

HONOR ROLLS AT LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR PAST MONTH

Names of 123 Pupils Appear On Honor List for The Past Month

There was a slight shrinkage in the list of honor pupils in the local schools for the fifth month, recently ended, the decrease resulting mainly from absences caused by bad roads, influenza, and mumps. The list follows:

Grade 1-A: Marshall Ange, Donald Dixon, Fred Hardison, David Perry, Jerry Raynor, Lee Thomas, Billy White, Betsy Anderson, Courtney Jenkins, Della J. Mobley, Nenora Melson, Susan Moore, Susie Wobblenton.

Grade 1-B: Lillie Mae Lee, Willie Grey Lee, Robert Perry.

Grade 2-A: Joseph Gurganus, Bill Griffin, Hurley Shaw, Bennie Weaver, John Wier, Jr., Jimmy Manning, George Cunningham, Mildred Biggs, Evelyn Griffin, Betty R. Gurganus, Patricia King, Velma Perry, Madeline Taylor, Mary Pope, Dorothy Watson.

Grade 2-B: Rena Howard, Thelma Lowe, Dabey Manning, Sallie Williams, Corrine Roberson, Lillie Mariner.

Grade 3-A: S. C. Griffin, Reg Griffin, William Lilley, Haywood Rogers, Mary A. Cherry, Anne Fowden, Dolly Godard, Bettie Hoard, Carrie Jones, Bina Jackson, Grace Manning, Mildred Moore, Daisy Peaks, Estelle Perry, Sybil Roberson, Edith Andrews.

Grade 3-B: Sallie B. Griffin, William Pate, George H. Wynne.

Grade 4-A: Nancy Biggs, Marjorie Dunn, Mary G. Osborne, Esther Rawls, Maud Taylor, Stuart Critcher, R. J. Hardison, Jesse Johnson, Warren Jones, Warren Pope, Joseph Thigpen, Jerry Manning, Anita Wheeler.

Grade 4-B: Fate Roebuck, Jr.

Grade 5-A: Jerry Clark, Gordon Manning, Sallie G. Gurkin, Rachel Keel, Louise Melson, Eleanor Taylor, Virgil Ward, Susie Whitley, Delsie Godard.

Grade 5-B: Doris Andrews, Muriel Coburn, Dixie Daniels.

Grade 6-A: Reg Manning, Grace Barnhill, Alma Godwin, Nora Grimes, Ida Walters.

Grade 6-B: Eustice Jones.

Grade 7-A: E. G. Wynn, Velma Bennett, Frances Cherry, Addie L. Meador, Surreatha Peaks, Helen Shaw, Janie Strawbridge, Donnie Tetterton, Dollie M. Wheeler.

Grade 8: Edna Ballard, Marie Griffin, Ben Manning.

Grade 9: Alta Critcher, Eula Green, Grace Manning.

Grade 10: Jessie Mae Anderson, Roger Critcher.

Grade 11: Russell Taylor Roebuck, Jennie Greene Taylor.

HEAR TWO CASES IN COURT HERE

Simon Fagan Goes To the Roads for Six Months for Shoplifting

The last Tuesday session of the county recorder's court was one of the shortest held in many weeks. Only one defendant was called to trial by Judge Peel, and the two cases against him were heard in a very short time.

Simon Fagan, colored man living "over the creek", was found guilty of shoplifting and was sentenced to the roads for a term of six months, two months in one case and four in the other.

Bringing a large peanut sack with him to town last Saturday, Fagan visited several stores and proceeded to fill the sack with whatever merchandise he could reach and at a time the storeowners' backs were turned. At Blount's store Fagan packed several pairs of boys' trousers, two or three dresses and a few other articles into the bag. He lifted a pair of shoes from Perry's store, and was caught when he attempted to take a dress from Harrison Brothers and Company's store.

Reviews Sales on Curb Market for Past Month

Women selling on the curb market took in \$76.96 during the month of February. The sales of individuals varied from \$5.33 taken in one day by a seller to 40 cents taken in by a seller, and the lowest sale made. Since egg cartons have been used 69 dozen eggs have been sold through the curb market.

Miss Pauline Smith, district agent, visited the market last Saturday and gave all sellers some timely suggestions on grading, standardizing and improving the market. All present appreciated her helpful suggestions. Miss Smith stated she was very much pleased with the improvement made in the market and the quality of the products on display. The customers are deserving of much credit in helping the market to improve in all ways.

Commissioners Will Prepare For Tax Listing at Meeting

Tax relief has been shouted from nearly every housetop from the mountains to the sea, and while there may be some a-comeing, the county commissioners will have to start preparations next Monday for another tax year. The first step will be to appoint a tax supervisor who will, in turn, appoint his list-takers and start the ball rolling as of April 1.

Mr. C. Ben Riddick had charge of the supervisory work last year, but he will not be a candidate for the job this season. However, there are several applications now pending, it is understood. According to unofficial reports, Messrs. R. L. Stallings, of Jamesville; A. B. Ayers, of Bear Grass; and Penny Peel, of Griffins, are applying for the job. There may be others, but their names could not be learned.

As far as it is known just at this time, the appointment of a supervisor and the laying of plans for listing property for taxation will be recognized as the most important business before the regular meeting of the county commissioners next Monday.

The tax supervisor will meet with the township list-takers the third Monday in this month to discuss the methods of listing and to set up uniform values as far as it is possible to do so. As far as it is known just at this time there will be no marking down of real estate values except in those cases where losses have been incurred or where improvements have been made. The only variation will be in personal property listing.

DRY SPEAKER TO BE IN COUNTY NEXT TUESDAY

Will Make Three Addresses While On Visit To This County

Dr. Ira Landrith, prominent speaker of the South, and a strong prohibition leader, will deliver three addresses in this county next Tuesday, it was announced yesterday by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, representing the Allied Forces here. Mr. Landrith will speak first in Robersonville at 10 o'clock that morning in the Christian church. At 3:30 he will speak in the Baptist church here, and that night at 8 o'clock he will speak at Roberson's Chapel in Williamston Township.

"Putting Down the Bi-Partisan Rum Rebellion," will be the subject of Dr. Landrith's addresses. Members of all church groups, young people's societies, and county citizens generally are invited to hear the facts about the temperance issue as presented by an expert in the field.

Dr. Landrith has been prominent in this work for a great many years and was formerly chairman of the National Temperance Council. He has a way of combining wit and humor with his logic and is a popular speaker before chautauques, lyceums, and organizations of various kinds. He is citizenship superintendent of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, so is well known to many of the members of that organization, and was formerly president of Ward-Belmont College.

During the past two years, he has been associated with the Allied Forces as speaker and organizer. With the allied campaigners, under the leadership of Dr. Daniel A. Poling, internationally known dry leader, he traveled in more than 500 cities in 261 days, covering every state in the union and speaking seven days a week, often in two or three cities a day. In a subsequent campaign Dr. Landrith visited 200 additional cities, and now is engaged in still another gigantic tour.

"Not half tried and still in its childhood, prohibition has not failed," Dr. Landrith asserts. "Its half-hearted official friends have failed, and even its best friends in some cases have been inadequately vigilant and determined. Its foes have won a skirmish here and there, because we have trusted some politicians not wisely but too well, and because we have underestimated the number of otherwise good citizens who would rather be regular than right."

"Prohibition has not failed. That issue was only a minor one in the 1932 election. Unemployment, want, depression, desire for change, prolonged hunger for office and power—these, and not prohibition, determined that election."

Dr. Landrith believes that the liquor problem must be solved through education, and in the present campaign, special emphasis is being laid upon this phase of the subject. At the meetings in this county, Dr. Landrith will outline a program whereby an intensive study of the subject may be carried on through local organizations of Allied Youth and Allied Citizens.

Bear Grass Club Girls In Regular Meet Thursday

The 4-H club girls of the Bear Grass school met Thursday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by the President and the roll was called by the secretary. Two health games were played by the club members and each one received health habits scores and scored themselves. The health champion selected in the club for this year was Irene Hodges. This is the third year the club has joined in the health contest conducted in the county.

\$8,000 ALLOTTED TO COUNTY FOR WORK IN MARCH

Much of Amount Will Be Spent Helping the Needy To Help Themselves

Martin County will be allotted \$8,000 in the handling of relief work during the month of March, it was learned here this week. The allotment is the largest single one made to the county so far in advancing welfare work. The amount of the relief money was increased, it is believed, that preparations might be made to have the needy help themselves by planting gardens and preserving food for use next fall and winter.

It is understood that an additional \$8,000 will be allotted the county for relief work in April. After that time, it is not known how much, if any, will be distributed for relief work. Welfare workers are making minute plans for pushing the gardening projects both under the community and individual plan. Robersonville is said to be planning a 10-acre community garden, but definite plans have not been made, according to information received from there following a meeting of welfare workers the early part of the week. Parmelee is said to be considering a five-acre community garden project, but those interested in the welfare of their fellowman at Gold Point are understood to favor the individual plan.

There is some talk here that a community garden project will be attempted on the county farm, two miles west of here, but no definite details will be available until the matter is discussed with the county authorities. By using county land and farming equipment it is believed the undertaking will meet with success since the Reconstruction Finance Corporation will furnish the seed, fertilizer, and labor needed in carrying on the project. Should the community garden plan be followed, it is not known how many acres of land will be used, and other details to be determined later.

DR. IRA LANDRITH



Prohibition leader who will make three addresses in this county next Tuesday; Robersonville at 10 a. m.; Williamston at 3:30 p. m.; and Roberson's Chapel at 8 p. m.

LEGISLATURE IS MARKING TIME

Bill Passed Merging Prison and the State Highway Departments

The North Carolina General Assembly is still marking time, and it is believed that each day brings it closer to a deadlock patterned after the one of 1931. What kind of tax to levy will be the question.

Aside from taxation, the legislators took a big step this week in merging the prison and highway departments. The act, effective upon ratification, is now in the hands of a conference committee after passing both houses. The actual combination cannot take place until the governor names the board and declares the merged commission is ready for operation.

Like all the railroads and other big businesses, the legislature went in strong for merging this week. A second big consolidation was favored, combining the highway patrol with the department of revenue.

The revenue machinery bill, providing for the loudly demanded revaluation of property, was placed on the legislative calendar this week.

In Raleigh yesterday more than 1,500 people from all over the state held a mass meeting and declared against new taxes. It is generally believed that some type of sales tax is necessary, and a battle is under way, one that will probably last a long time before a decision is reached.

SENATOR WALSH DIES SUDDENLY

Died on an A. C. L. Train Near Wilson Yesterday Morning at 7 O'clock

Senator Thomas J. Walsh, of Montana, a prominent figure in national politics, died yesterday morning on an Atlantic Coast Line train near Wilson. Cause of death is unknown, but Dr. M. A. Pittman, of Wilson, said that it was probably due to clot in a blood vessel to the heart.

The body was removed from the train at Rocky Mount and prepared for burial there. It was later shipped to Washington, where a tribute will be paid to the man's memory before the body is carried on to Helena, Montana, for burial.

Senator Walsh, married only last Saturday, was 74 years old and was recently appointed to serve as Attorney General in President-elect Roosevelt's cabinet. He gained much prominence as prosecutor in the Teapot Dome oil scandal in 1924.

MRS. SUSAN PEEL DIES WEDNESDAY IN WASHINGTON

Funeral Held at Home in Bear Grass Township This Afternoon

Mrs. Susan Florence Peel, widow of the late John R. Peel, died in a Washington hospital Wednesday afternoon at the age of 65 years. Mrs. Peel had been in ill health for more than a year, but only recently was her illness considered serious. She was operated on last Tuesday and a cancer was discovered. The disease had developed to such an extent that treatment could not be given.

The daughter of the late Edwin Manning and wife, Mrs. Peel was married when a young woman to John R. Peel who died nineteen years ago. She leaves four children, H. U. Peel, Mrs. Chas. M. Peel, and Mrs. Mrs. Roland H. Robertson, of Suffolk. She also leaves two brothers, Benjamin M. Manning, of Jamesville, and John J. Manning, of Williamston; and nineteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She had long been a member of the Primitive Baptist church and was held in high esteem by her many friends. Funeral services were conducted from the home in Bear Grass Township this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Elder Hines, of Wilson, and Rev. W. B. Harrington, of Jamesville. Interment was in the family burial plot on the home farm in Griffins Township.

PRICE HAS FINE RECORD SERVICE

Was Alert in Serving Local Postal Patrons Better Mail Schedules

Resigning his post as head of the local post office Tuesday, Mr. Jesse T. Price brought to a close a long period of service with Uncle Sam in the postal division.

About 11 years ago, after serving as clerk under various administrations, Mr. Price was appointed postmaster by President Warren G. Harding. The office was rated along with those of third-class rank, and business was handled in the building where the Ambers pressing club is now located at the corner of Main and Smithwick Streets. Business increased as the years passed, and about the time the lease expired at that location the postmaster was instrumental in the construction of a new building and moving the office to where it is now located in the Staton building near the other end of the business section.

Mr. Price's best service was rendered in providing a speedy dispatch and receipt of mails. Many changes have been made since the railroads started removing trains. But every time a train was taken off a new service was started, and today local postal patrons are offered six incoming and six outgoing mails daily. And he was always studying how he could better the service for his patrons and at no extra cost to the government.

Fire Wrecks Tenant House in New Town Yesterday

William Speller's small two-room house in New Town was partially wrecked by fire about 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Catching from a heater fire, the blaze was burning rapidly before it was discovered. Most of the furniture was removed, and was not damaged to any great extent. The fire company used two hundred feet of hose and had the fire under control within a few minutes after the alarm was sounded and before it had reached the roof.

The house belonged to Mrs. W. T. Hunter and was partially covered by insurance, it was learned.

B. & L. SERIES STOCK OPENS

Large Subscription In the Thirty-second Series Is Anticipated Here

The thirty-second stock series of the Martin County Building and Loan Association opens here tomorrow, and a large subscription is anticipated, according to information coming from officials in the organization.

Recognized as one of the best organizations with splendid methods for regular saving, the Martin County Building and Loan Association is now meeting the demand of hundreds of people who value the practice of saving a little each week.

The association invites new investors and its officers are ready at your call to explain the workings of the organization.

Joint Stock Land Bank Closes Its Office Here

The North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank yesterday closed its field office located in the Bowen building on Washington Street here. The work of Representatives Cannon and Cox there has been completed in this immediate section, it is understood, making the maintenance of an office here any longer unnecessary.

Make Preparations To Care For Loans

ROAD WORK SLOW

The adoption of the 40-hour week by the State Highway Commission is responsible, in part, for the bad condition of the roads in this county, it is believed by many. Last Wednesday very few of the dirt roads in the county had been worked, and travel was still delayed in many sections. Deep ruts and countless bumps slowed down travel considerably because highway forces were unable to cover their districts in the short time allotted them, it was stated.

SEES RUIN FOR FARMERS IF LEAF CROP INCREASED

Dean Schaub Issues Warning As Reports Indicate Big Planting

Raleigh—Dean I. O. Schaub, of N. C. State College, warned farmers recently that reports indicated tobacco growers in "in danger of overexpanding the acreage of tobacco this season."

County agents and extension specialists of the college have been working in tobacco counties for the past two weeks, and in nearly every case their reports tell of increased amounts of tobacco seed being reclaimed and treated for growers, Schaub said.

Farmers are making arrangements to have better plant beds than in previous years, Schaub continued, as well as more of them. Some reports indicate that the acreage in tobacco will be circumscribed only by the amount of fertilizer and credit that the grower can obtain.

Indications of increased acreages are being evidenced in Georgia and South Carolina also, the dean said.

"North Carolina's burley tobacco growers plan to increase their crop just as the eastern planters are doing," Schaub said, and in the highlands of South Carolina a number of farmers are planning to inaugurate burley tobacco growing for the first time.

Quoting the federal government's outlook report, Mr. Schaub said: "Most of the factors affecting the outlook for tobacco in 1933 are adverse."

"Consumption of tobacco products continues to decline, both at home and abroad, and increasing numbers of consumers have been turning to cheaper modes of consumption."

"In several foreign countries there have been further substitutions of domestic and colonial-grown tobacco for American leaf."

The 1932 crop of 362,000,000 pounds of flue-cured tobacco was the second smallest since 1917 and was about 45 per cent below the 1931 crop. Last year the acreage was decreased 36 per cent and the yield was below the average. Consumption, however, decreased in like manner.

Last year, Schaub said, most growers planted less weed than they intended to due to a shortage of plants.

The better price received in 1932 for tobacco, as compared to some other cash crops, will stimulate plantings this season, the dean said. If the 1933 crop is kept at the same level as that of 1932 he foresaw some possible improvement in prices, but with the evidenced increased acreage he said prices would not improve unless there was a general business improvement.

Five People Are Taking Pasteur Treatment Here

Attacked by a cat at her home in Jamesville Township recently, Mrs. Edgar Waters is now taking the Pasteur treatment here. She is the fifth victim of an attack by mad animals in that district during the past few weeks.

Mrs. Waters started taking the treatment this week after it was learned that the cat attacking her had been declared mad by the State Bureau of Hygiene, Raleigh.

Mrs. Waters was here this morning taking the treatment with Mrs. Jesse Waters, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Waters and son.

Mrs. W. T. Hunter Badly Hurt In Fall Wednesday

Mrs. W. T. Hunter is recovering from injuries received in a fall at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joe Godard, in New Town, last Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Hunter fell part of the way down the door steps and received a bad cut on her head. She is able to sit up some now.

EXPECT BLANKS ABOUT MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK

Plan To Prepare Applications at One Place In County, Agent Says

No seed loan blanks have been received in this county, and, according to the latest information reaching here it will be some time about the middle or latter part of next week before blanks will be available.

Field Agent Jones, of New Bern, who will likely have charge of the work in the county this season, was here yesterday making arrangements for handling the applications, and he was not in position just at that time to offer any definite information in connection with floating the loans this year. He will, however, appoint an assistant himself. No appointment has yet been officially announced.

Those handling the applications will not receive any remuneration from the borrowers, but the regular notary fee will be allowed, and the cost of recording the crop lien will be charged to the borrower, it is understood. It is also believed that with the expectation of a large number of requests to borrow, several men will be required to handle the work.

The cost to the borrower this year will be around \$1 or probably a little more, depending upon the notary and recording fees. The notary fee generally received by notaries public in this community is 25 cents, but the average for the state is 50 cents, and it is likely that the latter fee will be in order.

According to Mr. Jones the present plans call for the handling of all applications from one central point. Arrangements were made yesterday to establish a temporary office in the commissioners' room at the courthouse.

Just as soon as the blanks are received here, or as soon thereafter as is possible announcement will be made to that effect. Those who plan to apply for loans are warned, however, of the expected rush, and are urged not to retard the work by crowding the office when blanks are received.

It was Mr. Jones' belief that the work in Washington will be dispatched more rapidly this year than heretofore, and that applications for loans, properly prepared, will be given attention within a comparatively short time. Mr. Jones explained that was one of the major reasons for centering the application office at one central point.

MOTHER OF MRS. HARRISON DIES

Funeral for Mrs. Martha E. Sherrer Held Yesterday In Blacksburg, S. C.

Mrs. Martha Eleanor Sherrer, mother of Mrs. Anna Harrison, of Williamston, died at her home in Blacksburg, S. C., Wednesday following a brief illness. Mrs. Sherrer, aged 75 years of age, had enjoyed unusually good health up until a few weeks ago, when she suffered a slight illness. Her condition was not considered serious until a few days ago, when relatives were called to the bedside.

Funeral services were conducted in Blacksburg yesterday afternoon by the family pastor, a minister of the Presbyterian church. Interment was in the local cemetery.

Mrs. Sherrer had visited her daughter, Mrs. Anna Harrison, here a number of years ago. Five children, Mrs. William Belk, of Lancaster, S. C.; Mrs. A. D. Mizelle, of Tarboro; Mrs. Anna Harrison, of this place, and Messrs. Lawrence Sherrer, of Greenville, S. C., and Gerard Sherrer, of Erwin, Tenn., survive.

Man Accused of Robbing Same Two Stores Twice

Lester Briley is now in the county jail awaiting trial next week in Edgecombe County for the alleged entering and robbery of a store in Leggetts. He is also slated for trial in this county the week of the 20th for the alleged entering of J. L. Williams' store in Gold Point a few days ago.

Briley, a young white man, was convicted of entering and robbing the Williams store in Gold Point some time ago, and was only recently released from the state prison. Prior to that time he was convicted for entering and robbing the same store in Leggetts he is now accused of reentering.

Local Colored Pupils In Play at Elizabeth City

Students of the local colored schools will present the play, "Sonny-Jane," tonight at the Elizabeth City State Normal School. The cast of characters and coaches will leave here this afternoon for the Pasquotank town.