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LARGE CROWD AT UNION REVIVAL SUNDAY NIGHT

Ministers Start Drive For More Interest During Remaining Days

Williamston's union religious meeting, supported by four cooperating churches, entered its second and last week Sunday evening, with the largest congregation since the opening Sunday, a week ago. While interest is increasing almost daily, the meeting has not reached a point as effective as the leaders had planned, it is understood. A majority of those attending the services are from the rural community, large numbers of local people failing to participate in or give support to the religious movement in any way, and it is apparent that ministers of the cooperating churches are at a loss as to what to do to remedy the situation. Every effort is being advanced by them, however, to make marked progress during the few remaining days the meeting is to continue.

Last evening a congregation, considered large for Monday, heard the Rev. R. R. Grant, of the Methodist church, as he fervently preached on the "Forgiveness of Sins." Rev. J. M. Perry occupied the pulpit the evening before, and Rev. Mr. Tenney, Texas minister, preached to a fairly large congregation in the Roanoke-Dixie tabernacle.

The song leader, imported from Virginia, has been dismissed, and Mr. Perry is leading the song services now.

At a recent meeting of the ministers, plans were formulated to conduct an extensive drive in behalf of the meeting during the remainder of this week, and a more urgent invitation is being extended the public to attend the nightly services.

WPA Sewing Room To Present Exhibit

Clothing manufactured in the several Works Progress Administration sewing rooms in this county will be placed on display in the county office of the WPA in the City Hall, Williamston, all day Friday for inspection by the public. Thousands of garments have been made in the sewing rooms of this county, and the public, cordially invited to view the display, will find an inspection very interesting. The office will be opened all day, Miss Ella Mae Gaylord, head of the project, announced.

Native of County Passes In Texas

Funeral services for Roy G. Taylor, native of this county, are being held in Raleigh this afternoon, interment to follow in the Montlawn Cemetery there. Mr. Taylor, a resident of Raleigh for about thirteen years, died in a Marlin, Texas, hospital, where he had gone for treatment a short time ago.

Son of Mrs. W. A. Taylor and the late Mr. Taylor, he was born in the Bear Grass section of this county 41 years ago. After reaching manhood, he moved to Belhaven where he lived before going to Raleigh to make his home.

Besides his mother he is survived by his widow and one son, Joe Taylor, of Raleigh. He also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Kneezler Harrison and Mrs. T. M. Mendenhall, of this county, and Mrs. Harvey Warden, of Winston-Salem, and two brothers, Thad Taylor, of Washington, and J. D. Taylor, of New Orleans, and a half brother, W. A. Gurganus, of this county.

Mr. Taylor was well known in this county and in Raleigh. He had suffered from high blood pressure for some time and that with complications caused death.

To Open Barbershop In Hotel Building Saturday

The store building recently vacated by the Woman's shop has been leased by W. P. Bunch, colored barber, who plans to open a barbershop there within the next few days. Fixtures are being moved from the building today, and the shop operator plans to move in and open for business by Saturday of this week, if possible.

County Pretty Well Divided Up Over Gubernatorial Race

The political situation as it affects the four-cornered race for the governorship, is all tangled up in this county, with probably McDonald out in front and McRae in the rear, and with Hoey and Graham somewhere in the middle, nobody seems to know just where. Hassell and Hamilton are admitted for McDonald, while Hoey is holding his own in Goose Nest, according to reports. Other sections are divided to a larger extent than one would imagine.

But there is not a great deal of interest in the race for governor in some districts, it is understood. Up

Plans Are Explained For Survey of Schools

RED CROSS

With an assigned quota of \$450 the Martin County chapter of the American Red Cross continues far behind in its response, according to a report released yesterday by Chairman Harry Biggs. Seven dollars were received during the week-end, increasing the fund to \$96.93. Donations were received from the following: J. Edward Corey, \$1; and \$5 by several persons who wished their names withheld.

Mr. Biggs will be out of town several days this week, but donations for the storm victims in Georgia and Greensboro will be gladly received by the banks and turned over to the chairman for forwarding to the Red Cross headquarters.

Two Bertie Men Are Nearly Drowned as Small Boat Capsizes

Marcus Joyner and Charlie Speller Cling To Tree For An Hour

Marcus Joyner and Charlie Speller, Bertie white men, barely escaped drowning when a small boat in which they were riding capsized in Conine Creek near the other end of the highway bridge yesterday morning. They were pulled to safety about an hour later by Captain Bob Sydenstricker, of the National Handle Company, of Plymouth.

Thrown into the water just above the bridge, the two men were carried 25 yards or more by the swift current before they could catch the bushes and pull themselves to temporary safety in a tree about 25 feet below the bridge. An attempt was made to drag Speller to the bridge with a rope, but the rushing water turned him end over end several times and he was forced to return to the tree. Speller lost his boots and his hat and was almost blue when taken from the water.

Mr. Sydenstricker used a boat, which he maneuvered with a rope from the bridge to bring the men to safety. No effort was made to recover the boat, the two men apparently being well satisfied to escape with their lives.

Two men are said to have nearly lost their lives at Windsor a few days ago when their boat capsized.

No Additional Cases Of Diphtheria Reported

Following a minor attack of diphtheria in this community a few days ago, no additional cases have been reported to the county health office since last week, it was learned today. Several cases of the disease were reported here recently, but the situation was not considered alarming.

Civil Term Superior Court Is Underway Here Today

An abbreviated two-weeks term of Martin County Superior Court convened here this morning with Judge Clayton Moore presiding. Only civil cases will be considered during the term.

A judgment was entered by agreement in the case of Slade, Rhodes & Company and others against Roy Gurganus, administrator, and National Surety Company, giving the plaintiffs approximately \$2,858.78. Shortly before noon the court was working on the case of Keel against Wynn, after which the case of Harris against Wilkins was scheduled for consideration.

School Officials of Five Counties at Meet Here Friday

Proposed Survey Will Be Completed During The Next Six Months

Plans for conducting an extensive survey of school plants, their location and distribution of pupils in this and several other counties in this district were explained to superintendents and principals at a meeting held in the Martin courthouse last Friday afternoon. Bertie, Tyrrell, Washington, and Hertford, were represented in addition to several principals attending the meeting from this county.

Mr. Alfred H. Young, one of the directors of the survey in this state, explained the survey that is being sponsored by the federal government in 10 of the 48 states. Mr. Young discussed at length the plans for the survey and answered numerous questions, the superintendents expressing themselves as being very much pleased with the proposed work.

The survey, scheduled to require six months for its completion, will show every school building in the county, the locations of the schools, adequacy of school plants and equipment, geographical location of children in relation to population and school buildings in addition to other data recognized as important to acquiring a complete picture of school operations.

A worker from the Federal employment bureau will be assigned the task, and he will handle the work in cooperation with the county superintendent and principals. More than \$52,000 has been appropriated for the work, the canvasser in each county receiving \$42.50 a month.

Local High School Team Breaks Even In First 2 Contests

Everetts Material Aid In Making Team Strongest Here in Some Time

After losing their opening game to Edenton, 13 to 8, at Edenton last Friday, the local high school baseball boys turned on Hertford here yesterday afternoon to strike their stride and mark up a 14 to 2 victory. Summerlin and Cone formed the battery in the Edenton game.

Yesterday, the boys, aided by some promising material out of Everetts, went on a hitting spree to account for 19 hits, one of them being a homer by Clayton Moore. Barnhill made three hits while Moore led at bat with four hits. Batting honors so far this season are held by Andrews, who is averaging 1.000. In the game yesterday he made two hits and walked three times. The locals knocked out Chalk and Wade before Winalow went in to the box to finish the game for the visitors.

Cook, working on the mound for Williamston, allowed only 7 hits. His pitching was backed by splendid playing in the infield.

The line-up yesterday was: Cook, pitcher; Cone, catcher; Moore, first base; Barnhill, second base; Ashley Wynn, shortstop; Riddick, third base; C. T. Roberson, right field; Ben Hardison, centerfield; and Andrews, left field.

Scores by innings: R H E Hertford — 0 20 0 0 0 — 2 7 5 Williamston 5 10 3 0 0 — 14 19 1

NO CANDIDATES OUT SO FAR FOR COUNTY OFFICES

Change in Law Expected To Lower Interest In Commissioners' Race

With not a single candidate out in the open so far for office, politics in Martin County are like the farming season—that is, trailing behind activities in other neighboring political divisions. Surely there will be names in the pot for every position open, but no applications have been advanced just yet. Although several candidates have announced for district positions, no one has formally filed with the county board of elections, according to Chairman Sylvester Peel.

The political field is wide open in this county this year with the exception of the clerk of court office, Mr. L. B. Wynne having elected for a four-year term in the last contest. The terms of all members of the county board of education expire along with those for register of deeds, sheriff, judge and solicitor of county court, coroner, county commissioners, and a number of minor ones, such as justices of the peace.

Little or no competition is expected in the county contests this year, but much interest is already assured in the race for governor.

The nomination of county commissioners will hardly be more than a lifeless task this June, since a new law regulating their nomination was passed by the last legislature. Under the terms of the law, the ten townships in the county were paired with Jamesville and Williams Townships, Griffins and Bear Grass, Williamston and Poplar Point, Cross Roads, Robersonville and Hamilton and Goose Nest each nominating its own candidate for county commissioner. They will not be voted on in the county-wide pattern in effect last primary. This system was in effect in some years ago, and proved unpopular and was changed. After several years of county-wide voting for commissioners, a change to the former plan was ordered a year ago last January.

The recent change was advanced, with no opposition, when a large section of the county came up short with representation on either the board of commissioners and the county board of education, it is understood.

Just how many of the commissioner and members of the board of education plan to run for reelection is not known just at this time, but, under the new law affecting the nomination of commissioners, there will have to be at least one change in the board of commissioners group it is believed. At the present time, two townships, or one district, Jamesville and Williams, have two commissioners.

Board of Education In Meeting Monday

Meeting in special session Monday the Martin County Board of Education immediately completed plans for an inspection of the several buildings now being constructed in cooperation with the Public Works Administration. Following the inspection tour, members of the board expressed themselves as being well pleased with the construction work and the progress that had been made on the buildings, considering bad weather conditions during recent months.

The first of the five buildings will probably be completed at Williamston within the next five or six weeks, it is understood. New buildings or additions are being constructed at Jamesville, Farm Life, Robersonville, Williamston and Oak City.

River Falling After Reaching 12.7 Mark

After going into flood stage for the sixth time this season, the old Roanoke started falling here early today, Hugh Spruill reporting a 3-inch drop at 10 o'clock today after the stream reached a crest of 12.7 feet late last night. It will be several days before the stream is expected to fall within its banks at this point.

Another slight rise was reported in the Roanoke at Clarksville, Va., a few days ago, and while that is likely to check the fall it is not expected that it will cause the stream to go into flood stage again. It is possible that the seine fisheries will be able to start operations at Jamesville some time about the latter part of next week, but reports indicate there are few fish running at this time.

Tax Listing Increasing Rapidly After Getting Off To Poor Start; Expect Rush in Two Weeks Left

Clyde Erwin To Speak Here Thursday at P.-T. A. Meeting

An address by Mr. Clyde Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, will feature a meeting of the Williamston Parent-Teacher Association in the high school auditorium next Thursday afternoon at 3:30. Mr. Erwin was scheduled to speak here on February 20, but the association meeting was postponed due to the fact that the school was closed and much sickness existed in the community. Mr. Erwin is an

Ralph McDonald Will Talk Here Wednesday

Many Expected To Hear Candidate at 12 M. in Courthouse

Not Definitely Known Who Will Introduce Speaker To Audience

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, leading candidate for governor of North Carolina just now, will speak in the Martin County courthouse tomorrow (Wednesday) at 12 o'clock, it was announced by C. W. Spruill, Bertie man and a special friend of the doctor. Tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock he speaks in the courthouse at Windsor.

Calling for a new deal in North Carolina, McDonald is reported to be leading the field throughout the state, with possibly a few exceptions. The address here tomorrow marks the opening of his campaign in this county, and local politicians are watching with interest his first move in this territory. His 12-point program, featuring the elimination of the sales tax and the lowering of the cost for automobile license tags, is proving quite popular with the masses, while a few, on the other hand, are quite disturbed over the possibility of raising enough revenue from other sources of taxation to support an increased school fund and old-age pensions. Mr. McDonald's platform is in almost direct opposition to that of the other candidates, and his personal appearance here tomorrow is expected to attract a large audience.

Judge Clayton Moore states he will recess court at noon for the gubernatorial candidate. As far as could be learned here today, McDonald has not named a county manager for his campaign, and it is not known who will introduce him to his audience when he speaks here tomorrow.

Soil Conservation Program Will Be Taken To Farmers

Committeemen of County To Hold Session Here Tomorrow Evening

If present plans materialize, Martin County farm leaders will carry the soil conservation program into the several townships of the county next week, according to information coming from the office of Agent T. B. Brandon today. While activities were temporarily delayed by a holiday yesterday, the office forces are rapidly continuing their work today, making ready information necessary in promoting the program by the county committeemen. Base and production data are being prepared for every tobacco, cotton and peanut grower in the county, and the information along with what are called work sheets will be turned over to the committeemen as soon as possible.

County and community committeemen are meeting here tomorrow evening, when a more complete outline of the soil conservation program will be discussed. In the meantime, farmers in the county are said to be continuing their interest in the movement with the possibility that more than 80 per cent will participate in the program to some extent.

Decrease in Personal Property Value May Result from Change

Warns Holders of Solvent Credits To List Them If Collection Is Desired

After getting off to a slow start, tax listing is increasing rapidly in most of the ten townships of this county now, according to reports coming from several of the districts yesterday. The work has not progressed to that point where even an indicative trend of the listings can be gained just at this time.

As a result of a change in the taxing system, it is possible that there will be losses in personal property listings, especially can this be expected in the strictly rural centers. Heretofore, the \$300 exemption was confined to household and kitchen furniture, and many families possessed far below that amount. Now the exemption includes chattels, and the family that had to pay tax on a mule or horse can include the animal in the exemption and save some money.

In an effort to offset this expected loss, the tax supervisor is warning all owners of solvent credits to list them for taxation. The law which states that all solvent credits not listed for taxation forego the right to collection is being stressed, and it is possible that some test cases will grow out of the situation this year. In other words, a man who owns a certain note cannot collect it by law unless he has listed that note for taxation.

In Williamston Township, the listing work is progressing fairly steady with a gain expected in both personal and real property values.

The time for listing ends two weeks from today, after which time the authorities are empowered to list the property for double taxation. Property owners will find it very convenient to list their holdings today or on those days specified by the several list-takers and make unnecessary a last-minute rush and even the possibility of being double taxed. No extension of time has been mentioned, and none can be considered in time unless the commissioners go into special session, and that is not likely. Tax listing has to be done, and the property owners will certainly find it to their advantage to handle the task at once.

Vaccination Drive On Dogs Extended To New Townships

Campaign Is Completed In Three of Districts Last Saturday

Martin County's anti-rabies campaign, started in three townships last Saturday, will be continued Saturday of this week when clinics will be held at Parmele, Robersonville and Gold Point and possibly in Bear Grass and Cross Roads Township the same day. Should sufficient serum arrive in time, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck will make announcement for the clinics in the latter townships. Arrangements are complete for the campaign in all of Robersonville Township, Sheriff Roebuck stated today.

The work in Goose Nest, Hamilton, and Poplar Point Townships has not been reported in detail to the sheriff, but it is understood the drive against rabies was 100 per cent completed in Poplar Point, and nearly complete in the other districts.

Receiving a report that one owner was not going to have his old dog vaccinated, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, armed with an indictment, investigated the case. When questioned, the man explained that he was only fooling, that his old dog had been run over and killed by an automobile and that he knew it would not be necessary to vaccinate a dead dog. The officer explained that the anti-rabies campaign was not to be considered lightly, and it is understood that warrants will be issued against those failing to comply with the anti-rabies law. Dates for other clinics will be announced within the next few days, Sheriff Roebuck said today.

HERE TOMORROW



Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, will speak in the courthouse here tomorrow at 12 o'clock.