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HONOR ROLL OF LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR PAST MONTH

95 Students on Roll, Despite Absences Caused by Measles

The fourth month honor roll in the local schools carries a very large list of names, considering that many children were held at home by measles during the period. Ninety-five names appear on the list, as follows:

- Grade 1-A: Bunk Burroughs, Milford Holliday, Douglas Lamm, Clinton Pate, Frances Griffin, Catherine Lilley, Ethel Mizelle, Chora Twiddy.
- 1-B: Ida Grey Cherry, Ioline Hopkins, Joseph Coltrane, Wilbur Jackson, Wilbur Ward.
- 2-A: Isabelle Anderson, Alberta Knox, Violet Phelps, Alberta Swain, John Whitley, Betty Davis Rogers, Lyman Ange.
- 2-B: Joseph Davenport, David Roberson, Ruben Williams, Estelle Corey, Clara Mae Hardison, Addie Clyde Modlin, Susie Revels, Edna Roberson, Viola Roberson.
- 3-A: Conrad Getsinger, Maurice Moore, Richard Margolis, Collins Peel, Bill Peele, Burke Parker, J. D. Woodard, Virginia Hines, Nancy Mercer, Della Jane Mobley, Lenora Melson, Flossie Peaks, Mary Trulah Page.
- 3-B: Eliza Daniels, Frances Thomas, Roy McClenney.
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- 4-A: Bill Griffin, Joseph Gurganus, Theron Gurganus, Robert Jones, Doris Griffin, Evelyn Griffin, Patsy King, Nannie Manning, Mary O'Neal Pope, Madelyn Taylor, Mary Warren.
- 4-B: Charles Mizelle, Virginia Everett, Helen Rawls.
- Grade 5-A: S. C. Griffin, Susie Griffin, Mary Charles Godwin, Bina Jackson, Elizabeth Parker, Daisy Peaks, Sybil Roberson.
- 5-B: None.
- 6-A: J. E. Boykin, R. J. Hardison, Warren Jones, Marjorie Gray Dunn, Katherine Manning, Maude Taylor.
- 6-B: Ethel Bennett, Grace Jones.
- 7-A: Bill Ballard, Jerry Clark, Bernice Cowan, Delsie Fay Godard, Eva Gurganus, Sallie G. Gurkin, Margaret Jones, Louise Melson, Doris Moore, Irene Perry, Caroline Stalls, Martha Rhodes Ward, Virgil W. Ward.
- 7-B: None.
- High School
- 8: Wilbur Culpepper, Reg Manning, Delia Hines.
- 9: Addie Lee Meador, E. G. Wynne.
- 10: Ben Manning.
- 11: Bill Griffin, Grace Manning.

Officials for Increase In Tobacco Acreage

Dividend of 4 Per Cent Is Declared at Warehouse Meeting

C. O. Moore To Head The Company as President For New Year

A four per cent dividend was ordered at a meeting of Martin County Warehouse Company stockholders and directors her yesterday, the dividend to reach the stockholders within the next day or two. The earnings are the second to reach the stock owners since the company was organized.

Mr. C. O. Moore was named president of the company, with Mr. Joshua L. Coltrane as vice president and Mr. W. H. Carstarphen, secretary and treasurer. The names of the board of directors are Messrs. W. O. Griffin, Lucian Hardison, J. E. King, Joshua L. Coltrane, C. O. Moore, N. C. Green and G. H. Harrison.

Plans for enlarging the house were discussed, the meeting referring the matter to the board of directors for final consideration.

Nearly 300 of the 400 shares of stock were represented at the meeting.

Noted Singers To Be At Colored School

On next Friday evening, the Eva Jesse Choir, artists of National Broadcasting Company, is to appear in recital at the colored high school. This is more than the ordinary negro group of singers. It includes some of the foremost artists in the country, they being makers of the first all-negro talking picture, and appearing at Columbia University, Bard College, and annually for seven years at Wanamaker Auditorium, New York.

Special seats reserved for white people.

High School Cagers Divide Double Bill

Williamston high school's basketball players divided a double-header here last Friday evening with Ahoskie, the locals boys winning, 27 to 17, and the visiting girls winning 21 to 16.

Tonight the locals play Hobgood a double-header at Hobgood, the local girls anticipating another victory. Their only win of the season came at the expense of Hobgood several weeks ago.

Tomorrow the two teams go to Hertford, and on Friday night the Greenville boys meet the locals, and Elizabeth City girls play the local sextet here. Coach Peters announced yesterday.

Woman's Shop To Open Wednesday

The Woman's Shop, Williamston's newest store, will be formally opened in the George Reynolds Hotel building tomorrow morning by Mrs. Blanch Swain, the owner. The opening will be preceded by a style show staged by the shop's owner in the Watts Theatre tonight.

Arrangements for the opening tomorrow have been made complete, the management announcing today that an extensive line of the newest-creations in women's wear will be on display.

Jamesville Farmer Kills Large Hog

Although no new record was established, Farmer R. G. Sexton, of Jamesville, killed a very large hog recently. Thirty months old, the hog weighed slightly over 600 pounds, and was one of the largest killed in this section this season.

Alligator Girl To Be Here All Next Week

"Alice," known as an alligator girl, will exhibit in the store building next to the Branch Bank building on Main Street all next week. The young woman is a twin sister of "Aloa," alligator boy, who was on exhibit here last year about this time. The unusual woman appearing here next week is a college graduate, and is the only human in the world who has had the huge amount of \$25,000 offered for her body. She was born, reared and educated in Raleigh.

State Examinations Being Given Here

Seniors in the local school as well as those in all other schools will wrestle tomorrow with examinations prepared by the State Board of Education. The examinations tomorrow are the first given by the State, since 1932. Principal D. N. Hix said this morning.

BILL TO REPAY COUNTIES FOR ROADS NOW IN

Senator R. L. Coburn Places Bill Before the State Senate Today

A bill directing the State Highway Commission to refund or pay to the several counties of the State, in ten annual installments, the donations or loans advanced the highway commission for the construction of certain main highways, was introduced in the State Senate today by Senator Robt. L. Coburn.

While recognized as a fair and just bill, Senator Coburn stated before he returned to the Legislature this week that a strong opposition will likely be encountered in enacting the bill into law, but that he and others in the assembly were exerting every effort to have the commission accept the indebtedness incurred by counties in the construction of main highways in this State.

Forty-four counties advanced the State money to further its highway program, spending about eight and one-half millions of dollars. Martin County lending \$401,907.88. In truth these forty-four counties are paying double taxes, a high rate on gasoline purchased and another high rate on property—and these payments are going on while the commission purchases toll bridges to swimming holes and lifting tolls on other bridges.

ONLY 181 CARDS ARE SENT IN BY COUNTY PARENTS

Few Births Have Been Reported in This County for Past Year

Raleigh.—Martin County parents are starting their reports to Washington of the births of children born in the county during the past twelve months. Cards mailed during the first two weeks of the "Register-Your-Baby" campaign show that 181 children have been properly registered.

This is compared with 711 children which were recorded as having been born in this county during the year 1933, as shown in the files of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health in Raleigh. Parents are urged by Dr. John H. Hamilton, director of the bureau, to send in these cards as early as possible.

North Carolina had 75,238 births properly recorded in 1933, and incomplete figures show that 79,350 births had been recorded for 1934, by which Dr. Hamilton estimates that enough more will be added to make the number of births in the state last year 80,000 or more.

With almost a 5,000 increase in births in 1934 over those in 1933, as shown by the records, it is believed that North Carolina has the chance of again taking her place at the head of the list in birth rate, a position held for many years, but from which she was dislodged last year by New Mexico, and tied with Utah for second place.

Complete recording of births is being urged in the State by the U. S. Bureau of the Census, the State Board of Health and the State Emergency Relief Administration.

Clothing Specialist Holds School Here

Miss Willie Hunter, extension Clothing Specialist, from Raleigh, conducted a very successful leaders' school here last Saturday for six counties. There were 19 present at the meeting, the first such meeting of this kind to be held in this section for the purpose of training 4-H girls to be leaders. Another similar meeting will be held in April. Williamston was selected because of its central location and convenient office management.

Several Warned of Parking Violations

Several of those car owners cited for parking irregularities on the streets here last Wednesday night failed to report for trial in the mayor's court last Saturday, it was learned. No definite action has been taken to bring the alleged violators to trial, it is understood. Mayor Hassell sternly warned those who did report for a hearing against violations in the future.

Teacher Is Indicted For Whipping Child

Professor Jas. Uzzle, principal of the Jamesville School, was indicted last week for whipping a child in the school here. The case is in the county court for trial today. A decision is expected some time this afternoon, it was learned at 1:30.

The school man inflicted the punishment following an attack made with a knife by one boy on another, it was said.

Two Slightly Hurt In Wreck Sunday

Clyde Revels and Mrs. Lucian Revels were slightly hurt when their car, a Ford sedan, struck another and overturned on a curve just the other side of Bethel last Sunday evening. Others in the car were unhurt. Considerable damage was done to the machine, it was stated.

4 More Rooms To Be Built at Courthouse

COUNTY BOARD LETS CONTRACT FOR ADDITION

Claude Griffin and Gurkin Are Successful Bidders, \$2,050 Contract Price

Meeting in special session here yesterday afternoon, the Martin County Board of Commissioners let a contract for the construction of a four-room addition to the Martin County courthouse. S. Claude Griffin and J. C. Gurkin were low bidders with a price of \$2,050, the amount including heating. Contracts for water and lights will be let separately and probably will increase the cost to about \$2,500, it is estimated. Construction work will likely be started within the next few days, or just as soon as materials can be assembled for the job.

Only two other bids were submitted. E. F. Coble entering one for \$2,123.12, and Potcat and Perry bidding \$2,294.39.

Meeting requests from the office of the county home demonstration agent, the commissioners will equip the two new rooms on the second floor for the agent and originally designed for jailer's quarters, will be turned over to the jailer. The two new rooms downstairs will be occupied by the grand jury and county commissioners.

Plan Locating New Gas Terminal Here

Plans for the location of a gasoline terminal on Roanoke River here are being considered, according to unofficial information received yesterday. The company, whose name was not disclosed, plans a terminal of considerable size for the distribution of gasoline and oils to wholesalers through a large territory, it was said. A representative of the company was here a few days ago investigating a site for the proposed terminal, but no definite action has been taken, it is understood.

Colored School Is Closed by Measles

After attacking several hundred white children in this district, the measles epidemic shifted to the colored race, tearing down normal attendance figures in the colored schools and confining children to their beds in large numbers. Activities in the colored school were suspended yesterday when nearly half the pupils failed to report. Principal Hayes announcing that classwork would probably be resumed next Monday.

Ladies' Night To Be Staged by Kiwanis

Ladies' night will be observed at the meeting of the local Kiwanis club tomorrow evening. Wives of the members, teachers in the local schools and others will be special guests of the Kiwanians, President Edwin F. Moseley announced.

A unique program has been arranged with Tom Avery, of Rocky Mount, featuring the entertainment with his famous Negro sermon.

Oak City Teachers And Parents Meet

The parent-teacher association of Oak City met last Thursday and in spite of bad weather, the school auditorium was filled, and a splendid musical program, directed by Miss Wilder, was enjoyed.

Miss Annie Early gave a treasury report and it showed \$57.05 credit. This goes toward stage scenery.

In connection with the parent-teacher program, Mr. J. A. Everett gave a very interesting talk on the Oak City School and its consolidation. He referred to Chas. B. Aycock speaking in 1911 on a platform in front of the one-teacher school for school consolidation. Mr. Everett, wholeheartedly for the progress of the Oak City School, said he was willing for 15 cents to be added to land tax for school supplements if some was necessary for the promotion of a good school. Mr. Everett has a daughter to graduate this year who holds rank as one among the highest in the class of 1928. She is expecting to enter Greensboro College in September.

OLD-AGE PENSION PLANS FAVORED ALL OVER NATION

Townsend and His Plan Are Delaying Worth-while Pension Legislation

The appeals of the aged are being heard throughout the length and breadth of the country urging the consideration and passage of the fantastic \$200 monthly pension outlined by Dr. F. E. Townsend, of California. Several thousand signatures have been attached to petitions in this county by the hopeful ones in all walks of life, and already there is some disappointment registered because no cash has been received.

Reports from the Martin County home are pathetic but quite amusing. The inmates are said to hold long round-table discussions with ultimate plans of moving to some desired spot when they get their pensions. A few will stay at the home if they can, it was said.

In Congress last week Dr. Townsend was described as Public Enemy No. 1 because he was urging the impossible and delaying action on other bills that might prove possible. The mails reaching Washington are congested with petitions, it was said.

Fifteen or more counties in this State have broken away from the Townsend plan and have petitioned for the passage of another pension system proposed by Will Rogers, representative from Oklahoma. The Rogers plan embracing the Pope bill, asks for \$30 a month for needy people over 55 years of age. Thousands of counties in other States have also petitioned for the Rogers plan.

NAME CHAIRMAN ESSAY CONTEST IN THIS COUNTY

Keesler Memorial Fund To Offer \$100 Prize In Essay Contest

The State Committee of the Keesler Memorial Fund, through its chairman, David J. White, announced this week the appointment of Wheeler Martin, Williamston, as county chairman of the Keesler Memorial Essay Contest in Martin County. This contest is sponsored annually by the North Carolina Building and Loan League in the high schools of the state and was conducted in this county last year by Mr. Martin. Mr. Martin is secretary of the Martin County Building and Loan Association and is active in affairs of the community and of the League. His association has long been a member of the League.

In making public this appointment, Mr. White comments upon the history and purpose of this contest as follows: "The Keesler Memorial Fund was created several years ago as a memorial to the late E. L. Keesler, of Charlotte, a pioneer in building and loan work in the South. "The purpose of the Keesler Memorial Essay Contest is to create interest in thrift and home ownership, and by this means to carry to the young people in the high schools of the state this knowledge instilling in them habits of thrift and a desire for home ownership. Students entering the contest may write upon any subjects pertaining to thrift, saving, etc. Ten contestants representing each of the ten districts of the North Carolina Building and Loan League, will be chosen to participate in a state contest by holding eliminations first in the schools during March, then by counties and finally by districts. The winner in each district will compete for the grand prizes at the State League Convention to be held in Winston-Salem on May 28-29. Prizes to be awarded will be \$100.00, first prize; \$50.00 second prize; and \$25.00, third prize."

In addition to the State contest, the Martin County Building and Loan association is conducting one of its own, offering \$30 in cash prizes. Rules and regulations were explained to the high school principals at a meeting here yesterday afternoon, and many pupils are expected to compete. Mr. Wheeler Martin, secretary of the association, said this morning.

One winner will be selected from each of the six high schools in the county. The papers will be read at a meeting here, and the first prize winner in the county will then compete in the district contest, the next two highest receiving prizes of \$10 and \$5 each.

Moseley Child Is Struck by Auto

Edwin Moseley, young son of Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Moseley, was badly hurt about the head last Sunday afternoon when his bicycle crashed into an automobile driven by Grace Manning at the corner of Church and Watts Streets. The little fellow was thrown from his wheel to the pavement, and his head was almost scalped. However, there was no fracture of the skull and he is recovering in a Washington hospital, where he was carried following first-aid treatment by Dr. J. H. Saunders here.

Seniors To Present Play at Oak City

The senior class of Oak City High School is presenting "Miss Adventure," a farce comedy in three acts by Charles George, on February 22 at 7:30 p. m. In this play a typical tomboyish girl is disgusted with college rules and regulations, so she steals the janitor's clothes and runs away as a boy. She applies for work at a farm house. The comical happenings that follow will keep you, roaring with laughter.—Reported.

Many Expected at Junior Meet Here

Large numbers of visiting Juniors are expected for the district meeting of the Junior Order to be held here Thursday evening of this week. J. A. Pritchett, of Windsor, will deliver the principal address, and a number of candidates will be initiated, the initiation exercises to be held in the gymnasium. Supper will be served in the American Legion hall.