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HONOR ROLL OF LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR PAST MONTH

New High Record Is Made With 144 Students on Honor List

A new scholastic record was reported in the local schools for the seventh month when the names of 144 pupils appeared on the honor roll Principal D. N. Hix reported the ollowing names:

Grade 1-A: Tom Chesson, Daniel, Jesse Gurganus, Billy Myers, Erwood Old, Clifton Pate, Shirley Cowan, Frances Griffin, Roenell Lee, Katherine Lilley, Etles Mizell, Ella Fay Rogerson, Dora Twiddy, Sylvia Green, Grace Price.

Grade 1-B: Kathleen Bennett, Ida Grey Cherry, Alma Jones, Dorothy Lowe, William Cherry, Joseph Col-train, Wilber Jackson, William Moore, Marion Rawls, Wilburn Ward.

Grade 1-C: None. Grade2-A: Alberta Knox, Anne Meador, Betsy Manning, Angela Mo-Lawhorn, Violet Phelps, Betty Davis FOR GOVERNOR Jack Mobley, John Whitley, Frederick Wheeler.

Grade 2-B: David Roberson, Annie Chesson, Estelle Corey.

Grade 3-A: Virginia Hines, Courtney Jenkins, Nancy Mercer, Lenora Melson, Mary Trulah Peele, Flossie Peaks, Susie Wobbleton, Elizabeth derson, Sallie Hyman, J. D. Woolard, Hardison, Maurice Moore, Richard Margolis, Brinkley Nicholson, Luther Peele, Bill Peele, Burke Parker, Jerry

Grade 3-B: Frances Thomas, Eliza mondson, Lillie Lee, Willie G. Lee.

Evelyn Griffin, Patsy King, Betty ma Perry, Mary O'Neal Pope, Made- the aged. lyn Taylor, Mary Warren. Grade 4-B: Bill Burroughs, Ben

Bill Bowen.

Grade 5-B: Sallie B. Griffin.

Grade 6-A: Arthur Anderson, J. E. James Nicholson, Nancy Biggs, Nina Last week Lieut, Governor A. H. Gra-Bland, Elinor Brown, Dorris Bullock, Emma Lou Daniel, Marjorie Gray Dunn, Carolyn Lindsley, Katherine Manning, Mary Gwen Osborne, Dare Perry, Maude Taylor, Sarah Taylor, candidacies. Mary Ruth Ward.

Grade 6-B: Ethel Bennett, Ruth Ward, Sadie Mae Gurganus.

Grade 7-A: Jerry Clark, Bernice Cowan, Delsie Godard, Eva Gurganus, the South's leading orators, worked on Sallie Gray Gurkin, Louise Melson, Dorris Moore, Caroline Stalls, Eleanor Taylor, Martha Rhodes Ward, Virgil Ward, Reid White. Grade 7-B None.

High School Ward, Reg Manning, Wilbur Culpep-

Grade 9: Mary Helen Boykin, Joseph Barnhill

Grade 10: Ben Manning, Bolton Cowan, Marie Griffin, Marjorie Lindsley, Judge Hunt Parker morning. Mamie Clyde Taylor, Gwen Watts.

William H. Griffin, Alta Critcher, Grace Manning.

Presbyterians Planning

was with us last Summer plans to court nearer home that week. arrive in the next few days and one

'All But One School In This

Vacation days for all county school children with the exception of those in the Williamston district started today following the closing of the Hamilton School. Rev. C. H. Dickey delivered the finals address there this morning followed by a big picnic din-

Professor Cecil Jarman, of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, delivered the commencement address marking the close of the Bear Grass School last Tuesday. A picnic dinner was enjoyed there.

Local Banks To Observe Next Monday as Holiday

Next Monday, Independence Day will be observed as a holiday by the two local banks. Other business house will continue open as usual.



Hon. Clyde R. Hoey who announced his candidacy for Gov-

CLYDE R. HOEY IN WIDE OPEN RACE

Recognized As Strong Contender

and long-time leader in Democratic Gurganus, Shirley Bennett, Betsy An- party activities, this week formally an- dence, and maintained that she was nounced his candi-lacy for governor Jackie Browder, Donald Dixon, Fred of North Carolina. His announcement, leged rape attempt was made. Wit-State politics for the primaries in June of next year.

In a statement which definitely end-Daniels, Elsie Coltrain, Arthur Ed- ed the protracted uncertainty whether he would run or not. Hoev disclaimed Grade 4-A: Theron Gurganus, Jim- any personal ambition but proclaimed my Manning, Bill Griffin, Robert his great interest in better schools, nesses Grover Moore and Joe Rober-Jones, Benny Weaver, Millie Biggs, better conditions for children, better conditions for salaried and wage-earn-Rose Gurganus, Lillie Marriner, Vel- ing classes and better conditions for

There was no reference to the liquor question, brought acutely into no- ja block or more away. Grimes, Helen Rawls, Garnetta Swan- tice last week by the last-minute acson, Virginia Everetts, Emma Belle tion of the general assembly in authorizing local option elections in a group Grade 5-A: Elizabeth Parker, Sybil of counties. Through his entire career, Roberson, Dolly Godard, Susie Griffin, however, Hoey has been a prohibi-Mary Charles Godwin, Bina Jackson, tionist, although he campaigned for Al Smith in 1928.

His announcement brought to four the number of avowed candidates for Boykin, R. J. Hardison, Warren Jones, the Democratic nomination next year. ham entered the lists formally, and previously two Charlotte attorneys, John A. McRae and Colonel T. L. Kirkpatrick had publicly avowed their

> Hoey disavowed affiliation with any faction, or group of candidates in his statement.

> Mr. Hoey, recognized as one of entire time in law practice and work for the Democratic party.

Judge Hunt Parker, of Roanoke Rapids, will preside over the ones week term of Martin County Super-The time has arrived once again for Bible Schools Plans are now in progress leading to Bible schools at Clair was school bus white the schools at Clair was school bus white schools at Clair was school bu

County Close 1934-35 Term criminal cases and any civil actions fellowship of the good people of that fair.

Start Observance of Annual Clean-Up Week Here Monday

The annual call to the people of the town to clean-up and paintup their property was issued by town authorities yesterday when they designated next week as paint-up and clean-up week in Williamston. The Mayor's proclamation does not signal out one phase of activity in the movement, but urges a general clean-up and paint-up of all properties including business houses and homes. In appealing to the citizens to make the movement a success, to add to its regular street forces in the removal of trash and foreign

take an inventory of their holdings immediately and accept some task to add to the beauty of the town. Everyone is urged to refrain from throwing trash on the streets, and store operators are asked to guard against the practice of allowing paper to blow from the backlots into the streets and on the sidewalks.

Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Friday, May 1935

Questioned and Another Board Meeting Called CHARGE OF RAPE Public Meeting of County Commissioners To

AGAINST NEGRO FAILS TO STAND

Action Dismissed at Hearing Last Night; Held for Indecent Exposure

The assualt and attempted rape case igainst Earl Simmons, young colored nan, was dismissed here last evening when Justice J. L. Hassell found insufficient cause or evidence to substantiate the charges brought by Mrs. Rosemon Owens, white woman, a few before against the negro. Follow ng the hearing held in the courthouse bout 6:30 o'clock last evening, the authorities arrested the man and wonan and charged them with indecent exposure, Justice Has ell, finding probable cause, bound them over to the next Tuesday session of the cour Is Fourth To Announce; Is ty court for trial. Unable to raise the placed in jail.

Testimony in the lewd case indicated he almost unbelievable affair was by Clyde Roark Hoey, Chelby attorney mutual agreement, but the prosecuting witness vigorously denied the evi forced into the woods where the alclosely following that of A. H. Gra-nesses maintain the two met on the ham sets up an interesting contest in railroad and then parted immediately Simmons was said to have followed her, and upon overtaking her said something. The two again parted and followed different routes to the small ion, jr., said they heard no screams from the woman, but they called of-ficers. Jailer Roy Peel, Patrolman Hunt and Rev. Grant rushed to the scene, Jailer Peel catching Simmon

> The preliminary hearing was orig inally scheduled for Wednesday evening, but when a large crowd gathered

Successful Term Is

At School Attracts Big Crowd

A series of events with definite ata farm until he was 12 years old, and dinner marked the close of an unusuthen started working in a printing of ally successful term for the Farm Life fice. At the age of 17 he purchased the School last Wednesday when 12 sen- causing in many cases absences paper he worked with on credit and iors, 11 girls and a lone boy, completbecame publisher and editor. At the ed their local educational training, honored by the presentation of a medage of 21 years he obtained his licen. Features on the closing day program Grace Barnhill, Bernice se to practice law, but he continued were the addresses by Clarence Grif- the senior class. with his paper until 1908, spending his fin, a University of North Carolina Senator Grady, just announced can-

Be Held Next Thursday To Consider Election

Order Election on Liquor Question; Legality Is

Believing the called meeting of the county commissioners here Wednesday did not fully comply with the terms of the law, in that proper notice was not given, Board Chairman John E. Pope this morning called another meeting to be held on Thursday of next week. The special session next Thursday is expected to be one of matter of form only, that the commissioners will again unanimously order a special election be held to decide the liquor question.

Reports from the drys this morn ing indicated they would not be represented at the meeting. Wets, however, are likely to be present to glory in the work of the county governing body, it was said.

The law providing the liquor election is a bit confusing, to say the least, and arguments over its intent are being heard from all sides. Some say a special registration is necessary, that the wets are to vote against the registration books. Others say no new registration is necessary, that the wets must vote against the books as they are. Still others say that a mere majority of the votes cast is all that is necessary to bring legal liquor to the county, that no new

also pointed out that it might be necessary for every one of the counties included in the bill to vote wet before any one of the counties can have legal liquor. And, of

> ion on the wet side. It is now believed that this county will order no special registration, but the matter will not be settled before some time next week, it is believed.

course, there is a difference of opin

It is possible, but considered not likely, that the date for the election in this county will be changed

Scholastic Leaders in School Here Are FOURTEEN CASES Honor Guests at Meet of Local Kiwanis TRIED TUESDAY

With scholastic leaders from the lo- grades were entertained. The names cal high school as their guests, Wil- of the pupils are: Seniors, Grace Manthe cal high school as their guests, Will ming, valedictorian of the class of liamston Kiwanians held an enjoyable 1935; Alta Critcher, salutatorian of the Session Lasted Until Well tion to the controversial pleas. Arguneeting last Wednesday evening, when class of 1935, Mary Belle Edmondson Senator Coburn reviewed the activi- and Eula Green. ties of the recent legislature. The law Juniors: Ben Manning, Marie Grif naker discussed briefly the legislative fin, Mamie Clyde Taylor, and Gwen enactments having to do with toll Watts. bridges, divorces, roads, health matters, constitutional amendments, relief Lee Meador, Mary Helen Boykin, activities, rural electrification, and and Joseph Barnhill,

By their scholastic attainments, four upils from each of the high school Bernice Ward

Sophomores: Helen Shaw, Addie

Freshmen: Wilbur Culpepper, Elva Grace Barnhill, Reg Manning, and

PAUL GRADY IS FINALS SPEAKER AT JAMESVILLE

24 Young Men and Women the play will be presented at Oak City Get Diplomas at Exercises Wednesday

One of the most successful terms in the Jamesville Schools was brought to Brought To Close at a close there last Wednesday evening when Hon, Paul D. Grady addressed Farm Life School the graduating class of 24 young men and a large audience. The Public Dinner Wednesday palship of Professor Jas Uzzle and his Jury for Regular Term Of teachers, With probably no exception. the graduates outnumbered those o any previous year. Twenty-four certificates were awarded seventh-grade tention centering on a huge public graduates, and numerous perfect at tendance awards were made despite measles epidemics and other factors

Miss Martha Moore was signally al for her leadership as a member

student, that morning and by E. S. didate for lieutenant governor, explainstudent, that morning and by E. S. didate for lieutenant governor, explainPeel that evening. Short talks were made by community citizens that they had community citizens that lives, and urged them onward, pointLeon Earl Griffin won a declamation contest and Ruby Roberson was bundant Life" is the only course in victorious over six others in a recita
didate for lieutenant governor, explainbut the presiding officer, Judge Clayton Moore, advised the drawing of a lives, and urged them onward, pointlives, and urged the first three stages of their
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lives, and urged the first three Grade 11: Thomas W. Crockett, To Hold June Court tion contest and Ruby Roberson was meeting the opportunities and responlike the opportunities are respontion contest. Bear Grass defeated Farm sibilities ahead. He explained the nelife 8 to 7 in a baseball game in the cessity of sound and healthful bodies week beginning June 10th are as fol-

progress leading to Bible schools at clair was scheduled to preside over With a general invitation going out He explained that one must have an Bear Grass, Roberson's Chapel, and the term, but it is understood he to their hundreds of friends, the peo-educated mind to appreciate the ac-rington. Poplar Point. Mr. John Whitley who would find it more convenient to hold ple of the community fed approxi- cumulation of wisdom, that material mately 1,000 people at the Wednesday things were of minor importance com-Judge Clayton Moore will preside noon picnic with enough food left pared with the character and training of these schools will begin next week. over the special term of the superior to feed twice that many. A table, near- of youth. The speaker urged the sen Be in your place at church next court convening here June 10th when ly 500 feet long and three feet wide, iors to develop the power to analyze only civil cases will be called. The was covered with choice foods and that they might separate the wholeregular one week term of court con- visitors were warm in their apprecia- some from the unwholesome, to ac verting the following Monday will call tion for the opportunity to share the cept those things that are true and

Last Corn-Hog Payment Now Being Distributed

A third and last payment amount ing to \$3,799.55 is being distributed to the 19 farmers in this county participating in the corn-bog reduction program, Miss Mary Carstarphen, secre tary in the farm agen's office here said vesterday.

Episcopal Program of Services for Sunday

Fourth Sunday after Easter. Church School, 9:45 a.m. Morning prayer and sermon 11 a.m. Evening prayer and sermon 8 p.m. Holy Trinity Mission.

3:30 p.m.

Fair-Sized Crowd Witness Legion Post Comedy Here

The American Legion comedy, "Oh, Professor" was presented to a fairplay in Robersonville. Tomorrow night windshield of an automobile. and for the fourth and last time at payment of the cost in the cases charge lie. He asked that the Jamesville next Monday evening

Jury List Is Drawn For Special Term of Court Next Month

June Court Drawn Last Week

issioner, sheriff, and the register of convening June 10th was to have been held in April, but was postponed on \$200 bond each. of court could be used next month.

Williamston Township: John D. Liley, B. F. Perry, and Roy T. Griffin.

Cross Roads Township: Alton H. Stalls, J. W. Cherry. Robersonville Township: G. H. Cox H. A. Rogerson, C. L. Wilson, M. M. Everett, Dalton A. Brown, H. S. Everett, and J. L. Croom.

Goose Nest Township: J. M. Johnon, J. W. Hines, and L. T. Chesson. Hamilton Township: F. L. Haislip.

Dr. Hubert Poteat To Speak Monday

Dr. Hubert Poteat, recognized authority on music, will speak in the Baptist church here next Monday eve- a.m. by the Pastor, ning at 8 o'clock on the subject of "Hymnology". Dr. Poteat comes here at all points during the day.

at the request of the local Woman's The best wishes and kindest reclub, and the general public is cord-gards are extended by our people to fied to set up the machinery for holdially invited to hear him.

highly instructive, and it is believed next few days. Monday evening.

INCOUNTY COURT

In Afternoon; Actions Of Minor Import

the proceedings continuing into the ing the matter at a later date and afternoon. None of the cases was of unanimously called the election for the nore than casual importance, and the first Saturday in July lowever.

ayment of the cost in the case charge opinions as soon as possible. and damage to property.

Ed Burns was found not guilty in their views," he said. the case charging him with damaging Rev. Charles H. Dickey directed an ozed audience here last evening. This property. The defendant was alleged carnest plea for a delayed action on

> ing R. H. Reed and Gaston Rogers with violating the motor laws.

Clyde Tyner was found not guilty in the case charging him with an asault with a deadly weapon.

A not proviewulted in the case charith a deadly weapon. Herbert Bunting was fined \$50 and 16 1-2 countres included in the bill.

ad his license to operate a motor ve- Board Chairman John E. Pope de bicle revoked for six months in the ase charging him with drunken driv- Wednesday was clothed with

deeds Monday for the one week of charging Chester Terry and Lester was willing to call another meeting special court convening in this county Whitaker with house breaking and and hear the general public, but such the 10th of next month. The court larceny was sent to the superior court a plan was considered out of the quesfor trial with the defendants under then since the law states that the elec-

Arthur Council, colored was sent-Coburn and Horton. It was thought enced to the roads for 90 days for an postponement would make it impos that the jury selected for that week alleged assault with a deadly weapon, sible to hold a legal election in the

son, Lewis H. Roberson, W. B. Harrington.

Bear Grass Township: J. L. HolliHunt. Judge Peel suspended judgto appear before the board in support dent and few minor ones in this coun-

Presbyterians Announce

Church School at 9:45 a.m.

All the regular services will be held the people he allowed to express them-

upon you all.

ACTION ORDERED AT SPECIAL MEET COUNTY BOARD

Vigorous Protest Is Made By Temperance Leaders At Meet Wednesday

ments were carnestly presented by the dry leaders, but upon motion of Commissioner V. G. Taylor and sec ounty recorder's court last Tuesday, ing, the board voted against consider

court collected few fines. Several len- J. G. Staton, speaking for the wets, gthy road sentences were meted out, stated that it was only democratic for ng Edmond Orthond with an assault cost the county to hold an election

vening the Legion Post will stage the to have thrown a torpedo into the calling the election, explaining that Judgment was suspended upon the and without proper notice to the pubconsider the matter. The dry leader somted out that no one in the county Charged with an assault, Bernice that the opinion was the law would Barnhill, colored, was sentenced to not stand 'oustitutional scrutiny. He he roads for a period of six months. also pleaded with the commissioners ging LeRoy Sherrod with an assault supremy court decision, any legislative

> that no preeting was generally ad Probable cause appearing, the case vertised Mr. Pope explained that he L. C. Barbour, charged with op time left, Elbert S. Peel, attorney to

payment of the cost in the case charging. Homer Stokes with operating a car with improper brakes and in the case charging J. E. Copeland, jr., with legal liquor, but the argument in conpassing a school bus while discharging nection with how the meeting was Charged with allowing his 11-year- leaving the courthouse agreed to carry Griffins Township: Oscar B, Rober- old son to drive an automobile, W. the question before the voters be

ment upon the payment of the cost, of the dry cause, pleaded for a delay Since his arrival here several weeks in calling the election. She explained ago, Patrolman W. S. Hunt has carried on a relentless drive against high- tion on the all-important health proway law violations, and his cases have gram for the county, that the action constituted about one-half the num-ber of the weekly court dockets. Fines lieved it would be wise to delay action and forfeitures resulting from his in calling a referendum. Mrs. Ward cases alone have netted the county urged the commissioners to clear from \$40 to \$50 a month since he themselves of the charge that they has been here. The fifth month is had attempted to clothe the meeting in half gone and so far this year there secrecy by calling another meeting has not been a fatal automobile acci- and inviting the public to appear, that more opportunity could be had to

Services at All Points tion, that the commissioners know just as much about the bill now as they will know later. Mr. E. G. Anderson Worship Service and Sermon at II said there was no advantage to delay calling the election, and urged that

ally invited to hear him.

all the young people graduating from ing the election, and unless the court His lectures, very entertaining, are all schools and colleges during the steps in, and there is a possibility that Church School and preaching at many people will hear him here next We pray for God's richest blessings have an opportunity to vote on the quor question the sixth of July.