



TO HOLD CLINICS FOR PRE-SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

Parents Urged To Send Beginners To Clinics Week of April 17

A series of pre-school clinics will be held in this county week after next, it was announced by the office of the county board of education this week. Local county doctors, assisted by Miss Cora Beam, of the State Health Department, and Mrs. Minnie Ballance, trained nurse, will have charge of the clinics, it was said.

The first of the clinics will be held in the Williamston schools Monday, April 16, followed by others in Robersonville Tuesday, April 17; Farm Life, April 18, in the morning and Bear Grass that afternoon; Oak City, April 20 in the morning, and Hamilton that afternoon.

The importance of these clinics has been demonstrated throughout the state, and many beginners in the Martin County schools have been enabled by them to begin their educational training unhampered by physical defects. These clinics are provided for the sole purpose of detecting any physical defects that can be remedied. Where defects are found, the parents of the child are urged to have them remedied that the subject upon entering school next fall will have an equal chance to advance with that enjoyed by other children.

Approximately 300 children are expected to enter school for the first time next fall, and the authorities are urging the parents of every one to get them examined in their respective districts on the days appointed.

GARDEN WORK BEING HELD UP

Delayed Seed Shipment Is Threatening Success of Relief Garden Work

The progress of the more than 300 garden projects among relief families in the county has been seriously delayed, Supervisor W. F. Crawford said this week. Seed ordered more than a month ago, have not arrived and garden activities are virtually at a standstill. A bill of lading, giving notice of the seed shipment, was received more than three weeks ago, and while the welfare authorities have been expecting them daily, the seed have not yet arrived.

Distribution will be effected immediately upon the arrival of the seed, and the garden activities will be rushed.

Aged Colored Woman Dies Near Jamesville

Maggie Smithwick, 70 years old, and highly respected colored woman, died at her home near Jamesville early last Sunday morning of blood poisoning. A native of Bertie County, her body was carried there yesterday afternoon for burial. About two months ago the old woman went into her yard at night for a bucket and was stung by a bolt of lightning. Deafened and badly shocked, she was unable to find her way back into the house and during her wandering she stuck a splinter into her foot. Her husband found her about 2 o'clock in the morning, and she recovered rapidly and was getting along very well until a few days ago, when blood poisoning developed in the splinter wound causing her death.

Child, Shot by Davenport Last Tuesday, Improving

The 7-months-old baby of the late Mrs. Joe Davenport, badly injured when shot by the woman's husband a week ago today, continues to improve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cowen here. While recovery is still uncertain, the attending doctor said this morning that the child was getting along as well as could be expected. Nearly every one of the 52 shot wounds are pouring forth blood and corruption, it was stated.

Last Meeting of Parent-Teacher Group Tomorrow

Dr. William D. Riley, of the North Carolina State Board of Health, will speak on "Ignorance, Innocence and Disease," at the local parent-teacher meeting to be held in the grammar school auditorium tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

This meeting will be the last one of the school year and parents and others interested in hearing Dr. Riley are urged to attend.

GOOD FISHING

Forced to suspend operations on account of high water last week, the fisheries at Jamesville and Camp Point are still inactive, reports indicating that it will be several more days before work can be started.

Fishermen using drift and dip nets are said to be making sizeable catches, some reporting as many as 15 or more shad in their catches during a single night near Jamesville.

Fishermen along the banks here yesterday were scooping the herring up in fairly large numbers.

DEATH OF J. W. WARRINGTON

Funeral Services Held At Home Near Jamesville Monday Afternoon

John W. Warrington, retired farmer-merchant, died at his home near Jamesville early last Sunday morning from a complication of diseases. He had been in declining health for some time, having received treatment several months ago in a Norfolk hospital.

The son of the late John W. and Harriett Reason Warrington, he was born in this county 73 years and 11 months ago. He farmed all his life, or until he was forced to retire on account of ill health. In early manhood he was married and leaves his wife, Mrs. John Griffin Warrington, and eight children. The names of the children are: Willie, Charlie, and Herbert, all of Norfolk; Dan, of New Bern; and Pete Warrington, of this county; and Mrs. Fannie Roberson, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Pearl Sawyer and Mrs. John Askew, of Washington County.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. Mr. Grant, Methodist minister of Plymouth. Interment was in the family plot near the home.

AUTO SHOW AT ROCKY MOUNT

Boosters Will Visit Several Towns In This County Friday Afternoon

Arrangements have been completed for holding Rocky Mount's annual automobile show and exposition there beginning next Monday and continuing through the week. The event is predicted to outdistance any similar undertaking ever sponsored there. Automobile dealers from a large area are placing the latest in motor cars on exhibit, and a real entertainment program is being announced this week. The amusement program will feature Weede-Meyer's orchestra, a musical comedy and fan dancer. Hundreds of people from all sections of eastern Carolina are expected to visit Rocky Mount and attend the show during the week, the sponsors said yesterday.

Boosters from Rocky Mount will tour a large area this week, reaching Williamston at 3:30 Friday afternoon and Robersonville about one-half hour later. Other stops will be made at Oak City, Hamilton, Everetts, and Parmele.

The boosters, arranging a 15-minute program at each stop, will be accompanied by a high school band and will distribute souvenirs.

Local Juniors Enjoy Big Supper Thursday Night

Juniors of the local council and a few invited guests enjoyed a big "feed" in the legion hall here last Thursday evening, when the "Whites," captained by "Flip" Peel, were hosts to the "Blues," captained by Bruce Wynn. About 100 Juniors and guests were present.

District Deputy Shearin, of Scotland Neck, made an interesting talk in connection with the work being done in the State by the Junior organization. Mayor J. L. Hassell also spoke, his speech being of a historical nature.

The regular meeting of the council will be held in the hall Thursday evening of this week at 8 o'clock.

Impromptu Ball Games at Diamond Here Saturday

Professor James Peters, athletic coach in the local school, started a popular movement last Saturday, when he supervised the play for about 20 young boys in a baseball game and later arranged a picnic. All the youngsters from 10 to 16 of the community are invited to a similar event at the school grounds next Saturday morning at 9:30. The picnic is supported by 10-cent donations from those enjoying the feast, it was explained. Each boy is requested to bring his glove, or other baseball equipment, and 10 cents if he wishes to go on the picnic.

SPRING TERM OF FEDERAL COURT IS POSTPONED

Jury List Carries Names of Eight Martin County Citizens

Scheduled to have been held last week, the spring term of Federal court in Washington was postponed by Judge I. M. Meekins. The term will be held the week beginning April 30, it is understood.

As far as it could be learned here this week, there isn't a single case involving the violation of the liquor laws. It is understood that one criminal case is on the docket in connection with an alleged violation of the migratory bird laws down in Currituck County. There are around 25 or more civil cases on the docket, it was stated.

It could not be learned officially here, but it is reported that the government is increasing its agents to collect liquor taxes under the direction of the internal revenue department, and when their operations are started, it is believed the cases originating from the manufacture of bootleg liquor will be about as numerous as they were when prohibition agents were active.

Eight Martin citizens have been selected for jury service in the court, it was learned from Mr. W. M. Bates this week. The names of those drawn for service are:

Lester Peel, Williamston R. F. D. 2; Vance L. Roberson, Robersonville; J. D. Woolard, Williamston; C. L. Daniel, Williamston, R. F. D. 4; R. E. Manning, Williamston; C. E. Hines, Williamston R. F. D. 2; A. T. Perry, Williamston; P. L. Salsbury, Hamilton; and Marion Griffin, Robersonville R. F. D. The names of 60 citizens in the six counties in the district appear on the jury list.

COUNTY NATIVE DIES IN GEORGIA

Funeral for Mrs. Ida Davis Held In Savannah, Ga., Monday Afternoon

Mrs. Wrighter Davis, a former citizen of Jamesville, died at her home in Savannah, Ga., last Sunday morning. Funeral services were held yesterday, interment following in the cemetery there.

Mrs. Davis, before her marriage, was Miss Ida Holliday, daughter of T. J. Holliday, who lives near Jamesville. She was married to Mr. Davis about 25 years ago, the family moving to the Georgia city about 14 years ago. Mr. Davis died several years ago. Three daughters survive the union. One brother, Wilmer Holliday, of Jamesville, and five sisters, Mrs. Eva Davis, Mrs. Lula Mizelle, Mrs. Paul Smithwick, and Mrs. Joe Martin, all of Jamesville; and Mrs. John Sexton, of Washington, survive. She also leaves one half-sister, Grace Holliday, of Jamesville.

Miss Hoyt Makes Health Talks in Local Schools

Miss Frances Hoyt, of this city, a graduate of Roosevelt Hospital, New York City, recently gave a group of health lectures to the girls at the high school building. At the first meeting she spoke to the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades, giving them many valuable suggestions on the hygienic care of the body. At the second gathering, her talk was addressed to the older girls, and at that time she stressed the idea of growing up into a beautiful young womanhood, aided by sane health rules.

The Woman's Club sponsored the talks at the suggestion of the president, Mrs. Moseley.

The boys of the high school are privileged to hear Dr. W. B. Riley, of the State Board of Health, Raleigh, on April 11, in the high school auditorium.

Commencement Marshals Chosen In Local Schools

The commencement marshals who assumed their duties in the local high school last week and who will serve in the various commencement activities to be announced soon are as follows:

Chief: Grace Manning; assistants, Alta Critcher, Billy Griffin, Marie Griffin, Ben Manning, Helen Shaw, Janie Gurganus.

All marshals are chosen on a basis of attainment in scholarship during their year or years in high school, the chief marshal and two assistants coming from the junior class and two from each of the sophomore and freshman classes.

Mrs. William Chase and son, William Chase, jr., are expected to return home tomorrow from a Washington hospital.

DR. CONE WORSE

Peritonitis having developed, the condition of Dr. P. B. Cone was described as very grave in a message received here at noon today. His power of resistance was diminishing rapidly at that time, the report stating that while he had a fifty-fifty chance of recovery yesterday, the odds were three to one against him today.

Entering a Richmond hospital, the popular local dentist underwent an operation a week ago tomorrow. He underwent a second operation yesterday, and his condition was considered some better until peritonitis set in.

Members of the immediate family and several friends continue at his bedside.

TAX NOTES ARE EXECUTED BY 36

Foreclosures Now In Order for Those Failing To Give Tax Notes

Thirty-six tax notes were executed by property owners who were behind in their taxes in this county, leaving more than 1,000 owners who are subject to lose their property, it was learned this week. The time for executing the five-year tax notes expired last Saturday, and the small number taking advantage of the tax note law apparently indicates an indifference on the part of the property owner to settle his tax accounts.

Three town property owners out of nearly 200 arranged to float their tax accounts by executing notes, it was said.

Foreclosure proceedings are scheduled any time between now and October 1 and not later than October 1. As it is understood, the owner will lose possession of his property about that time unless he pays his back taxes in cash before the proceedings are instituted.

BAPTIST PASTORS IN MEETING HERE

Interesting Program Marks Quarterly Session of District Ministers

The Baptist Pastors' Conference held its quarterly session in the Memorial Baptist church here yesterday morning.

The session began at 10:30 o'clock and adjourned about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. On account of the inclemency of the weather the full number of members were not in attendance, there being present something like 35 men.

There were two women who dropped in to add color to the occasion, these doubtless being the wives of some of the men present.

The program was an unusually good one. The morning devotions were held by Dr. E. H. Potts, of Elizabeth City, and such themes as the following were discussed: The Problems of the Rural Church, What Ministers Live By, the Church and Its Young People, etc.

Among the others taking part in the program were the Rev. E. S. Kolb, of Windsor; E. C. Shoe, of Robersonville; G. W. Burch, of Bertie County; and many others.

This group of Baptist ministers meets quarterly in Mr. Dickey's church because of its central location to the field covered.

Six Martin County Boys Enter Forestry Camps

Six additional Martin County boys entered the Civilian Conservation Corps yesterday after taking and passing the physical examinations in New Bern. Those passing the examinations are:

David S. Page, Williamston R. F. D.; Russell Godard, Jamesville; Russell Wheelless, Williamston, R. F. D.; James E. Moore, Robersonville; Herman Daniel, Williamston, R. F. D.; and Thomas Johnson, Williamston. Sidney Phelps and Davis Warren failed to pass the physical examination.

The boys were carried to New Bern yesterday morning by Roy Peel and J. R. Manning.

Senior Play Well Received By Large Crowd Friday

A large crowd assembled in the high school auditorium last Friday evening to see the annual senior play which was quite fittingly entitled "The Antics of Andrew." Andrew's difficulties and the assistance rendered him by two boys garbed in the raiment of the opposite sex provided a constant source of amusement. The play was presented in a creditable fashion and seemed to please the audience.

41 CIVIL CASES ON CALENDAR FOR SUPERIOR COURT

Court Will Convene on 16th And Last Two Weeks; No Criminal Cases

Forty-one cases appear on the calendar for trial in the Martin County Superior Court convening the third Monday in this month for civil actions only. The court, scheduled for two weeks, will be presided over by Judge Clayton Moore.

A review of the calendar reveals no cases of particular interest to the general public, but the tribunal will attract some attention due to the variation in cases. The case resulting following an accident on the Washington road several months ago and involving a Washington County minister and a Mrs. Wiggins, of the British Embassy in Washington City, is scheduled for trial on Wednesday, April 25. It is doubtful, however, if the case, along with many others, will be called during the term.

The Harrison Wholesale Company case against J. Neil Watson is scheduled for trial the first day, the calendar shows. The case was to have been tried during the recent term of court in this county, but was postponed when certificates were introduced purporting the illness of some of the defense witnesses.

The cases on the calendar are: Monday, April 16: Harrison Wholesale Co. vs. Watson; Gurganus vs. Insurance Co.; Barnes vs. Stalls; Perry vs. Wynn; Chemical Co. vs. Nicholson.

Tuesday, April 17: Davenport vs. Davenport; Joint Stock Land Bank vs. Davenport; Manufacturing Co. vs. J. L. Williams; Andrews vs. Peels; Warehouse Co. vs. Carson et al; Fertilizer Co. vs. Gaitley.

Wednesday, April 18: Everett, Administrator, vs. Matthews and Johnson; Matthews and Johnson vs. Everett et al; Bryant vs. Purvis; Taylor vs. James; Surry Jones vs. Clinton Jones; Land Bank vs. Manning et al; Land Bank vs. Davenport et al; Fertilizer Company vs. Gaskins.

Monday, April 23: Perry vs. Barber; Roberson vs. Roberson; Godard vs. Roberson et al; Perry and Barber vs. Perry et al; Morris vs. Cherry; Cherry vs. Morris; Rhodes & Co. vs. Williams et al; Fertilizer Co. vs. Kelly et al; Taylor vs. Hall.

Tuesday, April 24: Brown, Administrator, vs. Peels; Roberson vs. Custer; Mizelle vs. Bank et al; Salsbury vs. Sherrod; Whitfield vs. Smith; Land Bank vs. Bunting.

Wednesday, April 25: Lyons vs. Ange et al; Fertilizer Co. vs. Anderson, receiver, et al; Gaynor vs. Gaynor; Respass vs. Wiggins, et al (2 cases); Fertilizer Co. vs. Ross et al; Ayers vs. Smith.

Unusual Service Largely Attended at Local Church

The service at the Memorial Baptist church last Sunday evening was an unusual service from many standpoints. First, the attendance was very large, and in the next place the service was of a new order.

The pastor conceived the idea of calling the roll of all those who had come into his church in any way during the eight years of his pastorate. Every one, including himself, was agreeably surprised to know that 156 men, women, and children had joined the Memorial Baptist church during this time.

Some of these people are deceased. Many of them are married and gone. Others are away in the schools, colleges, and universities. But a large number of them were present that evening.

Following up that service, it is planned for the evening of Sunday, April 22nd, there will be held another special evening service in memory of the honored dead of that church.

The pastor left yesterday afternoon with Mr. Jim King for the bedside of Dr. P. B. Cone in a Richmond hospital. He may, or may not, be in town Sunday; but, in either event, Dr. Maynard O. Fletcher will occupy the pulpit at that time.

Doctor Fletcher is said by those who know him to be a very pleasing and forcible speaker. It is expected that with one service next Sunday many people will be in attendance. Those churches which do not have services on next Sunday are cordially invited to join in at this morning hour.

Service Tomorrow In the Local Episcopal Church

On Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at the Church of the Advent. At this service the United Thank Offering will be received. All members of the auxiliary are urged to come and bring their offerings.

Complete Revision Tobacco Contracts

MAKE PLANS FOR BASEBALL HERE

R. H. Goodman, President, Making Preliminary Investigations

The organization of a local baseball club with the intention of entering a league this season was discussed at a meeting of fans held in the Dennis Simmons Lumber Company building here last Friday night. Mr. R. H. Goodman was made temporary president of the proposed club, and Mr. W. E. Anderson was appointed secretary-treasurer.

According to plans announced following the Friday night meeting, the club officials will get in touch with players here last year with the aim of forming a team. The possibility of all the old clubs entering the league is being investigated, it was stated. In the meantime correspondence is being carried on with Tarboro and Plymouth citizens in an effort to include those two towns in the league this year.

A meeting of representatives from each of the several towns has been scheduled to be held here the 20th of this month, when it is likely that a league will be formed.

While the arrangements for a team here are of a preliminary nature, it is believed a club will be formed. Opening dates and by-laws will probably be determined at the April 20 meeting.

RELIEF WORK AT STANDSTILL

No County Projects Have Yet Been Approved by New Relief Group

Work relief activities continue at a standstill in this county, future work pending the approval of a few supplemental projects now before the state authorities. Just when this projects will be approved, if they are approved at all, has not been learned here. Started under the Civil Works Administration, the several projects incomplete have been transferred to the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, and will be handled, if they are handled, by workmen from relief lists. These projects are located in Bear Grass, Williamston, Robersonville, and one or two other districts.

Twenty-four checks were issued in the county to relief workers last week, the group receiving \$229.90. Most of the workers were assigned to duty in school lunchrooms, it was said.

Water Mills Operating Again in This County

Forced to discontinue operations the early part of last spring, when the water supply became exhausted, water mills in this county are now operating again. The Hardison, or Roberson, mill in Griffins Township was inactive for about eight months, but the rains and snows in March filled the pond and grinding and sawing operations are now being carried on again. Extensive repairs have been made to the old Moberly or Everett mill by the present owner, A. O. Abbott, making two water mills now active in the county.

Those who appreciate real corn bread and dumplings are glad of the opportunity to get meal from the old water mills again, and reports indicate a good business for both mills.

Hamilton P. T. A. To Hold Meet Thursday

An important and interesting meeting of the Hamilton Parent-Teacher Association will be held in the school auditorium there Thursday evening of this week at 7:45 o'clock. Principal Edmondson announced yesterday. Following a brief business period, Mrs. J. B. Spillman, candidate for the state senate from the third district, will address the meeting, using for her subject "Education and the New Deal."

The public is cordially invited to attend the meeting and hear Mrs. Spillman.

Creditable Work Appears In Local School Magazine

The second issue of the local high school paper, "The Green Wave Echo" has recently made its appearance. Even though this is the first year of publication, some very creditable work has appeared in it. The third and final issue will be a senior number and will serve as a year book in the absence of an annual.

NO CHECKS ARE EXPECTED FOR SOME TIME YET

Small Horizontal Reduction Necessary To Effect Required Quota

After a long and tedious struggle, employees in the office of County Agent T. B. Brandon yesterday completed the revision of the 1,395 contracts for Martin County tobacco farmers. The contracts have been delivered to authorities in Raleigh, where the revision work will be investigated, Mr. Brandon said yesterday.

The state authorities will probably complete their check of the Martin contracts by the latter part of this week, and when they are approved there the contracts will be forwarded to Washington. Checks will be prepared and mailed to the 1,395 growers as rapidly as possible. Mr. Brandon could offer no information as to when the checks, both equalization and rental, would reach the farmers, but it is reasonable to assume that the money will be coming forth within the next two weeks or the week following.

Approximately 1,000 acres were removed from the contracts, according to preliminary estimates offered by the office of the county agent. The base acreage offered by the growers for the year 1933 will stand virtually unchanged, but a blanket reduction will be necessary for the years 1932 and 1931. This reduction will be very small, however, and will hardly be noticed by the individual farmer. The government is meeting the growers a part of the way in allowing an over-run of 3 per cent in acreage and 5 per cent in poundage.

Checks will be delivered from the agent's office immediately upon their arrival, County Agent T. B. Brandon said. Notice of their arrival will be announced as soon as the checks are received, he added.

WIFE SLAYER IS IN BAD HEALTH

Greatly Depressed In Jail Here, Joe Davenport Prays To Die

Held in the county jail for killing his wife and badly injuring her infant daughter, Joe Davenport, 73 years old, is experiencing declining health. He has had several chills during the past two or three days, and he is complaining with rheumatism. The old man, apparently now realizing what he did, is earnestly praying to die, Jailer Roy Peel said yesterday afternoon. The dastardly deed is weighing heavily on the man's mind, and he said he wants to die and get out of it all.

He is confined alone in a cell block of the jail, but talked freely when visited by the county physician yesterday afternoon.

No preliminary hearing has been arranged for the man, the developments being delayed pending the outcome of the little child's condition. Should the child's condition continue to improve, a hearing might be held before Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell here Thursday.

General Public Invited to District Home Club Meet

It is hoped that many Martin County citizens interested in home demonstration work will attend the district club meeting in Washington tomorrow. Even though the meeting is a part of the home demonstration club activities, visitors are very welcome to attend. An exceptional program has been planned and owing to the slides to be shown on "Native shrubs and flowers" of North Carolina, the meeting will be held in the Turnage theatre, beginning at 10 in the morning.

Local Baseball Boys Lose Second Game of Season

Coach Peters' baseball boys dropped their second game of the season here last Friday afternoon, when Greenville won by a 12 to 8 count. At the third inning, the visitors were leading 12 to 3, the locals coming into their own after that time to hold their opponents and almost tie the score. The locals continue to show improvement, and are developing into a promising baseball outfit. Elizabeth City is scheduled to play the locals here this afternoon. Scotland Neck is booked to play here next Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.