviving, besides his wife, are three sons, one daughter, and seven grandchildren.

### Fire Company Answers Call Here Last Saturday

The local fire company last Saturday answered its second call in as many days when sparks from a chimney fired the roof of the small tenant house belonging to D. G. Matthews and occupied by Sim Smith, colored, on Railroad Street, near the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad station.

Only a few shingles were burned, and the resulting damage was small.

### Local Colored School Is Overrun by New Pupils

The local colored school was literally overrun yesterday, when an enrollment of 476 children was reported, 406 in the elementary department and 70 in the high school. As many as 80 children were reported in one room. Principal E. J. Hayes stated that the enrollment yesterday was greater by 80 pupils than for the first day last year.

Miss Evelyn Harrison left yesterday for Durham where she will spend a few days before going to Urbana, Illinois, to study during the next year in the state university there.

### 150 Farmers and Farm Women Make Tour

More than 150 farm men and women in Stanly County made a farm study tour last week and inspected extension work with poultry, dairy cattle, hogs, and general crops, as conducted by O. H. Phillips, county agent.

## Official Figures Show Local Market at Top in Averages

Although sales have been and continue to be very light on the local market, general satisfaction is very much in evidence, farmers being well pleased and a spirit of encouragement and hope being noticeable as the season advances.

Prices, while they continue a little stronger this week than they were last, the market reporting an unofficial average this morning of a little under 13 cents. Approximately 35,000 pounds were on the floors here today.

### SPECIAL OFFER

Girls and boys going to the various colleges this fall will enjoy keeping up with the happenings back home through the columns of their home paper, *The Enterprise*. Twice each week they can review the events taking place in the old home town for the small sum of \$1 during the college year. And it will be just like a letter from home. See that your son or daughter are kept in touch with local happenings by placing a subscription today.

### URGE HUNTERS GO BY RULES OF SAFETY FIRST

#### Proper Handling of Guns Will Hold Down The Number of Accidents

In going to the woods this fall and winter, hunters will do well to bear in mind the following warnings:

"Don't carry your gun put together in automobiles, wagons, etc. It's the unloaded gun that shoots, too! Many states have laws against carrying uncased guns in automobiles."

"Don't shoot your gun after putting it together until you have looked thru the barrel or barrels and find it clear."

"Don't pull guns through fences; carry them over the fence with you, keeping the muzzle pointed away from yourself and others. If a breech loader, open it before crossing."

"Don't set your loaded gun against a tree or leave it lying on the ground if you have dogs about when you stop to rest; they may knock it down or step on it."

"Don't lay your loaded gun down in the bottom of a boat; picking it up sometimes causes it accidentally to discharge and shoot the bottom out."

"Don't shoot your gun after falling, climbing a bank, or walking over newly plowed ground until you have examined the barrel."

"Don't let your gun muzzle point toward water, for if the gun is fired with muzzle under water, it will explode in most cases."

"Don't shoot at movement—it may be a man, cow or other livestock. Besides, every sportsman not only wants to see his game, but hit it in a vital spot."

"Don't shoot at game until after you have assured yourself that no other living creature, house, barn, or other such property is in the line of fire."

### Local Masonic Lodge To Hold Meet Here Tonight

After a month and a half of inactivity, meetings scheduled during the month of August have been dispensed with on account of the hot weather. Skewarkee Lodge of Masons will resume work with its regular meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the lodge hall. Members are urged to attend and visiting Masons are cordially invited.

### Mrs. E. M. Mendenhall Died Near Here Sunday

Mrs. E. Melton Mendenhall, 26 years old, died at the home of her father, Hyman Cowin, in Bear Grass, last Sunday morning of pneumonia. She had been ill for a very short time. Mrs. Mendenhall and one daughter survive.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon, and interment was in the Cowin burial ground, near the home.

### Jos. R. Harrison Grows Large Sweet Potato

While the dry weather is said to be cutting down the yield, some farmers in the county are reporting sizeable sweet potato crops. Mr. Joseph R. Harrison, Poplar Point Township farmer, dug a few last week, some of them weighing as much as two and one-half pounds. They are sizeable potatoes for this early in the season.

## REGULAR TERM SUPERIOR COURT BEGINS MONDAY

### Sixty-four Civil Cases Have Been Placed On The Calendar for Trial

Sixty-four cases have been placed on the civil calendar for trial in the Martin County Superior Court convening here next Monday for a two weeks mixed term. Many of the cases have been scheduled for trial at previous terms, but for one reason or another they were continued. A goodly number of new cases appear on the calendar, and the tribunal will do well to clear three-fourths or even one-half the issues from the docket during the term.

Probably one of the most important cases on the docket is that of Mr. Edgar Johnson against the Foffler-Boney Transfer Co., of Wallace. Mr. Johnson, a Robersonville man, is suing for \$25,000, charging in his complaint that through the negligence of the truck operators he was permanently and seriously injured in an automobile-truck collision between Wilson and Goldsboro last November. For several weeks following the wreck, Mr. Johnson was not expected to live, Wilson hospital attendants who treated him stating at that time there was little hope of recovery. Mr. Johnson will be represented by Attorneys J. C. Smith, of Robersonville, and Hugh G. Morton, of Williamston.

The calendar carries the following civil cases:

Wednesday, September 21: Johnson vs. Transfer Co., et al; Matthews vs. Jones; Fleming vs. Myers.

Thursday, September 22: Davenport et al vs. Davenport (2 cases); Parker vs. Railroad; Smithwick vs. Holliday et al (6 cases); Bunting vs. Craft; Wynn vs. Andrews et al.

Friday, September 23: Walters vs. Barnes; Fertilizer Co. vs. Bailey et al; Fertilizer Co. vs. Cobb; Hargrave vs. Roebuck et al; Land Bank vs. Roberson et al; Taylor vs. Street; Chemical Corp. vs. Vanderford; Credit Corporation vs. Gurin.

Monday, September 26: Bank vs. Roebuck; Matthews vs. Bell; Rubber Co. vs. Brown et al; Perry vs. Gurganui; Corporation Commission vs. Hines; Corporation Commission vs. Harrell; Everett et al vs. Higdon et al; Edmondson vs. Griffin et al; Rogers vs. Thigpen; Coltrain vs. Manning.

Tuesday, September 27: Martin vs. Barnhill; Everett vs. Dees, Rhodes & Co. vs. Gurkin; Fertilizer Co. vs. Abernathy; Fertilizer Co. vs. Sutton; Fertilizer Co. vs. Brady; Fertilizer Co. vs. Morris; Fertilizer Co. vs. Huston; Fertilizer Co. vs. Mills; Fertilizer Co. vs. Nordon; Harrison Brothers vs. Hadley et al; Chemical Co. vs. Gardner; Fertilizer Co. vs. Koone et al.

Wednesday, September 28: Ainge et al vs. Bullock et al; Fertilizer Co. vs. Nicholson; King et al vs. Slade; Harrell vs. Bank and Trust Co.; Fertilizer Co. vs. Hicks; Fertilizer Co. vs. Skinner; Fertilizer Co. vs. Gaitley; Fertilizer Co. vs. Ennis; Fertilizer Co. vs. Allen; Fertilizer Co. vs. Williams et al.

Thursday, September 29: Fertilizer Co. vs. Daughtry; Fertilizer Co. vs. Matthews; Keel vs. Keel; Fertilizer Co. vs. Oakley; Fertilizer Co. vs. Anthony and Bank; Brown vs. Simmons; Fertilizer Co. vs. Gore; Fertilizer Co. vs. Moyer; Fertilizer Co. vs. Reid.

### ATTENDANCE IN HIGH SCHOOLS

#### Large Increase Reported in This State During the Past Few Years

Of the 639 pupils enrolled in the high schools of Martin County during the 1930-31 term, more than 100 failed to attend classes regularly, according to information carried in a recent issue of State School Facts. That year there were 83 young boys and girls graduated in the several high schools of the county.

During the same term 122 colored pupils were enrolled in the high schools provided for them by Martin County, and 97 of them were regular upon their classes. Nine were graduated that term.

More than 109,500 white children were enrolled in the high schools of the state that year, 14,889 of the number completing the courses of study that spring. There were 16,672 colored children in the high schools of the state that year, 1,903 graduating that spring.

### PREACHERS IN MEETING HERE

#### Five Associations In This Part of State Represented At Meeting Yesterday

Only one case was called in the county recorder's court yesterday, Judge Bailey imposing a \$65 fine on Harry Bowen in the case charging him with reckless driving.

The time for holding the court was delayed when Judge Bailey found it necessary to be out of town today. The county tribunal will not hold another session of court until the first Tuesday in October, as the superior court will be in session next week and the week following.

The associations represented were

Mr. Adolphus Mizelle, formerly of Roanoke, Atlantic, Neuse, Chowan, and West Chowan. These five divisions comprise a large section of the Eastern part of the state, and cover much of the Baptist territory in this area.

The purpose of the organization is for fellowship among the ministers, for the discussion of plans concerning their work, and as a sort of denominational clearing house for the Baptists in eastern Carolina.

There will be three meetings each year, the next one to be held in January. There was talk of making Williamston the regular and central meeting place for this group.

## 2,580 Enrolled Yesterday at Opening 10 County Schools

### Downs Whole Gallon Rum; Will Recover

#### Hoped That Everyone Will Retard Sale of Cotton Crop This Year

Raleigh.—The loan of \$50,000,000 by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to the cotton cooperatives and the stabilization corporation to enable these organizations to hold cotton off the market has been described by U. Benton Blalock, president of the American Cotton Cooperative Association, as "a move in the right direction and one in which we are glad to cooperate in the interest of all cotton producers."

Thirty-five of the fifty millions given to the cooperatives will be used by the stabilization corporation to keep its holdings off the market until March, 1933.

"This is a day when cooperation is sorely needed," Mr. Blalock said, "and it is to be sincerely hoped that all cotton producers in the South and our Southern bankers and our seed loan borrowers will cooperate to the fullest extent with the Reconstruction

Finance Corporation, the Farm Board and the cooperative organizations in maintaining a schedule of marketing that will not break prices to lower levels."

Pointing out that the cooperatives,

are bearing the brunt of the transaction in that a large portion of the interest will be charged against their 1930 cotton in addition to storage charges, Mr. Blalock said he sometimes wondered if the cotton producers and others of the South fully appreciate what the cooperatives and the farm board have tried to do to obtain better prices for cotton, the South's chief money crop.

Mr. Blalock referred to the seven

cooperatives,

launched last season by the cooperatives, the farm board and Southern bankers and which he said, "steered the market and gave a very substantial increase in the price to producers."

"It is to be sincerely hoped that

the bankers of the South will again

voluntarily help retard as much as

possible the sale of this year's crop,

and to have it marketed orderly," he added.

Pointing out that the Seed Loan

division of the Department of Agricul-

ture should cooperate in the fullest

extent in the movement to market

orderly the present crop, Mr. Blalock said:

"Not only would this movement

help very materially in the making

of collections on the money advanced

to farmers this season but if prices

can be maintained around nine cents

and above the seed loan division may

be able to unload for its borrowers

the several hundred thousand bales

of cotton it accepted last season at

eight cents per pound as collateral

on loans to producers."

Here the head of the American

Cotton Cooperative turned to statis-

tical data, saying:

"We have a prospective American crop of 11,310,000 bales, or about 3,250,000 bales below the average production for the past five years. If only about 3,500,000 bales of this present crop could be held off the market for a while it would leave us

only about 8,800,000 bales for imme-

diate sale, which is only about

100,000 bales more than we exported

last year, to say nothing of domestic