



REGARD CHORAL CLUB AS VALUED ASSET TO TOWN

Baptist Church Packed To Hear Easter Cantata Sunday Night

By CHARLES H. DICKEY
Easter Sunday evening's rendition of appropriate seasonal music by the town's community choir demonstrated, beyond any reasonable doubt, that this organization has quickly come to be one of the town's most valued and appreciated assets.

Organized but a few months ago, it packed the Episcopal Church at Christmas time, and Sunday evening overflowed the large auditorium of the Memorial Baptist church when it sang before one of the largest groups of people seen in any Williamston church in many years.

This club has already received an invitation to furnish the music when the baccalaureate sermon is preached at the high school during commencement this spring; and will doubtless be ready with appropriate music at Thanksgiving, at Christmas and when Easter comes around next year.

Such an organization, which has so quickly won the confidence of the community, deserves the town's appreciation and support. At the Sunday night service an offering of \$16.50 was given the club with which to purchase music. But when it is remembered that special music will have to be bought for commencement, then again for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and so on, it will at once be seen that it will take considerable money to keep the club's music up to date.

Under the circumstances, it would seem that the general public which hears these special song services should be most willing and anxious to at least furnish sufficient funds to keep the club going. And upon such occasions when they sing, the public should assume that an offering will be made, and should make it regularly, gladly, and cheerfully.

A community must have its monetary institutions, its mercantile establishments, and its general business institutions. But a people does not live by bread alone—not even on good bread. And when a community demonstrates, as has been demonstrated in Williamston recently, that its church people can forget their sectarian differences and worship God together, in any place; and when picked singers from the several choirs work for months on special music and then put it over as this club is doing—then such club merits high appreciation and unselfish freely given support.

MARCH RAINFALL IS NEAR NORMAL

Rains Last Week Brings Month Nearer Normal Than Any Other

With a fairly heavy rain Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning of last week, the rainfall for the month of March approached normal for the first time in several years. While the rain last Tuesday night was fairly heavy, it was not as large as many people believed it to be, Hugh Spruill reporting about four-fifths of an inch at that time.

During the month 4.65 inches of rain fell here, the largest fall for the month of March in more than four years and the largest since last August, when 6.25 inches were reported.

While there continues a deficiency of rainfall in this section, the creeks and other small streams are reported to have more water in them than at any time in many months. The moisture is said to extend into the ground deeper, it was also pointed out.

Roanoke River Expected To Rise Thru Tomorrow

A second rise in the Roanoke River in recent weeks is expected to reach its crest at this point some time tomorrow night, according to information received here yesterday.

The stream will go 12 feet above the average level, it was estimated, sending the waters over the banks by about 15 inches.

Fishing operations have been halted at Jamesville by the high water, it was learned yesterday.

Aged Colored Woman Dies At County Home

Mary Griffin, aged colored woman, died at the county home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, her death being the second there in about a week.

Entering the home a few weeks according to reports received here. She had been ill with cancer at her home in Poplar Point for some time before going to the institution.

CLEAN-UP MONTH

With springtime here again, Williamston's mayor, John L. Hassell is addressing an earnest appeal to owners to clean up their properties. This month has been designated as clean-up month, and every one is called upon to support it by removing rubbish from all lots and taking an active part in keeping the town clean.

Remove the tin cans from your premises and help cut down the dangerous mosquitoes. Drain water pools or pour oil on them as a safeguard against the breeding of mosquitoes. Do away with breeding places for flies. Take an active part in the clean-up drive; it has many benefits, and the trouble of supporting it is little.

BIG CROWDS AT CHURCH EASTER

Activities of Holy Week High Spot in Section's Religious Life

As a rule, there is more interest in religion at Easter time than at any other season of the year, but this Easter was a "red letter" day in the Williamston churches. Though the ideal weather on last Sunday was a contributing factor in the large congregations, it is conceded that back of it all was the fine work and spirit of cooperation among the churches during Holy Week. Easter was just the climax. Of course, attendance alone is not an index of the spiritual life of a church; on the other hand, poor attendance is certainly no sign of encouragement.

A report on attendance for the several up-town churches Easter reveals the following figures: Baptist church, Sunday school 166, church attendance 300; Methodist church, Sunday school 85; church service 150; Presbyterian church, Sunday school 25, church service 40; Christian church, Sunday school 138, sunrise service 30; Episcopal church, Sunday school 40; church service 105.

A congregation estimated at 350 attended the Easter cantata rendered by the Williamston Choral Society at the Baptist church Easter night.

Nineteen persons were received into membership at the Baptist church and five at the Methodist church on Easter morning.

On Easter Monday night at 7:30, a pageant, "Christ Risen," was presented to a full congregation at the Episcopal church.

All in all, the ministers and members of the churches of Williamston are highly pleased and encouraged with the fine spirit and the excellent results of the whole Easter season.

County Court Here Today Has 18 Cases Scheduled

With eighteen cases on the docket, the county recorder's court had the appearance of a superior court here this morning. The large size docket carries cases that accumulated during the two weeks the superior court was in session here.

Town Commissioners To Meet Tomorrow

Scheduled to have been held last night, the meeting of the local board of commissioners was postponed until tomorrow night, when it was learned that several of the members would be unable to attend.

County Commissioners In Short Session Monday

The Martin County Commissioners held one of the shortest meetings here yesterday in several years, the business before the board being confined to two or three minor tax matters and relief requests other than the regular routine duties.

Lewis Powell, of Robersonville Township, was allowed \$2.50 a month. W. L. Taylor was relieved of \$5 dog tax listed in error for the year 1933.

The board discussed a few matters, took no definite action in any of them and adjourned before the noon hour.

Junior Order Supper Here Thursday Night

As a climax to a recent attendance contest, the local Junior Order membership will enjoy a chicken supper in the Legion Hall Thursday evening. "Flip" Peel, on the losing side, will have charge of the repast, and the entire membership of the council is urged to attend.

B. C. Siske, state councillor, plans to attend the supper and make a short talk.

Mr. Hubert Smith was in Richmond Saturday night. He was accompanied home by his mother and sister who will visit here.

COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS MONDAY

Hear Reports From Three Groups Representing County Schools

Holding a meeting here yesterday, the Martin County Board of Education discussed several matters and listened to two or three delegations asking for changes in school districts, and the enlargement of plants. No definite action was taken in any of them.

Reporting almost unbelievably crowded conditions in the plant there, the Jamesville committee, Messrs. Holliday, Martin, Davis, and Pollock, asked that the board investigate the possibility of enlarging the building. The committee had the facts and figures to support their request. The plant, with its 12 classrooms, is now handling an enrollment of 458 children. The agricultural class is carrying on its work in the dressing room, while the hot lunch projects are now located in an old toilet compartment. Classes are held in the library and in the laboratory, and the cloak rooms are used for an office and storage. The committee asked for two additional classrooms, a laboratory, a library, and storage rooms. The matter will be taken up with state authorities in an effort to get outside help in the undertaking.

With an enlarged plant, Bear Grass is asking for a change in the district. The board turned the matter over to the division superintendent, T. B. Attmore, and the committee plans to meet with him in the near future, it was learned.

Farm Life, although not represented by a committee at the meeting, is asking that its plant be enlarged to offset crowded conditions existing there.

NEAR RIOT HERE LAST SATURDAY

Several White and Colored People in Fight Over Fish Argument

Said to have started over a fish argument, a fight near the Atlantic Coast Line station here last Saturday afternoon resulted in a near riot, according to reports coming from the police department. Russell Perry, white, was alleged to have been drinking and started the fight when he cut Sam Brown, colored, on the finger with a knife. William Brown interceded for his brother, and Earl Stevenson, white, went in for Perry.

During the affray, Stevenson was struck over the head with a canoe paddle in the hands of William Brown. Many blows were said to have been exchanged, but the fight was stopped by officers before serious damage was done to any of the parties.

A hearing has been scheduled before Mayor J. L. Hassell tomorrow night. Perry is in jail, the other three being at liberty under bond.

SCHOOL NEWS AT FARM LIFE

New Record for Attendance Set Up During Sixth Month

Completing the sixth month of the current term, the Farm Life school established an all-time high attendance record for the period. Principal Charles Hough announced this week. Slightly more than 96 per cent of the high school pupils enrolled and 95 per cent of the elementary children attended regularly, the report shows. As far as it could be learned, the record has not been equalled by any school in this county.

The honor roll for the sixth month carries the following names:

- First Grade: Vairo Griffin, Thelma Hardison, Tillie Gray Griffin.
- Second grade: Noah Roberson, Georgia Dean Roberson, Hazel Hardison.
- Third grade: B. F. Lilley, Martha Roberson, Dorothy Elizabeth Manning.
- Fourth grade: Vera Pearl Williams, Lala Smithwick, Earl Heath, Robert C. Whitley.
- Fifth grade: Ida Mae Corey, Lavagnon Hardison, G. W. Corey.
- Sixth grade: Bettie Louise Lilley, Evan Griffin, William Lilley.
- Seventh grade: Ruth Lilley, Sarah Getzinger, Ruby Griffin.
- Eighth grade: Mamie Clyde Manning, Therman Griffin, Annie Getzinger, John B. Roberson, Daniel Taylor Lilley.
- Ninth grade: Jay Daniel, Joseph Lilley, Albert Wilson Lilley.
- Tenth grade: Bettie Ruth Heath, Sarah Roberson, Beulah Roberson and Verna Griffin.
- Eleventh grade: Lillian Daniel.

COUNTY FOREST FIRE LOSS LAST YEAR \$191,970.00

Loss Is About \$13,000 More Than Current County Tax Collections

Forest fires cost Martin County last year approximately \$191,970, or just about \$13,000 more than the entire county tax levy, so say figures recently released by the Department of Conservation and Development.

While it is generally admitted that the county loss caused by forest fires was a staggering sum, it is difficult for the average person to reconcile the report offered by the board to the fires they saw and the damage as surveyed by them. The Hassell, Robersonville, Williamston and one or two other sections were scorched by fires, but about the same time fires were burning in those districts, parts of Bertie County were lighted to the high heavens by vast fires that the forest wardens and all the CCC boys could not stop. And yet Bertie County's loss was not so great as that in this county.

There is a story behind those figures, and it probably started back years when the county commissioners, hearing the cry of hard-pressed taxpayers, failed to cooperate in the forest protection movement. People in this section have reached the conclusion that forest protection rests with the people, that organized systems might render some help, but high water and all the king's forces can't stop the waste once a careless people start the fires going in great numbers. And apparently the authorities some where up Raleigh way are of the same opinion because, it is remembered here, they refused to permit the CCC boys to answer a call for help issued by this county last year. They snapped the whip, emphatically saying that the forestry boys were not allowed to tread on soil where the owners had failed to cooperate in a dictated protection program.

Martin County is having too many forest fires, and until the people fully realize the necessity of preventing fires there'll be fires and more fires irrespective of forest wardens, conservation programs and the CCC boys.

2 DOCTORS PLAN TO LOCATE HERE

Goldsboro Physicians To Make Definite Decision Within Few Days

Doctors C. V. Holloway and E. Tucker, for several years located in Goldsboro, are planning to locate here for the general practice of medicine. While no arrangements have been completed, it is understood the two men will make a definite announcement within a short time. They were here yesterday making a personal investigation of the field in this community, and reports released at that time indicated they would locate here soon.

Dr. Holloway is a native of Gates County, and Dr. Tucker hails from the neighboring county of Pitt. Both of them are well-known in Goldsboro, where they are now located, and they are well recommended. Neither of them is married, it was learned.

Tug From Plymouth Hits Partly Open Bridge Here

Crashing into the Roanoke River drawbridge here yesterday morning, a tugboat had its top deck torn away and fixtures damaged. The tug, belonging to the National Handle Company, of Plymouth, had an unusually long raft of logs in tow and could not check its speed in the swift stream. The captain was late in calling for the bridge-keeper, and the vessel crashed into the half-open bridge. No damage was done to the bridge, it was reported.

FIRST STRAW LID

Styles and new wearing apparel were evident in the various colors here Easter Sunday, when the fair sex paraded in great numbers the streets between religious services. A friendly sun and favorable temperatures made the day an ideal one for the parade of new dress and expensive corsets. No marked change in the styles was noted, but comments on Easter shopping bills indicate slightly higher prices for clothing than those of a year ago.

While the spring and summer wardrobe was opened Sunday, the first of the straw hats were not seen until yesterday, when Mr. Lawrence Hyman, of Oak City, was seen with a strictly summer lid.

Few Farmers Have Received Their Crop Production Loans

While approximately 300 applications for loans have been filed by farmers in this county with the Crop Production Corporation, only a few checks have been received up to now. An order from high authorities last Saturday instructed the district branches to speed up the work, and checks in greater numbers are expected to start coming in shortly.

The first of the emergency loan applications are being forwarded to Washington this week, but no returns can hardly be expected before the latter part of next week or the week following, if then.

Many farmers, disgusted with the requirements of the lending agencies, are trying to make other arrangements to finance their operations this year, it is understood. A few are reported to have said their crops will go without fertilizer if no other sources of financing were available.

Farming operations in this section are considerably behind, cold weather and rains having delayed the farmers in making preparations for their crops. While a few farmers have not turned an ounce of dirt, most of them are now starting their activities.

NUMBER FIGHTS IN FREE UNION OVER WEEK END

Reported To Have Started Over Hijacking of Liquor Among 'Leggers'

Reported to have started over liquor, disturbances in the Free Union section of the county bubbled over last week-end when a free-for-all fight was engaged in by members of the several clans there. Fights and all the added excitement were said to have been numerous from Friday evening thru a part of Sunday. Officers invaded the section on several occasions, but the denizens of the woods would repair to their dens each time, returning to the open to continue their differences just as soon as the officers departed. Several warrants have been preferred and arrests are expected to follow today, according to reports coming from the sheriff's office.

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, Constable Clarence Sexton and Helper Roy Peel conducted a raid in the district yesterday, tearing up three plants and pouring out thousands of gallons of beer. No arrests were made.

Recognized at one time as the leading manufacturing district in this section, the Free Union community has suffered several setbacks. The Federal agents centered their activities there and dealt a costly blow to the manufacturers. Recent reports indicate a return to normal along with other business activities in this part of the country. The supply of liquor was increasing rapidly, and stealing started, one stealing from this one, and another stealing from that one. As a result, the series of fights got off to a good start. No one was badly hurt, as far as it could be learned, but officers are now planning a series of raids to clean up the section again, and it might be the New Deal is about to mean an end for Free Union specialists.

BREAKS LEG IN FALL SUNDAY

Carlyle Hall, 14, Is Badly Hurt in Accident At A. C. L. Station

Carlyle Hall, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Hall, is in a Washington hospital suffering a serious fracture of his left leg. Reports from the hospital this morning indicated the boy was getting along as well as could be expected.

Accompanied by several other young boys, the Hall youngster was playing on top of the Coast Line station Sunday afternoon. In an attempt to jump from the top of the station to the top of a box car he fell between the car and station to the ground, breaking his leg in two places below the knee. The bone is said to have pierced the flesh. Following first-aid treatment here, he was removed to the hospital that evening by his father and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck.

Billie Holloman, about the age of the Hall lad, went into the doctor's office to see his friend. The visit was too much for the boy, and when leaving he fainted and fell to the sidewalk, cracking his chin. It was later reported that the boy had smoked about 7 inches of a 10-inch cigar and that helped to bring the boy down in a faint.

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Patient Gets Some Confusing Advice

All kinds of stories have originated at the welfare office in the county during recent months, but a rather unusual one was told this week.

A relief family called over the telephone for the services of a doctor. The physician's secretary informed the caller to see the "welfare first" for directions. The caller confused the request and explained to the patient that he would have to see the World Fair first.

SENIORS WILL PRESENT PLAY

"Antics of Andrews" To Be Staged Here Friday Evening

The senior class of the Williamston High School will present its annual play Friday evening of this week. This year's play is entitled, "The Antics of Andrews," a comedy drama of three acts and a cast of fourteen. Characters are as follows:

- Petunia, Andrews' darkey cook, Dora Ballard.
- Andrew Browne, a senior in college, Walter Cooke.
- Jacques, French butler and valet, Ben Hopkins.
- Willie Waldo, Andrews' pal, Billy Clark.
- Harold Hadley, another pal, Raymond Matthews.
- Althea Thorne, Miss Prunella's niece, Josephine Roberson.
- Julie Boynton, Harold's sweetheart, Katherine Harrison.
- Betty Boynton, Willie's sweetheart, Elsie M. Jackson.
- Dean Socrates Boynton, dean of college, Saunders Revels.
- Isaac Zimmerman, (uncle Isaac), Davis Harrison.
- Miss Prunella Thorne, a maiden lady in love with the dean, Nell Harison.
- O'Flarity, a prohibition officer, Maynard Mobley.
- Royle, his shadow, Shelton Hall.
- Rev. Doolittle, a man of mystery, Roger Critcher.

HONOR ROLL FOR EVERETTS

Thirty Names Appear On Honor List For The Sixth Month

The names of 30 pupils appear on the honor list in the Everetts school for the sixth month, recently ended. The names, reported by Principal H. Bruce Russell, are:

- First grade: Rachel Edmondson, Harold Harrison, Harold Edmondson, Alice Ruth Bailey, Roy Leggett.
- Second grade: Anna Louise Mobley, Clara Dail Taylor, Mary Alice Cherry, Janie Margaret Ayers, Billy Clark.
- Third grade: Dora O'Neil Bailey, Ernestine Wynne, Irene Williams, Reuben Bailey, Jr., John Mobley, Jr., Leland Hardison, Bill Donald, Dillon Wynne, Clayton Wynne, Dallas Taylor, Hugh Burras Bennett.
- Fourth grade: Elton Hardy, Rudolph Hardy, Florine Clark, Mary Louise Mobley.
- Fifth grade: Roosevelt Coltrain, Clarence Modlin, Hubert Hardison, Ruth Evelyn Forbes.
- Sixth grade: Eunice Wynne, Sallie Mobley.

Mrs. Noah Griffin Badly Hurt in Fall From Cart

Mrs. Noah Griffin is critically ill at her home in Griffins Township from injuries received when she was thrown from a cart near her home last Sunday afternoon. Several ribs were broken when she fell on a stump along the roadside, and it is feared that pneumonia will develop. She was also very painfully bruised.

Mrs. Griffin was thrown from the cart when the mule became frightened and jumped, it was said.

Health Report Shows Whooping Cough Gains

Whooping cough cases are on the increase in this county, the health officer reporting 17 new ones during the past month. Five of the cases were among white children in Jamesville Township. Of the remaining 12 cases only 2 were among the colored population and all were in Williamston Township.

No other reportable contagious diseases were reported during the period.

10 ARRESTS ARE MADE IN COUNTY OVER WEEK-END

Most of Offenders Charged With Being Drunk and Disorderly

Raleigh's drive on crime during the past week or two was made to appear small over the week-end here when officers arrested and placed in jail 10 alleged violators of various and sundry laws. In short, the activities of the law enforcement authorities in this county over the week-end were the most numerous in months. None of the alleged violations was of a very serious nature.

James Dunn, colored, of Tarboro, charged with "shop-lifting in Robersonville, was placed in the county jail Saturday evening.

William H. Wynn, colored, arrested and placed in jail Saturday on a charge of drunkenness.

John Page, white, is being held for an alleged drunken and disorderly charge.

Buck Sheppard, colored, charged with operating a car while intoxicated, was released under bond.

Mattie Moore, colored woman, was given a hearing last night on a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

John Moore, colored, was jailed for allegedly operating an automobile while intoxicated.

Elmer Hardison, colored, faces a charge of being drunk.

Edgar Edmondson, white, was released Sunday under a \$50 bond for being drunk.

Willie Hardison, white, was given a hearing last night for being drunk on the street here last Saturday.

Russell Perry was jailed following a fight Saturday afternoon.

Earl Stevenson, white, and Sam and William Brown, colored, are out under bond until a hearing is held tomorrow evening before Mayor J. L. Hassell.

Local High School Boys Begin Baseball Practice

About twenty-five boys have reported for baseball practice in the local high school. Several of the players on the team last year are numbered among the large group of beginners who will try out for the squad this year.

The season for the schedule is as follows:

- April 4, Elizabeth City here.
- April 6, Greenville here.
- April 10, Elizabeth City here.
- April 13, Scotland Neck here.
- April 17, Eden here.
- April 20, Hertford here.
- April 23, Open.
- April 27, Edenton here.
- May 1, Windsor here.
- May 4, Washington here.
- May 8, Greenville here.

WARNS AGAINST SENDING MONEY

Warren Says Not Necessary To Send Contributions to Kansas Justice

Word has been received here from Congressman Lindsay Warren, who advises the people of Martin County and this section in general to refrain from sending contributions to Judge J. H. Lehman, of Humboldt, Kansas, to be used in furthering the cause of old-age pension activities in this county.

Mr. Warren advised that the House of Representatives of the United States this week passed a resolution authorizing the committee on labor to investigate the entire subject of old age pensions and that money contributed to any organization or person to further this cause would be worthless.

A good many requests have been made at the post office here by white and colored in regard to the activities of those in favor of pensions for the dependent aged and in order to correctly inform the people here Mr. L. T. Fowden troubled himself to get the information.

"Citizens should not think of sending this man a dime, because it would be money thrown away," said Mr. Warren. However, the communications from Mr. Lehman to Mr. Fowden gave some of the leading citizens including ministers of his town as references.

The local postmaster said yesterday that approximately \$500 had been forwarded to the Kansas man from this section, the contributions coming from many who were not really in position to share a dime.

Special Meeting Of Masonic Lodge Tonight

It was announced this morning that there would be a special communication of Skewarkee Lodge tonight at 7:30 o'clock. There will be work in the first degree. All Masons are requested to attend.