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OXFORD ORPHAN SINGING CLASS TO BE HEARD HERE

Will Give Concert at High School Auditorium Tuesday Night

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The 1935 edition of the Singing Class of the Oxford Orphanage is headed towards Williamston where the group is scheduled to give a program in the high school auditorium on next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at which time the entire community, children and all, are invited to be present and hear the youngsters in what has been termed the best program they have put on in recent years.

This concert is given in the interest and for the benefit of that great masonic institution which for sixty-two years has been engaged in the great humanitarian enterprise of caring for numerous children from all over North Carolina who have been bereft of their parents. This type of work lies very close to the hearts of the people and Williamston is always glad when these singing young folk come this way.

The program this year is a brand new one and is featured with delightful songs, recitations, drills and with colorful costumes and music. Not only is the program new, but the group of children coming this year are on their first tour. Each year a new group for the road is recruited and a program arranged that is up to date. They come this time under the direction of Mrs. Sadie T. Hutchison, and the traveling manager is Mr. L. W. Alderman who has, for a number of years, piloted succeeding groups of the orphans over the state on their happy mission.

This year there will be songs by the entire class, readings, pageants and drills—a variety that could do nothing but please all those who will hear them. This community should take immeasurable pride in their coming. Their mission is so fine and so challenging and so appealing. These boys and girls, less fortunate than ours, have no homes upon which to depend. They have been left at the mercy of a merciful humanity. That humanity deems it a high adventure to take them up and care for them until they, by their excellent training, are enabled to care for themselves.

When they come to our community on Tuesday of next week, they will bring a benediction to all who hear them, and to those fortunate homes in our midst who care for them the one night they are here. Each church in town should hear and encourage this work, for it is not a sectarian undertaking but a humanitarian and religious undertaking. The appeal is as wide as humanity, itself, and as deep as the human heart.

Holt Evans Buys Thigpen Stables

The John F. Thigpen stables, located next to the Planters Warehouse here, were purchased this week by Holt Evans, of Enfield and Robersonville. Mr. Evans, well known to Martin County farmers who have dealt with him as a tobaccoist and horse and mule exchange operator in Robersonville, will operate the stables here beginning probably next season.

Noted Singers at Local Colored School Monday

The Eva Jessye Singers, who thrilled a large audience here several months ago, are returning by special request to sing at the Colored School here next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Critics of the highest type praise this group as one of the best appearing before American Audiences today. Special arrangements are made for white people, and only a nominal admission charge is being made.

Two Stills Captured in Bear Grass Township

Sheriff C. B. and Deputy J. H. Roebuck captured two liquor stills in lower Bear Grass Township last Wednesday and destroyed several hundred gallons of beer. The plants were of the steam type, and no operators were taken there when the officers arrived.

Senator Coburn's Bill To Legalize Sale Of Wines Passed By General Assembly

Abandoning hope for the passage of any law legalizing the sale of hard liquor in this state, the Senate this week listened to a proposed measure to legalize the manufacture and sale of naturally fermented wines in the State. The bill, sponsored by Senator B. L. Coburn and others, was passed and ratified by the Legislature yesterday.

Board of Education Is To Meet Monday

Actual work on making Williamston a bigger and better marketing center for tobacco got underway this week when Jones Brothers, contractors, started enlarging the Planters Warehouse. Sixty feet will be added to the structure increasing considerably the floor space of the already large warehouse. The sidewalls will be of brick and the addition will conform to the plans used in the construction of the old building. Construction work will continue for several weeks, the cost to exceed more than \$4,000.

Truck Operator Is Arrested for Theft Of Load of Cabbage

W. L. Beals, Mansfield, Pa., truck operator, was arrested early today in Richmond for the theft of 9,000 pounds of cabbage from Mr. J. L. Holliday, farmer living near here. Agreeing to pay for the cabbage, Beal was later released in Richmond and will not face charges in the courts of this county, it was learned from the sheriff's office here this morning.

Colored Woman Is Struck by Car Here

Virginia Hunter, colored woman of Jamesville was slightly injured when she was run down by a car driven by L. S. Barbour, Halifax County insurance man, on Haughton Street here yesterday. Barbour claimed at a hearing before Justice J. L. Hassell that a truck dived out of a side street and forced him off the road. While his story was reasonable, Patrolman Hunt could not understand why the man did not stop his car instead of running over posts and the woman. Testing the brakes on the Barbour car, the patrolman found that they were inadequate, that he could not stop the car in less than half a block at a speed of 10 miles an hour.

American Legion To Present Play at Four Places in County

The Martin County post of the American Legion is sponsoring a play, "Oh, Professor," to be given at four points in the county during the near future. Miss Dorothy Graham, the coach, is now in the county, making her headquarters at Williamston, and rehearsals are now in progress.

Bids for Paving Part of Smithwick Street Asked

Bids for the paving of Smithwick Street from Main to the railroad are being called for by the local board of commissioners in a special advertisement appearing today. Bids will be opened at a special meeting of the commissioners next Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Tobacco Checks Save \$2,000 Interest Fees

By prompt delivery of tobacco adjustment checks, the county agent of Nash County saved growers about \$2,000 in interest on money that would have had to be borrowed for financing the 1935 crop.

SEVERAL CASES TRIED TUESDAY IN COUNTY COURT

Several Conditional Sentences Imposed; Other Cases Continued

With about the usual number of cases—half a dozen—the Martin County Recorder's court meted out several conditional sentences last Tuesday, continuing a few other cases until Attorneys Horton and Coburn get out of the long-winded session of the State Legislature. Isaac Ampey, probably the most frequent defendant the court has to deal with, was before Judge Peel again, this time for alleged house breaking and larceny. He was adjudged guilty of the second charge and appealed when he was sentenced to the roads for a period of six months. Bond was required in the sum of \$100.

James Biggs, charged with carrying a concealed weapon and an assault with a deadly weapon, was found guilty on the first count, and was to pay \$50 or go to the roads for three months. Notice of appeal was given, the court requiring bond in the sum of \$150.

Columbus Brown was found not guilty in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon. Adjudged guilty of possessing liquor illegally, J. D. Wiggins was ordered to pay a \$25 fine or go to the roads for a period of 60 days.

G. N. Cowen was given a four months road sentence suspended upon the payment of a \$75 fine in the case charging him with the illegal possession of liquor.

Campaign for Better Housing Likely To Be Undertaken Here

Plans for a better housing campaign in Martin County will be formulated at a meeting of lumber men, mill operators, hardware dealers and home furnishers and others in the courthouse here this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mr. J. H. McMullan, field representative for the Federal Housing Administration, announced this morning. A chairman and committee will be named at the meeting to advance the better housing campaign in this county. The campaign will be conducted with the aid of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration. Canvassers will be selected to carry the campaign over the county, Mr. McMullan explained.

Coming here today, Mr. McMullan stated that Williamston had developed ahead of its housing facilities, that the Federal Housing Administration affords a splendid opportunity to advance the construction of new homes and the modernization of old ones in this town and county.

Local High School Team Gets 10-8 Win in Kinston

The Williamston High School baseball team ends its season here this afternoon when it meets the Hertford nine. While the losses have outnumbered the wins by a wide margin, the boys never gave up hope and only recently defeated Kinston at Kinston 10 to 8. Strawbridge and Cooke pitched for Coach Peters' boys and Shaw caught.

Program of Services At Christian Church

Mother's Day Service at 11 a.m. Wear a white or red rose. Bible School at 9:45. Watch that Big-Men's Class reach its goal. The Pastor will preach on "Satan's Last Battle With the Saints" at 8 o'clock. It is a Revelation Drama climaxed with the New Heaven and the New Earth. Let's fill the church at all services Sunday. Public cordially invited.

Bill To Prohibit Trapping In County Killed by House

A bill introduced by Representative H. G. Horton in the legislature to make unlawful the setting of steel traps in Martin County was killed by the house this week.

Seventeen Building Projects Are Now In Progress Locally

Second Municipal Election To Be Held In Jamesville Some Time Next Month

Failing to settle their political problems at their municipal election last Tuesday, Jamesville citizens will go to the polls in a second election some time next month, according to information received here. Pointing out some irregularity in the procedure of the last Tuesday election, the voters are said to have agreed to try another vote with the same line-up on the ticket and with the same opposition from the independents.

TWO NOMINEES ARE REJECTED IN GOLD POINT

"Shake-Up" in Political Set-Up There Recorded in Tuesday's Voting
A "shake-up" in politics was reported at Gold Point Tuesday when an independent ticket was introduced in the town election and two of the convention nominees were rejected. The election, reported as one of the liveliest held in the town in years, centered around the enforcement of Sunday blue laws, information received here indicating that filling stations and other places of business will remain closed on Sundays.

At the convention Messrs. J. L. Croom was renominated mayor and T. L. Johnson was renominated for commissioner. Messrs. Clifton Powell and Jasper Everett were nominated to succeed Messrs. John Williams and Allen Vanderford, the convention, according to reports, recognizing the proposed change as sufficient to rescind the blue laws. However, the independent candidates were successful over Powell and Everett, and the old board continues in power. Mayor Croom having received 40 votes, Vanderford, 24; Williams, 24 and Johnson, 30. The two defeated nominees received very little support, the reports stated.

Messrs. John Williams, was registrar, and Jim Brown and Allen Vanderford were poll holders, rumors heard here maintaining that Brown and Vanderford left the polls and transplanted tobacco during a part of the day, leaving the entire election job with Mr. Williams who was running on the independent ticket with Mr. Vanderford.

Closing Exercises At Colored School

Commencement exercises are now in progress at the local colored school. Prof. E. J. Hayes, principal, today announced the following schedule of closing events:
Seventh grade exercises, tonight, Friday, May 10.
Annual Sermon, Sunday, May 12, 3 p.m., by Rev. H. A. Trotter, minister, Keshik A. M. E. Z. Church Edenton.

Photographer Opens Branch Office Here

Dunbar and Daniel, Inc., photographers with studios in Raleigh and branches in Elizabeth City, Edenton and Hertford, will open a branch here at the home of Mrs. A. R. Dunning this week.

Expect Large Crowds at Jamesville School Finals

Commencement exercises, marking the close of a very successful term for the Jamesville Schools, are expected to attract unusually large crowds next week. Hon. Paul Grady, of Kenly, will deliver the commencement address Wednesday evening when the final exercises are held.

Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock the elementary grades will present "Alice in Wonderland," a musical play in three acts.

RELIEF ROLLS AT LOWEST EBB FOR MANY MONTHS

"Busiest Town in South" Visitor Says Here This Week

With ten projects underway at the present time and several others pending, construction activities in Williamston are believed to be of greater proportion than those experienced in war times 17 years ago. More than 150 men are employed, reducing numbers on the relief rolls to the lowest minimum in many months. In fact, a labor shortage was feared as the construction activities progressed toward a peak this week.

The construction of seventeen new homes now underway here was recognized by town officials today as greatly inadequate in meeting the demands for living quarters. More than forty applications have been filed to rent six homes now under construction, officials stating that at least forty more homes are needed to relieve the housing situation here at the present time.

Legion & Auxiliary To Honor "Mother" At Meeting Sunday

The American Legion and its Auxiliary will have a joint meeting next Sunday in the Waits Theatre at Williamston at 3 p.m. in honor of "Mother."
To this meeting the public is invited and asked to attend. Dr. C. C. Carpenter of Wake Forest Medical College, will be present and speak on the subject, "Making Life Safe for Mothers" which will be illustrated on the screen.

The Legion and Auxiliary are taking this opportunity to honor "Motherhood" in a real way for many mothers die while becoming mothers or by neglecting themselves after becoming mothers.

Measles Continue To Be Reported During April

Measles continue to dominate the monthly health reports for this county, the health office reporting ten cases of measles and only one other case of contagious disease during the month of April. Four of the measles cases were reported in Robersonville, three in Everetts and three in Williamston. One case of scarlet fever was reported and that was in Everetts.

Well Known Boat Captain Is Dead

Ben Newberry, for nearly 40 years a tug boat captain on the Roanoke River and inland waterways, died in the Marine hospital, Norfolk, last Thursday afternoon from pneumonia. The captain, well known along the river front here, was taken from his boat ill just a day or two before he died. Funeral services were held in Norfolk and burial followed in a cemetery there.

Captain Newberry was formerly of Plymouth and started working on boats plying the Roanoke when a mere lad.