



CLINIC IS HELD FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN HERE

54 Little Tots Given Examinations at School Here Monday Morning

The first of the county-wide pre-school clinics was successfully held here yesterday morning, when 54 little tots underwent thorough physical examinations preparatory to entering the school next fall with a clean bill of health. For several hours, Drs. Saunders, Eason, Spencer, and Murphy, assisted by State Health Nurse Miss Cora Beam, and Miss Mary Ann Crockett, worked with the children learning those defects that can be corrected, and the correction of which will enable the subjects to enter school on a more equal basis with their healthier brothers.

Probably the most objectionable feature of the clinic was the vaccination against smallpox, a necessary requirement of every child who enters school. The young ones complained very little, however, and the clinic moved along swiftly and very smoothly.

The parents cooperated splendidly with the undertaking. Principal D. N. Hix stated, and work ordinarily requiring two or three weeks to handle at the beginning of a school term was completed yesterday morning. Most of the 54 children, 2 less than the number attending a similar clinic here last year, were from the country. While a few appeared a bit undernourished, most of the little fellows were bright-eyed and apparently looked forward seriously to their educational trek, for which they were being prepared yesterday.

Similar clinics will be held throughout the county through Friday of this week, and it is believed each one will prove successful.

Plans are being made to hold clinics in the colored schools of the county within the next few days, dates and places to be announced later.

The discoveries in the physical condition of the children yesterday were not at all alarming, but there is room for improvement, it is readily admitted. Twenty-two youngsters had throat trouble, 27 had defective teeth and mouth trouble; the eyes of four others were defective, and only 7 were found to be as much as 10 per cent underweight.

Sponsored by the local parent-teacher association, the clinic was aided by Mrs. E. F. Moseley, Mrs. Titus Critcher, Mrs. L. T. Fowden, Mrs. W. C. Mercer, and Mrs. J. F. Thigpen and a number of the teachers. Fifty of the children attending the clinic were attended by their parents.

Negro Freed Under \$500 Bond Following Recent Killing Here

Champ Scott To Plead Self-Defense; Hearing Held Last Saturday

Charged with the murder of Clarence Whitaker, 35-year-old colored man, on Church Street here a week ago last Sunday, Champ Scott, 20-year-old colored man, was released under a \$500 bond in Justice J. L. Hassell's court last Saturday. Relatives of the defendant furnished the bond, and the man gained his freedom. He is to face trial at the June term of Superior Court.

Evidence offered at the hearing was considered very favorable for young Scott, the facts indicating that the killing was in self-defense. Scott stated he was giving his mother half of his earnings each week, that Whitaker attempted to take the money from her last Sunday morning. Scott interrupted and Whitaker attacked him, he explained.

Two Liquor Stills Destroyed Friday

Two liquor stills were destroyed by Deputy Sheriff J. H. Roebuck and his assistant, Roy Peel, in Bear Grass Township last Friday afternoon, the officers completing the raids with no arrests.

The first plant visited by the officers was running full blast and the operators were nearing the end of the run when the officers arrived. They saw the officers first and made their escape, leaving 15 gallons of liquor, a lumber-jacket and complete still equipment. The still was of the wooden type.

Within a few hundred yards from the plant the officers found a complete 100-gallon capacity copper manufacturing unit. The still was cold and 1,300 gallons of beer, almost ready for conversion, were poured out. Several kegs were found at each still.

Entire Town Taking Part in Holy Week Observance in Progress All This Week

The entire town is being made religious-conscious by the series of pre-Easter services which are being held by all the churches throughout this week. Beginning Monday morning, services were held in both the grammar and high schools, and it is understood that the colored people are carrying services into their school. At noon yesterday the first of five services were held in the theatre at noon, with a religious service at the county home at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. This schedule of activities is to be followed out every day this week through Friday, terminating with suitable services in the several churches on Easter Sunday morning.

Attendance upon the various services was not as large the first day as had been expected. At the noon theatre service yesterday there were 90 people present or about 35 less than the number attending the initial service there a year ago. Several of the ministers reported comparatively large congregations in their church last evening.

More interest in the services is expected to result as the week progresses, the leaders of the movement firmly believing that the present activities will lead up to a great climax in the spiritual life of the town and community.

District Meeting of Kiwanis Thursday

RIVER RECEDING

After overflowing its banks for the fourth time in recent weeks, the Roanoke started falling yesterday, a drop of 4 inches having been reported at the end of 24 hours today.

No official information has been received telling of what is behind the now slowly receding waters, but unofficial reports state that another rise is not expected right away.

The river is expected to be well within its banks at this point the latter part of this week, and it is understood that seine fishing will likely get underway again at James ville probably not later than the early part of next week.

Martin County Jail Is Condemned By Federal Inspector

Absence of Jailer at Night Cause of Condemnation Proceedings Recently

Martin County's comparatively new \$75,000 jail was condemned by Federal Bureau of Prisons inspectors last week, F. S. Worthy, United States Marshall, advising Sheriff C. B. Roebuck that no federal prisoners could be held there until certain rules and regulations are complied with.

"The jail is not to be condemned, but rather the commissioners for not locating the jailer in the quarters designed for him," Chairman John E. Pope when he was shown the condemnation order. It is understood the Martin jail is one of the most modern and well-kept jail in this section of the State, the federal authorities condemning it because the jailer did not live in the building at night.

Contractors are rapidly completing an addition to the courthouse, and when the room is available changes will be made so that Jailer Peel and his family can move into the three-room apartment on the second floor of the jail. Once this is done the jail will have an approved rating.

Royal Arch Masons In Meeting Friday

Conoho Chapter of Royal Arch Masons held a very interesting meeting here last Friday afternoon and evening when seven candidates were received into membership. Watson N. Sherrod, Grand High Priest, of Enfield, R. W. Smith, Grand Secretary, of Raleigh, and the Royal Arch Degree team (under the leadership of Guy C. Harding, of Washington, conferred the degrees.

Supper was served to the visitors at 7:00 o'clock. Visitors were present from Windsor, Oak City and several other sections.

Visiting Minister at Church of the Advent Wednesday

The speaker at the evening service at the Church of the Advent on Wednesday will be the Rev. David M. Yates, associate rector of Calvary Episcopal church in Tarboro. This will be the first visit Mr. Yates has made here.

At the evening service Thursday there will be a communion service. Maundy Thursday is a commemoration of the exact night of the founding of the Sacrament of the Holy Communion and the washing on the disciples' feet. In the early history of the church the time of the communion was changed to the morning, but the Maundy Thursday communion is a continuation of the early custom.

REVENUE IN POST OFFICE HERE IS STEADILY RISING

Money-Order Business Off, But Stamp Sales Gain in First Quarter

Postmaster "Pete" and his office here continue their gradual but steady march toward prosperity, judging from postal receipts for the first quarter of 1935. During the period the receipts amounted to \$4,069.81, as compared with \$3,564.63, a resulting gain of \$505.18. The largest gain was reported in March, the receipts jumping up from \$1,168.70 in that month of 1934 to \$1,433.42 last month. January receipts this year amounted to \$1,467.05, as compared with \$1,432.62 a year ago. In February a year ago the income was only \$963.31, as compared with \$1,169.34 last February.

While the stamp sales show an increase for the period, the money-order business showed a loss of \$2,578.65, as compared with the sale for the first quarter of 1934. However, a marked increase in the money order business has developed, following the distribution of tobacco parity payments recently. The office wrote more than 100 money orders one day this week, indicating a record business in sending the cold cash to distant parts never to return. The money order sales up to the first of this month amounted to \$27,031.54, compared with \$29,610.19 for the first quarter in 1934.

Local Band Shows Up Well at Concert In Raleigh Sunday

Players Reported 100 Per Cent Better Than They Were A Year Ago

Taking part for the second time in the annual North Carolina band festival at Raleigh last Sunday afternoon, Williamston's high school band showed a 100 per cent improvement over their appearance last year, reports from the Capital City state. The boys and one girl made a very favorable impression on their hearers as musicians, well demonstrating that the youth in the high school here are capable of undertaking and carrying through a difficult task, such as the successful establishment of a musical organization.

Reaching their turn in the big parade Sunday afternoon the local band members are said to have done so well that they startled their own supporters along the sidelines.

Colored Schools Forced To Close

Their attendance falling to and below 65 per cent of the enrollment figures, four colored schools in the county have been forced to suspend operations recently, it was learned from the office of the county superintendent this week. The four schools closed under rules and regulations of the State School Commission are Keys, Poplar Point, Corey's, and Bear Grass. Others may have to close before the term is completed, it was said.

Religion Arose

By J. M. PERRY

During the seventh century there arose a powerful and militant religion in the East known as Mohammedanism. Under the passionate fanaticism of Mohammed, a band of warring Arabs set out to conquer the world for their new faith in God, and to the acknowledgement of Mohammed His prophet and their leader. His religion presented nothing especially and essentially new. His religious tenets were drawn from the fundamental doctrines of the Mosaic, and Rabbinical writings, together with what we call Apocryphal Gospels.

Behind and incident to the birth of this new Easter religion, there are two things worthy of note. First, Mohammed was profoundly impressed with the religious indifference and deep degeneracy of the Arabs. He realized that only religion could supply this moral, social and spiritual need. Second, he woefully under evaluated both Judaism and Christianity, having seen both at the lowest possible ebb. George Fisher in his history of the Christian church, says: "The Judaism and Christianity which had penetrated into these regions were debased in doctrine as well as enervated in spiritual power." So we can readily see that but for these weaknesses there might have been no Mohammedanism to complicate a divided religious world.

Easter Monday Not General Holiday In This Section; Banks Here To Close

Other than a holiday for the Branch Banking and Trust Company and Guaranty Bank and Trust Company employees, business will go forward here as usual next Monday, Easter. The office of the Virginia Electric and Power Company will observe a half-holiday that afternoon. Deliveries over the town and rural postal routes will be made as usual.

For the first time in many years all the schools in this county will fol-

Superior Court Gets Away To Good Start on Civil Calendar

Continue To Go Forward With Plans For Exhibition Here All Next Week

Sponsored by the Williamston Athletic Association, Ray H. Goodmon, president, a combined circus and merchants' exposition gets underway here on Houghton Street Extended next Monday evening with a varied program of events. Contracts for 10 free attractions and two bands have been completed, Manager L. B. Lichty said today, with the feature attraction centering around the Work Shows and six riding devices.

Nearly all available space has been sold for the show, and some interesting and entertaining booths will be

constructed for the event. Special dances will be held during the week, the management making arrangements today to bring a widely known orchestra here to furnish the music for at least one big dance.

Heading the free attractions are probably the Riding Connellys, the Flying Howards, and the Matthews players.

Proceeds of the exposition will go to the Williamston Athletic Association for the clearance of old obligations and for use in promoting a high-class baseball team this coming season.

Consolidation Local Routes Are Forecast

Johnson King Died At Home in Wilson Last Friday at Noon

Funeral Held Saturday For Prominent Figure In Tobacco Business

William Johnston King, prominent tobaccoist and a leading citizen of Wilson, died at his home there last Friday noon following an illness of several weeks' duration. A heart attack was the direct cause of his death. Funeral services were conducted from St. Timothy's Episcopal church in Wilson Saturday afternoon by Rev. Edwin A. Penick and Dr. Frank Dean, rector of the church. Burial was in Maplewood Cemetery there.

A brother of Mr. Jas. E. King, of Williamston, Mr. King was born in Caswell County 46 years ago, the son of Mrs. Pattie King and the late Robt. A. King. In 1906 he entered the tobacco business, enjoying a steady rise to the top in his chosen profession. At the time of his death he was president of the Wilson Tobacco Company, and during his stay of 18 years in Wilson he was active in promoting the civic, religious and fraternal interests of the town and community.

His wife, Miss Sallie Haywood Battle, of Rocky Mount, before marriage, survives with two sons, Johnston King, Jr., and Francis King. Besides his brother here, he also leaves two others, Mr. Robert King, of Rocky Mount, and Mr. Irvin King, of Pelham, and his mother, also of Pelham.

Postpone Second Week of Superior Court To June 10

Delay Will Give Attorneys Coburn and Horton An Opportunity To Attend

A postponement of the second week of the current term of Martin County Superior court was asked yesterday when it was learned that Attorneys Coburn and Horton would hardly get away from their duties in the legislature in time to appear in their cases next week. Plans are now underway to petition the Governor for a special one-week term to be held beginning June 10 for the trial of civil cases only.

The postponement will not add to the expense of the term for the county, and no objection was entered to the change by Mr. J. E. Pope, chairman of the county board of commissioners. It is understood the same jurors chosen to serve next week will be instructed to appear for duty on June 10.

WOULD EFFECT ANNUAL SAVING OF ABOUT \$1,000

Recommendations of Inspector Would Do Away With Route Four

The consolidation of the rural free delivery service out of the local post office has been recommended following an inspection of the territory last week by Inspector Conderman. Postmaster L. T. Fowden said yesterday. Rural Route No. 4 will be absorbed by the other three, the change to become effective within the next 60 or 90 days if the recommendations are accepted by the post office department, Mr. Fowden explained.

There is little doubt but that the recommendations of the inspector will be adopted as a continuance of the program advanced by the government to lower operating costs in the postal department, it is believed.

With the exception of inconvenience to 14 families, who will be deprived of deliveries to their homes, the proposed consolidation will effect no great change in the service, it is understood.

Of course, the deliveries will be delayed several hours for some patrons by the absorption of Route 4 and the resulting increased mileage for three carriers. The present mileage of about 158 miles, covered by the four carriers, will be increased to about 163 miles.

The proposed change will increase the mileage of route 1 from 48 to about 49 miles; route 2 from 50 to about 59, and route 3 from 30 to nearly 55. The proposed No. 1 route will take over all of the present No. 4, the other two carriers dividing the remaining mileage. Number three will absorb much of the present No. 2, while No. 2 will take over much of the present No. 1.

The proposed consolidation, it is estimated, will effect a saving of about \$1,000 a year, creating the impression with some that the saving will hardly offset the impaired service.

The proposed consolidation follows the retirement of M. D. Watts, who resigned recently. Since Mr. Watts' retirement, Mr. O. S. Green has substituted.

Local Man Wins Prize in Greenville Dance Contest

Competing with 75 couples, Miss Congleton, of Washington, and Charlie Frank, of this place, danced away with honors in a dance contest held in Greenville last week. They were awarded prizes.

Aged Colored Man Breaks Both Arms In Fall Here

Willie Thomas, colored man of about 70 years of age, suffered two broken arms in a fall at the Standard Fertilizer Plant here last Friday afternoon. He was removed to a Washington hospital, where he is said to be getting along very well. Thomas was working on a high pile of fertilizer when he lost his footing and fell to the concrete floor below.

Legion Auxiliary Will Hold Meeting Saturday

The regular monthly meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary of the John Walton Hassell post will be held Saturday afternoon, April 20, at 3 o'clock, in the home of Mrs. W. E. Dunn, Williamston.

PARTIES AGREE TO COMPROMISE FIRST \$25,000 SUIT

Three Divorce Cases Are Heard By Judge Moore at First Session

Convening Monday morning for the trial of civil cases only, the Martin County Superior court was off to a rapid start in the handling of a crowded docket, but a mistrial resulted in the case of Whitaker against Roughton that afternoon and halted the activities temporarily.

Hopeful that the legislature will have completed its antics before the second Monday in June, the county bar and Judge Clayton Moore, the presiding officer, asked that the second week of the current term be postponed until that time, giving Attorneys Horton and Coburn an opportunity to handle their cases. The docket for this week will be handled in the main.

The proceedings in the first day of court centered around a settlement in the \$25,000 suit brought by N. B. Bland, administrator of John Bland, against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company. A \$4,000 judgment was agreed to upon the condition that certain verdicts rendered in a similar case over in Halifax County recently are affirmed by the State Supreme court. John Bland, 17 years old, was killed in a grade crossing accident in Enfield last Christmas. One of Bland's companions was also killed, and his estate was awarded a \$5,000 verdict against the railroad. Another companion in the death car was badly injured and he was awarded a judgment in the sum of \$15,000, it is understood. Appeals to the high court were noted.

Suffering two broken legs and other injury in June, 1933, when a truck sideswiped the one on which he was riding and killed three of his companions, Sam Whitaker, colored, asked \$5,000 damages against Roughton. A mistrial was ordered when agency could not be established on account of some misunderstanding in the legal preparation of the case.

The court took on the atmosphere of a little Reno Monday morning when three divorces were granted. While two of the cases apparently reflected pitiful conditions, the other one gave rise to a new hope and happiness in another hook-up. William Tyner, a few seconds after he was legally divorced from Pennie Tyner, asked how long before he could apply for a license and get married. The last reports stated he was looking for \$5, the price of a marriage license. The divorce was granted on two years of separation, and apparently made the man very happy.

George Andrews, colored, was granted a divorce against Marjorie Bonner Andrews, pleading two years of separation.

Mrs. Eva Whitaker was divorced from Dennis Whitaker, Mrs. Whitaker basing her claim for separation on adultery.

Today the court was working on the case of Holliday against Morgan.

Mrs. Melissa Smith Dies At Home in New Bern

Mrs. Melissa Smith, 70 years old, mother of Mrs. Nannie Ange, of the Jamesville section, this county, died at her home in New Bern last Friday following a long illness. Funeral services were conducted Saturday by Rev. A. D. Noe, of Ayden. Burial was in Pitt County.

Young Man Painfully Hurt In Auto Accident Sunday

Dalton Roberson, young white man, suffered a painful injury to his back when his car turned over near his home in Griffins Township last Sunday. Considerable damage was done to the car when it landed from a high plunge into the air, it was said. The wreck was one of very few reported on a dirt road in this county in recent months.

Postpone Meeting of Local Parent-Teacher Association

The regular monthly meeting of the local parent-teacher association scheduled for Thursday of this week has been postponed, and will be held the early part of May, Mrs. E. F. Moseley, president, announced yesterday. The date for the next meeting will be announced shortly.