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OVER 400 ATTEND JUNIOR MEETING HERE THURSDAY

Thirty-two Candidates Are Initiated from the Ten Councils in District

One of the largest Junior Order meetings ever reported in this district was held here last Thursday evening, with approximately 400 members from nine councils in attendance. The visitors were here from as far away as Ayden and Columbia, Ayden sending 45 delegates and Grifton about 40.

Supper was served the visitors in the legion hall at 6:30, the general initiation and other exercises following in the school gymnasium at 8 o'clock. Mayor John H. Hassell, in his masterly way, welcomed the visitors and presided over the activities. Former Senator J. A. Pritchett, a prominent leader in the organization, addressed the meeting, outlining the benefits of the Junior Order and the splendid work the organization is doing.

With 32 candidates reporting for the initiation work, the Williamston and Robersonville degree teams swung into action and handled the work in a masterly fashion. Nearly every council in this, the 21st, district and the council at Windsor had candidates for initiation.

Councils at Columbia, Plymouth, Robersonville, Oak City, Bethel, Ayden, Grifton, Farmville, and Williamston were well represented at the meeting.

Junior Order activities in this district under the direction of District Deputy D. M. Frank are advancing rapidly. The three councils in this county have shown a marked growth during the past few months, with the council at Robersonville leading with more than 200 members, Williamston with over 100. Concho chapter at Oak City, organized only last year, also reports a large and growing membership.

Postpone Meeting of County's Teachers

A meeting of county teachers scheduled to be held here Friday afternoon of this week, has been postponed indefinitely, it was learned today from the office of the county superintendent. A meeting date will probably be announced the early part of next week. Arrangements are now being made to have Mr. Jule B. Warren attend the meeting when it is held.

Three Slightly Hurt In Auto Wreck Here

Cars Crash On Washington Street Near Shoe Shop Late Last Saturday

Miss Marie Hardison, of Jamesville, Lawrence Lilley, and George Hardison were slightly hurt in an automobile accident on Washington Street, near the Ruffin Shoe Shop, here late last Saturday night. The Chevrolet coupe, owned and driven by Mr. Lilley and the Chevrolet coach driven by Dalton Roberson were both badly damaged about the radiators and front running gear.

Blinded by lights, Mr. Lilley said he could not tell what part of the road he was driving on. Yesterday he voluntarily said the accident was his fault.

Bear Grass Teams End Season With Pair Wins

The Bear Grass basketball teams closed a successful season last week when they recorded victories over Washington and Robersonville. Playing the Washington girls' all-star team here, the Bear Grass sextet won, 8 to 5. In a double-header with Robersonville the Bear Grass girls won, 16 to 3, and the boys, 13 to 12.

Jamesville Farmer Celebrates Birthday

W. Jackson Holliday, Jamesville farmer, celebrated his 62nd birthday anniversary last week, just two days ahead of Washington's. But even though the birthday anniversaries are close today, George Washington gained prominence as Father of our country, while Mr. Holliday has to be satisfied as father of a family comprising about half the population of his neighborhood. Only 11 of his children were with him for the anniversary observance, one of the other was held at the home by sickness in the family and the thirteenth one, in California, was too far away to attend the event. However, she greeted her father over the radio. Several of the 10 grandchildren attended the birthday party.

UNDEFEATED IN COUNTY PLAY



The girls' team of the Jamesville High School is undefeated in county play for the past two years. The girls have been under the direction of C. B. Martin, the coach and teacher of history in the Jamesville School. The names: Bottom row, left to right: Edna Guy Carson, Louise Martin, Viola Manning. Middle row: Edna Mizelle, Maverine Davis, Selma Ayers, Beulah Hardison, Marjorie Brown. Back row: J. T. Uzzle, principal; C. B. Martin, Coach.

Make Plans To Push Bill for Road Refund

DELAY BUILDING

Construction of the four-room addition to the county courthouse is being delayed pending approval of plans by state welfare and fire officials, it was learned yesterday. The state welfare department, holding authority over construction of jails, has advised that the matter has been referred to the state fire marshall and a report from him could be expected shortly.

The contract for the addition was let the first of last week to Griffin and Gurkin.

Last Call Is Issued For Peanut Signers

No More Contracts To Be Considered in County After Thursday

A last call is going out today from the office of the county agent for peanut signers. Those farmers who have not signed and who care to participate in the program will have to apply for a contract before Friday of this week, it was stated by Assistant County Agent M. L. Barnes.

Nearly 1,400 contracts are already in the agent's office in this county, and official tabulations are being completed as rapidly as possible. In those cases where signers have not sold their peanuts, weights will be based on 10 percent of the production, a committee to verify the weights, it was said.

Sweet Potato Shipment Moving To the Markets

Sweet potato shipments from this point to northern markets are moving fairly rapidly now, Farmer J. G. Staton having already shipped 5 carloads and making arrangements for loading about 20 more within the next few weeks. Other shipments have been made by truck from individual farms, the growers receiving about 80 cents a bushel.

Mr. Staton, after meeting certain grade requirements, is receiving a round \$1 a bushel for his shipments, it was learned.

Two Laws Affecting Hunters of Section Passed Last Week

One Regulates Hunting On Roanoke in High Water; Cannot Set Traps

The State Legislature last week passed a law protecting game on and along Roanoke River during freshets. While the terms of the law are not definitely known here, it is understood that it is now unlawful for hunters to take game in water. It is also understood that the law was created after hunters were alleged to have taken undue advantage of deer when the water forced the animals to the ridges and into easy range of the hunter's gun.

A bill, introduced by Representative H. G. Horton, was passed by the House last week prohibiting the setting of steel traps in Martin County. The law becomes effective 30 days after its passage. Under the terms of the bill, a farmer may set traps to catch animals that destroy his crops, Mr. Horton explained.

Commissioners Are Attending Meeting In Greenville Today

Public Is Urged To Attend Committee Meeting in Raleigh Thursday

Meeting in Greenville today under the direction of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, commissioners from a number of counties in this section of the state are formulating plans for carrying the matter of refunding road indebtedness before a legislative committee in Raleigh Thursday of this week. The Martin County board is well represented at the meeting at the meeting today, and it is believed that nearly all the 44 counties affected by the bill will have large delegations at the meeting in Raleigh Thursday.

"The chances are rather encouraging for passage of this bill," said Secretary Bartlett, of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, "providing the people back home show some interest in the matter." Well aware of the importance of having a representative delegation at the meeting in Raleigh Thursday, many people from this county are expecting to go before the joint house and senate road committee for the hearing at 2:30 that afternoon.

Bills were introduced by Senator R. L. Coburn and Representative Hugh G. Horton from this county last week directing the highway commission to accept the obligations entered into by 44 counties in supporting the highway system of the state. These obligations, amounting to about eight and one-half millions of dollars, are recognized by many as belonging to the state, and in fairness to the people the debts should be assumed by the commission. Martin County advanced more than \$500,000 in furthering the highway program, and the debt is now resting on general property, with no aid whatever from the fund created by a gasoline tax.

In the preamble to the bill, it is pointed out that the Highway Commission has already paid or refunded to 56 of the counties a total of 17,498,633.90 and has contracted to pay \$69,412.50 further to these counties for the construction of roads by funds loaned by the 56 counties. The preamble also states that no provision has been made by law for refunding of loans or donations by the other 44 counties, thus creating "undue and discriminating burdens upon the said counties; has caused them to default in the payment of their bonded indebtedness; to be sued and threatened to be sued, and to be otherwise financially embarrassed."

As a further reason, it is cited that the carrying of the bonded indebtedness represented by the loans or donations unassisted by the state has forced the 46 counties to levy taxes on rates higher than is generally levied in the other counties of the state. The bill provides for the refunding of the total of 8,451,180.30 to the 44 counties in ten equal annual installments, the first to be paid on June 30 this year.

Warn Guano Dealers Of Code Violations

Regional code authorities are said last week to have warned all fertilizer agents against possible violations of the code terms. As far as it could be learned, no violations of the agreement have been reported, the authorities merely warning the agents in registered letters a few days ago.

Basketball Tourney Will Get Under Way Here Next Thursday

Cups and Gold Basketballs Will Be Awarded Teams and Many Players

The local girls' basketball team won its second game of the season here last Friday night by defeating Robersonville's sextet, 15 to 10. Despite their many defeats the girls continued through the season with an unusual interest in the game and after every defeat they awaited another game with hope. The spirit expressed among the players, no doubt, is the foundation for a winning team next season.

While the girls won their second game, the boys lost to Greenville, 13 to 10. This game is being returned in Greenville tonight, the contest marking the close of the regular season for the local boys.

Interest is now centering on the tournament beginning Thursday evening when the Williamston girls meet those from Bear Grass, followed by a game between the locals and boys from Farm Life. Friday night the Jamesville girls will meet those from Bear Grass, followed by a game between the Jamesville and Bear Grass boys.

New Auctioneer for Farmers Warehouse

Barnhill & Ingram Secure Services of Early Bass For Next Season

Barnhill and Ingram, operators of the Farmers Warehouse here, yesterday announced they had employed Mr. Early Bass, a leading auctioneer in this entire belt, to auctioneer at their house this coming season.

Learning of Mr. Bass' connection with the firm here, Mr. R. W. McFarland, sales statistician, said to Messrs. Barnhill and Ingram: "In the person of Mr. Bass you have not only secured one of the best tobacco auctioneers in the business, but an excellent judge of tobacco and a gentleman of the very highest type of character."

"I have known Mr. Bass for years; worked with him upon several markets in the past and regard him as one of the outstanding auctioneers in the entire tobacco belt. He has but few equals—and no superiors—and is well liked by both the buyers and farmers everywhere."

Fire Company Called Out Again Saturday

The local fire company received its third call of the week last Saturday night at 9 o'clock when an oil stove went out of control and threatened the destruction of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Manning on Smithwick Street. Members of the family threw sand on the blazing stove used to heat water in the bathroom, and the fire was under control when volunteers reached the scene with the apparatus. Very little damage was done other than that to the stove and walls which were slightly smoked, it was said.

Rulings Announced This Week Will Increase Leaf Crop 30,000,000 Pounds

Rulings Were Announced by Department at Washington Before Meeting in Raleigh Monday; List of Eligible Contract Signers Enlarged

Before protests could be heard against a large tobacco crop this year at the mass meeting held in Raleigh Monday, Washington agricultural authorities the day before announced new rulings that will increase the crop by about 30,000,000 pounds.

Both sets of rulings had been anticipated. One, applying exclusively to flue-cured tobacco, makes exemptions and adjustments for small growers. The other, applying to all principal types of tobacco, enlarges the list of eligibles as signers of contracts. The rulings which affect only flue-cured tobacco grown in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida provide:

(1) That any contracting producer of flue-cured tobacco whose base tobacco acreage is 3.2 acres or less may plant in 1935 the base tobacco acreage established for his farm, or 3 acres, whichever is smaller, and may market a number of pounds of tobacco equal to his base tobacco production, or 2,400 pounds, whichever is smaller; provided he agrees that no payments shall be made under his contract for 1935.

Tobacco Meeting at Raleigh Turns Into Political Circus

Town's Retail Raw Milk Rating for Past Month Very Good Says Health Official

While Rating Indicates Unusually Reliable Milk Source Per Capita Consumption Is Very Small, Only .15 of Pint Per Capita, Report Shows

Williamston's retail raw-milk rating for the past month was described as very good indeed by Warren H. Booker, collaborating sanitary engineer for the State Board of Health, Raleigh, in a letter to Dr. J. H. Saunders, county health officer, yesterday. While the rating reflects an unusually reliable milk source, the per capita consumption presents a pitiful situation, the report showing only .15 of a pint consumption per capita.

Dr. Booker's letter to the local health officer reads in part as follows: "I take this occasion to congratulate you on having a retail raw-milk rating of 92 per cent. This is very good indeed, and while this survey shows only two violations of the milk ordinance, I hope these two may be removed, if they have not already been removed."

"It is noted that a total of only 50 gallons of milk is being delivered in Williamston. This gives a per capita consumption of only .15 of a pint. I am wondering if there are not other dairies which have not been included in this rating. "Again congratulating you on this showing, and assuring you of our desire to cooperate with you in every way, I am," etc.

Doctor Says Court Summons Interfere With His Practice

Jamesville Professor Found Not Guilty of Simple Assault Charge

"It's gettin' so that every time anybody gets his head 'skint,'" declared Dr. "Buck" Saunders in open court here today, "that I'm called away from my practice to testify, and it's gettin' to be a nuisance."

The good doctor had been summoned as a witness in the Uzzle paddle case. He made a dramatic entrance into the courtroom and immediately began to slow down the proceedings with a question as to what type of witness he was supposed to be, and what fee he should receive. This unexpected question gave the judge the jitters, as it was wholly unexpected.

"If I'm an expert witness," said the local physician, "then I'm entitled to an expert's pay."

"What is the pay of an expert witness?" the court inquired.

"The superior court allows \$25," was the answer.

"This court is not disposed," said Judge Peel, "to allow as much."

"It isn't a question of money," countered Dr. Saunders. "I just can't be bothered this way perpetually, for my time is worth something."

"I assure you," said the court with gentle finality, "that we can get together on this fee business."

"Thanks," said the doctor, and after having testified for a minute and a half, left the courtroom.

The Jamesville professor, charged with the brutal whipping of a boy in the school there week before last, was found not guilty.

Dr. and Mrs. John D. Biggs, of High Point, spent the week-end here with Dr. Biggs' mother, Mrs. Fannie S. Biggs.

Wallace Is Frank in Saying Larger Crop May Prove Mistake

Plans for 725,000,000 Pound Tobacco Crop Will Be Followed This Year

Tobacco farmers witnessed what was described by some to be a political show in Raleigh yesterday and incidentally learned that they had failed in their efforts to persuade agricultural authorities to hold the 1935 tobacco crop to the 1934 proportions. Although still fearful that the proposed yield of 725,000,000 pounds will cause a marked drop in prices, the farmers returned home with a better understanding of the program proposed by Federal agricultural leaders, but greatly befuddled as to who to vote for for United States Senator next year—Ehringhaus, Bailey, or even Fountain. The three men made strong bids for parts on the program, the reports stating that the Governor and Senator all but wrestled for microphone rights, with Fountain shouting from the floor.

In a very frank manner, Secretary Wallace said that the increased crop might prove a mistake, but he did not think so at the present time. He explained that if the price fell too low, the processing tax would be increased, and opportunities given for the farmers to correct the mistake with a change in program for the 1936 crop.

Wallace discussed the action of the AAA on tobacco, especially the ruling increasing production for this year so as to put the price nearer to a parity level of about 20 or 21 cents than the return of 27 cents per pound the growers received in 1934.

"The AAA tried to proceed with an open mind and a resolute will," Wallace explained. "It may be the tobacco course is not entirely wise, but I am inclined to believe it is. The administration tries to keep in mind the producer, the processor, and the consumer and aims at a long-period program."

Herring Season Is But Few Weeks Off

"The season is yet two or three weeks off, but we've got plenty herring, and cornbread down our way," Charles Davenport, Jamesville's jovial merchant, said yesterday. Mr. Davenport added that there would be enough herrings in the next day or two for the neighbors. The fish are being taken in very small numbers in drift nets and are selling for 5 cents each.

Fishermen pulled a herring from the Roanoke at this point a day or two ago, but catches here are few and far between.

Seine operators at Jamesville are preparing their nets for fishing operations, which will start about the middle of next month. Small net operators are already at work, it was stated.

Andrew Hoard, veteran fisherman on the Roanoke, dipped 15 herring from the river at this point yesterday, and with fair and warm weather continuing it is believed the catches will soon be on a commercial scale.

Former Local Resident Dies at Home In Spray

Mrs. Almeria Gordon, mother of Rev. W. J. Gordon and Miss Elizabeth Gordon, and a former resident of Williamston, died at her home in Spray Sunday.

Mrs. Gordon lived here with her son who was rector of the Church of the Advent for about three years nearly 25 years ago.

Funeral services were conducted in Spray yesterday and interment was in Wilmington today.

Parent-Teacher Meet Here Thursday at 3:30

The local parent-teacher association will hold its regular meeting in the high school building Thursday afternoon of this week at 3:30 o'clock. All members are urged to attend and the public is cordially invited.

Band To Give Concert In Church Sunday 7:30

The local band, under the leadership of Horace Ray, will give a concert in the Baptist church Sunday evening at the 7:30 o'clock hour, to which the public is invited. Many of the boys in the band are affiliated with this church, this being their first appearance in the church in this capacity.

Income Tax Man To Be Here This Week

E. R. Fronberger, deputy commissioner, will be in Williamston Friday and Saturday of this week to assist in the preparation of income tax reports. Any one wishing aid in filing a return may see Mr. Fronberger in the courtroom the last two days of this week.

KITES FLYING

Even before the March winds begin to blow local youths are out with their kites attempting to send the light objects to the high heavens. Some were successful in their first attempts; others did not do so well, as their kites landed on light lines and in trees.

A timely warning was issued by safety leaders of the Virginia Electric and Power Company last year about this time, urging the boys to steer their kites clear of electric lines, and youth will do well to heed the same warning again this season and the seasons to come.

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