



STUNT PROGRAM TO BE STAGED AT SCHOOL FRIDAY

P. T. A. Is Cooperating To Raise Money To Buy Band Uniform Cloth

Students of the local high school, together with the membership of the Williamston Parent-Teacher Association are cooperating in the presentation of a "Stunt Program" in the school auditorium on Friday of this week at 8 p. m. The program, arranged for the purpose of securing funds with which to purchase band uniform cloth, will be composed of unusual acts by each of the high school classes and the parent-teacher association.

- The parts of the program are:
- 1. That Old Sweetheart of Mine.
- 2. You May Stay After School (P. T. A.)
- 3. Band Concert.
- 4. Athletic Stunt.
- 5. A Bull Fight.
- 6. Judge Hoptoad's Court (mock trial).
- 7. A Jazz Wedding.

"You May Stay After School," a burlesque school act, promises to be a laugh provoker. Mrs. Sam Getzinger, as teacher, will instruct a class of young "hopefuls," composed of Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Piephoff, Mrs. Hix, Mrs. Muse, Mrs. Titus Critcher, Mrs. Earl Wynne, Hubert Coburn, Harry Biggs, Harcum Grimes, Irving Margolis and Pete Hall. Rebecca Harrison will serve as music instructor and Pete Fowden, representing the school board, will examine the students and inspect the school. Kader Crawford will play the part of the wife of the school board member.

Baptist Missionary Union Being Held in Durham This Week

More Than 1,000 Women Expected To Attend Annual Session

The Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina meets in the First Baptist Church in Durham today at 3 o'clock for its fiftieth annual session and will carry through its three-day program, adjournment coming late Thursday afternoon.

For years this group of women in session have constituted the largest group of North Carolina women meeting anywhere in the State. One thousand are expected from the 100 counties in the meeting that is calculated to maintain a high average of interest. The last annual session was held in Rocky Mount at this time last year. It is not known, as yet where the 1936 session will go, but the western part of the State bids fair for the gathering next year.

A group of noted speakers is scheduled to appear on the Durham program. Mrs. Wesley N. Jones, Raleigh, is president of the group and has been for about three decades. The organization is auxiliary to the North Carolina State Baptist Convention and the two groups work in closest harmony, though meeting at different times and places, and maintaining altogether separate offices. The Baptists of this State have been organized for more than a hundred years and in that time have made marked progress.

Local Officers Recover Stolen Car for Owner

A stolen car, a Rockne coach belonging to Eugene H. Tankard, of Washington, was recovered early Sunday morning by Officer J. H. Allsbrooks. Johnnie Johnson, Ben Johnson and John Saunders, all colored of Beaufort County, were arrested and turned over to Beaufort officers later that morning.

Additional Cotton Rental Checks Received Here

Eleven additional cotton rental checks amounting to \$415.80 were received in this county yesterday, leaving about 35 more checks to come before the second rental payment is completed in this county.

No tobacco parity checks have yet been received in this county, and none in other counties, as far as it could be learned here.

Plan To Start Seine Fishing At Jamesville On Thursday

Weather conditions permitting, seine fishing operations will be started at Jamesville Thursday of this week, it was unofficially learned here today. Fair-sized catches have been reported at that point by small fishermen using dip and drift nets, it was said.

Roanoke Fair Is Leased To Chambliss And Hamid for Period of Five Years

Official announcement was made this week that the Roanoke Fair will be operated for the next five years by Norman Y. Chambliss, who has successfully operated the North Carolina State Fair at Raleigh during the past several years. The State fair was pulled out of the mud, so to speak, by Chambliss, after the Stat had lost thousands of dollars in its operation. The fair at Raleigh is leased to Chambliss and George A. Hamid, the latter being in the outdoor attraction business in New York. The North Carolina Board of Agriculture, of which Mr. J. G. Staton is a member, leased the State fair to Chambliss and Hamid.

In an interview this week, Mr. Chambliss said, "Yes, I have leased the fair at Williamston. It is one of the best spots in North Carolina for an agricultural fair, and I am going to stress agriculture. I have already conferred with the Martin County home demonstration agent and others. Mr. Hamid is associated with me, and that means that Williamston will have a great array of attractions. We are planning to revive horse racing at Williamston, and we are going to be as liberal as we possibly can in our offers for agricultural exhibits, which is our first thought."

Plans Go Forward For Lumber Plant

"U" TURN

Apparently local motorists are divided as to the value of the no "U" turn placed on the Main and Smithwick Street corner at the request of the local Woman's club. Some drivers turn around there and others continue to the next corner to make a turn, while still others go beyond the Smithwick Street corner and whirl around on the Sinclair station property.

Jamesville Boys Get To Semi-Finals of Wilson Tournament

Ange Leads In Scoring Up To Last Game at A. C. College Saturday

A scrappy little team from Jamesville fought through two victories and into the semi-finals in the first annual basketball tournament at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson last week. Their first victory was over Seven Springs, with a score of 37 to 31. Their second win came over the Franklinton outfit with a 27 to 13 score. They lost in the semi-finals to Lafayette, class B champions, by a 37 to 24 count.

Ange, Jamesville forward, took third place in individual scoring honors for the tournament. At the conclusion of the semi-finals, he had a total of 49 points, a 10-point lead over his nearest contestant.

Talented Singer at Church Here Sunday

The musical program that was postponed from the first Sunday night will be given March 17 at 7:30 p. m. The guest singer is Miss Amelia Bruns, of Charlotte. She teaches voice at Louisville College. Miss Bruns is a graduate of Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., where she did excellent work in voice. After leaving Converse she studied voice in New York. In the Atwater-Kent competitions a few years ago Miss Bruns won first place in North Carolina and second place in the Southeastern division. The local choir has several special numbers on the program also.

Legion Auxiliary To Meet with Mrs. Cherry Saturday

The regular monthly meeting of the American Legion Woman's Auxiliary of the John Walton Hassell post will be held Saturday afternoon, March 16, at 3 o'clock, in the home of Mrs. W. A. Cherry in Williamston.

District Conference of Junior Order Officers

A conference and school for Junior Order officers in this district will be held in Washington Thursday of this week at a. m. and 2:30 p. m., it was announced by the field secretary this week. Mr. E. V. Harris will be in charge, and several of the officers are expected to attend from the three councils in this county.

PUBLISH COTTON CROP FIGURES OF MARTIN COUNTY

Facts Are Expected To Aid In Making Necessary Cotton Changes

A comparison of base acreage and base production appears in this paper, showing the allotments made to the several hundred cotton contract signers in this county for the years 1934 and 1935. The attention of cotton growers is called to the figures with the principal aim that the publication will prove beneficial in effecting adjustments, if any.

That there are not any exceedingly high production allotments is readily seen by a review of the figures, and while every base may be well founded there are some striking comparisons. The adjusted base poundage varies from about 100 to slightly over 400 pounds to the acre which variation is probably due to farming conditions rather than to faulty distribution of allotments.

Government rulings announced not so long ago make possible adjustments in base production in some cases, but in every instance the increase must be offset by a decrease within the county, it is understood. The farmer who experienced a larger reduction than the one he believes should have been made has the right to an increase, provided he can prove that some one has an allotment that cannot be substantiated in its entirety by facts and figures, it is understood. The list is not being made public with the intention of creating differences, but is published in an effort to effect any adjustments considered necessary. The rulings under which the adjustments are to be made make it possible for the farmer who has a small allotment and who knows a farmer who has a large allotment that cannot be maintained by facts and finances to appeal to his local committee, who, it is understood, will be asked to gather the facts and present them to the county committee. The county committee will then make recommendations.

Survey for Siding Is Made by Railroad Officials Last Week

Additional arrangements for locating a large lumber mill near the river here were made last Friday, when the promoters met with the engineers of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and made a preliminary survey for a sidetrack from the river line spur to the proposed mill site. Final arrangements for locating the mill here are expected to materialize within the next week or two, Mr. G. H. Harrison said this morning.

School at Hamilton Is Closed Today on Account of Measles

Striking Suddenly Measles Holding Half of Children Out of School Today

The Hamilton school was forced to suspend operations at the close of the session this afternoon by a sudden and sweeping epidemic of measles. Nearly one-half of the pupils enrolled there were absent today, causing officials to order a holiday until Monday week. Eighty children were out yesterday, the number of absences increasing to 93 today.

The epidemic was marked for its sudden appearance, reports stating that there were very few cases of measles in that district prior to last week-end. Very few cases have been reported in the Oak City schools, but that district is next in line for an epidemic that has been experienced in every other part of the county within the past 12 or 14 months.

Former Williamston Negro Killed In Kinston Monday

Zinah Hines, middle-aged negro and a native of this place, was killed in Kinston last night, according to reports reaching here this morning. No particulars could be learned. Hines, a brother to Cooley Hines who was murdered here last Christmas a year ago, left Williamston ten or twelve years ago when he was said to have gotten into some kind of trouble.

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Coast Line Adds Another Train To Its Line Here

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Cotton Sign-Up Campaign To Begin in County Next Friday

MEN'S CLASS OF LOCAL CHURCH IS VERY ACTIVE

Fifty-five of Sixty Members Attend Class Meeting Sunday Morning

With one single class in the local Christian church having a class attendance last Sunday morning with an attendance equal to one-third of the entire church membership, and other classes in the church organization taking on new life, the local congregation is blossoming out conjointly with the first bloom of the spring and showing an activity worthy of its newly made over and commodious building.

The men's class, under the leadership of Albert S. Peel, had an attendance last Sunday morning of 55 adults, and the end is not yet in sight. Going out into the highways and hedges and compelling them to come in, the church school has totaled up one of the largest class attendance records ever made in Williamston. Mr. Peel is the successor to his father in the leadership of this class and in bringing his fine qualities to the task he has made an impression upon the men which has thrown them into new church activities to such an extent that they have already exceeded their own expectation and stimulated the entire church organization to new lines of endeavor.

With W. C. Manning sr., long-time superintendent of the church, and the Rev. J. M. Perry as pastor, this church group is coming to be a real factor in this community and is striking out, in recent months, along lines that should tend to stimulate the entire church life of Williamston. Indeed, the classwork of Mr. Peel's group has already challenged the entire Christian church and should, in like manner, constitute a challenge to every church school class in town.

Several Arrested In Raid Sunday

Arrests on a wholesale scale were made early last Sunday morning, when officers raided the home of Caroline Eborn, colored, living just off of Main Street near the river jail. A series of charges will be aired in Mayor Hassell's court here next Thursday evening.

Those scheduled to appear for the hearing are Caroline Eborn, Martha Parker, J. U. Barnes, Josh Rascoe, John Henry Rascoe, Tom Ryan, Beulah Faulk and Maggie Eborn, all colored.

Charges of possession of liquor for sale, disorderly conduct and attempt to destroy evidence will be brought against the defendants. The Eborn woman is said to have poured a quantity of liquor into a bedroom vessel when the officers reached the home.

Robersonville Show Is Off To Good Start

The opening of Robersonville's elaborate automobile show and exposition last evening was attended by a comparatively large crowd last evening, and with the assurance that the event will attract thousands during the remainder of this week. Extensively decorated, the big warehouse there forms a gay setting for the show that is crowded with exhibits of all kinds. The free acts were described as equally up to all expectations.

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DIVIDES \$30,400,000



Judge Clayton Moore, of this place, is holding a hearing in Winston-Salem this week on the distribution of the \$30,400,000 Smith Reynolds estate. The case, heard without a jury, will go to the supreme court, it is understood.

Teacher Resigns To Take Up Work With V. E. & P. Company

Miss Pauline Lentz Takes Place Made Vacant by Miss Ora Finch

Miss Ora F. Finch, popular and capable economics teacher, resigned as a member of the local school faculty last week to accept the position of home service director for the Virginia Electric and Power Company in the Williamston district. Miss Finch entered upon her new duties with the power company yesterday after the local school board had reluctantly accepted her resignation.

Miss Pauline Lentz, of Salisbury, has accepted the position made vacant by Miss Finch's resignation. Miss Lentz came here highly recommended by Fredell and Mecklenburg County school authorities, where she taught several years in the home economics departments.

Coming here about three years ago, Miss Finch organized the home economics department in the local high school and has carried on a splendid work since that time. The department is considered one of the best in this entire section, and reflects careful organization and efficient instruction. Miss Finch is a graduate of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina and took graduate work at the University of Tennessee before coming here. She will be 37 years of age, and will continue her work at the Williams in district of the Virginia Electric and Power Company.

Officers Capture Sill Near Here Yesterday Morning

Officers C. B. and J. H. Roebuck and their assistant, Roy Peel, arrested John McKeel, young white man, at a liquor still in this township near the old brick kiln on the McGaskey road yesterday morning. McKeel was placed under a \$100 bond for his appearance before Judge Peel in the county court the 2nd of next month.

The liquor plant and the 50-gallon capacity kettle were destroyed. Two gallons of liquor and two barrels of beer and 40 pounds of sugar were found.

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Application Blanks And Instructions Are Given at Meet Here

Campaign is for Those Who Were Not Eligible To Sign Last Year

The campaign to add new contracts to the cotton control program will get underway in this county Friday of this week, the community committee members having received application blanks and instructions at a meeting held here yesterday afternoon.

Those farmers receiving Bankhead allotments and who were ineligible to sign a contract last year will be requested to participate in the movement this year. Mr. T. B. Slade, assistant in cotton control for this county, said yesterday. The farmers are being notified by direct mail, and all contracts are to be in the hands of the county committee by the middle of next week. Old contract signers will be asked to sign additional papers soon after the campaign for new signers is completed, it was announced.

Farmers in Griffins, Bear Grass, Williams, Poplar Point, and Williamston will apply for contracts at the county courthouse. Mr. J. F. Crisp will handle the sign-up in Goose Nest; Mr. Dewey Edmondson in Hamilton; Mr. H. S. Everett in Cross Roads; Mr. A. R. Osborne in Robersonville; and Mr. F. C. Stallings in Jamesville Township.

According to reports reaching here, every cotton farmer with two or more acres of cotton will find it to his advantage to sign a contract, and it is generally believed that a large majority of the growers will participate in the movement. Flexible contracts are available to the growers this year, the details of which will be gladly explained by the community committees handling the sign-up.

A ruling was announced this week that has proved a bit misleading to some growers who were of the opinion that two bales of cotton could be raised tax free. As the ruling is interpreted here, the contract signer with an allotment of two bales or less will receive his allotment in its entirety, while it is understood the farmer with an allotment of 2,500 pounds might not receive over 2,300 or less tax-free cotton.

Locals Lose Tourney Game by One Point

The Williamston High School quintet went down before Rose Hill in the hotly contested first-round game in the first annual basketball tournament held at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson last week.

A long shot by Rogers in the closing minutes of play gave Rose Hill a 1-point advantage.

Rose Hill opened strong to pile up a 5-1 lead by the end of the first quarter. Williamston came back strong to hold the basket for 8 tallies and to hold the Rose Hill outfit to only 3 markers. Williamston led at the half 9 to 8.

In the third period of play both teams counted 3 points. Williamston continued to hold their 1-point margin until the counter of Rogers in the last minute.

Cooke took individual scoring honors and led the Williamston offense with 10 points.

Colored Basketball Tourney To Get Underway Friday

A basketball tournament will be held at the local colored school, beginning Friday afternoon and continuing Saturday. This promises to be a spirited contest between the schools of this, Beaufort, Carteret, Pitt, and Pasquotank Counties. Principal E. J. Hayes said this morning. A large number of fans are expected to attend. The tournament is being held for the purpose of bringing together students in an effort to stimulate them toward cooperation and worth-while social participation.

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Having sold most of their early broilers at a nice profit, Catawba poultrymen have started an additional lot of baby chicks under brooders from which to select laying hens next winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Everett, Bobby and Jessup Harrison visited Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Harrison and family in Henderson Sunday.