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COUNTY GETS ALL TIME PROBATION OFFICER MAY 1st

Delinquent Children Will Offer Immediate Task For New Officer

Martin County has just recently been assigned an all-time probation officer, the position being recognized as one of unusual importance in aiding delinquent youth and advancing the welfare of all children. The officer, whose name has not been announced, is scheduled to report in the county the first of next month, and no doubt the half dozen or more delinquent colored children on the streets of Williamston will be the officer's first problem.

Assigned to this county as one of 36 in the state by the board of charities and welfare, the officer is paid entirely from Federal funds and without any cost to the county.

The officer will deal with any child "(1) Who is delinquent or who violates any municipal or state law or ordinance or who is truant, unruly, wayward or misdirected, or who is disobedient to parents or beyond their control, or who is in danger of becoming so; or

"(2) Who is neglected, or who engages in any occupation, calling, or exhibition, or is found in any place where a child is forbidden by law to be, and for permitting which an adult may be punished by law, or who is in such condition or surroundings, or is under such improper or insufficient guardianship or control as to endanger the morals, health, or general welfare, of such child; or

"(3) Who is dependent upon public support or who is destitute, homeless or abandoned, or whose custody is subject to controversy."

Other duties will be: Caseworker for all families in county to whom Mothers' Aid to Dependent Children is granted, also for all children paroled from state institutions for defective or delinquents;

Assistant to county superintendent of public welfare in making investigations of child and foster parents in petitions for adoption in superior court;

Agent for State Board of Charities and Public Welfare in visiting and supervising and reporting homes licensed to board children and in relation to any work of board dealing with children in county;

Caseworker in county department of public welfare having responsibility for investigation of cases involving children referred by outside agencies, both public and private;

Assistant school attendance officer for rural schools of county;

Assistant to county superintendent of public welfare in enforcing child-labor laws in rural areas of county, and in promoting wholesome recreation in county;

Caseworker for children handicapped by physical defects—crippled, blind and deaf, and those afflicted by diseases that may result in physical handicaps—by locating such children and by referring them to the proper county or state health and educational agencies for necessary care, treatment and training and by assisting these agencies in contact and plan for children;

Assistant to county superintendent of public welfare in safeguarding children of illegitimate birth and in protecting them to the full extent of juvenile court and illegitimacy laws; and assistant in promoting all community projects whose purpose is protection and development of children.

Reserves Stand on Certain Questions

Questioned here last evening as to his stand on the proposal to refund to the several counties money advanced the highway commission for the construction of roads years ago, Clyde R. Hoey, candidate for governor, would not advance an open opinion, explaining that he was not very well posted in the matter just now. He did say, however, it would be no more than right to abide by the findings of the committee to be named by Governor Ehringhaus, if and when such a committee is named.

The candidate also reserved a statement in connection with the proposed highway patrol radio system, explaining that the fate of the system rested in the hands of technicians.

Dolomitic Limestone Is Best Fertilizer Filler

Dolomitic limestone makes a better filler for fertilizer than inert sand and progressive North Carolina farmers are beginning to demand that the limestone be used.

Union Meeting Is Brought To Successful Close Here Sunday

The series of union church services started in the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse here more than two weeks ago came to a successful close last Sunday night, the several ministers of the co-operating churches stating that they were very much encouraged with the results accomplished by the religious movement. Only one addition was reported during the meeting, but

the ministers are confident a goodly number will affiliate with the churches of their choice within the near future.

Interest in the meeting increased nightly during the two weeks, the largest crowd of the period attending the last Sunday evening service. Ministers of the co-operating churches occupied the pulpit in turn, and confined their sermon topics to the Scriptures.

Clyde Hoey Heard by More Than 500 Here

County Officers Get Several Liquor Stills In Series of Raids

Free Union Colored Man Is Caught Transporting Quantity of Liquor

County Officers C. B. and J. H. Roebuck and Roy Peel played havoc with the illicit liquor manufacturing business in two townships last Saturday and Sunday.

Willis Pearce, colored man, was arrested and 20 gallons of liquor and 7 barrels of beer were destroyed in a raid down Free Union way Saturday morning. That afternoon, the officers destroyed 750 gallons of beer and wrecked a complete plant with a 100-gallon capacity copper kettle in Poplar Point Township.

Sunday morning the officers trailed a load of beer through the woods in Free Union, but the driver of the mule and cart threw it out as he drove the animal in high gear.

Friends of the manufacturer removed the copper still from the plant while the officers chased the load of beer, but the remainder of the plant and 400 gallons of beer were destroyed. A short time later, the officers raided in the Warren Neck section, not far from the Plymouth fisheries, and found a still in operation. Five men were at the plant, but they escaped. The still, a 100-gallon capacity kettle, was confiscated, along with 4 gallons of liquor and 3 barrels of beer.

Colored Man is Hurt in Accident

Vance Bryant, local colored man, suffered a fracture of the skull and internal injuries in an auto-truck collision on the river fill early last Saturday evening. Bryant was riding in the body of a truck when Elisha Moore, Bertie colored man, crashed into the rear of the truck, catching Bryant between the two machines.

Rascoe, who is now facing a charge of driving a car with improper brakes, stated that he started to pass the truck, saw another car coming and turned back to his side of the road, crashing into the truck and Bryant.

The injured man was given first-aid treatment here and was later entered in the hospital at Windsor. While his condition is considered critical, he is expected to recover.

Contract Let To Enlarge Church

A contract for enlarging the local Memorial Baptist church building on Church and Smithwick Streets here was let yesterday to Perry and Martin, builders, the addition to cost approximately \$4,750 not including heating and plumbing. The improvement program will cost around \$6,500. H. S. Grimes, chairman of the building committee, said this morning. Work on the addition will be started immediately, it was stated.

Eight Sunday school rooms will be added to the rear of the present building four of them to be located in the basement, the addition to be built forming a "T" shaped structure.

The enlargement program has been considered by the church people for several years, but only yesterday were plans completed for launching the project.

Duplin Farmers Buy 7 Carloads of Drain Tile

Farmers of Duplin County have purchased seven cars of drain tile cooperatively since last fall.

COBURN TO MAKE RACE FOR STATE SENATOR AGAIN

Starts Active Campaign In Several Counties Of the District This Week

In filing his formal candidacy for State Senator from this district, Attorney R. L. Coburn last Saturday briefly reviewed his record in the General Assembly last term. Probably his greatest efforts were advanced in the interest of the proposal to have the State Highway Commission refund about \$400,000 to Martin County and similar sums to about 48 other counties in the state for money advanced the commission in promoting its early road-building program. Mr. Coburn explains that a bill was passed authorizing the governor to appoint a committee to study the claims and report to him and the next legislature when the findings will be investigated.

During the 1935 term, the Senator was a member of the appropriations committee, and was active in securing greater appropriations for schools and charitable and correctional institutions. Mr. Coburn also introduced a bill to amend the sterilization laws, which was calculated to increase sterilization of people mentally diseased, and as a result more people have been sterilized during the past year than at all other times combined. The senator points out that this is proving one of the most effective ways to curb crime and the birth of feeble-minded children.

As for the sales tax, Mr. Coburn opposed it, principally because no provision was made to exempt foods and other necessities of life. The sales tax was created in 1933 as an emergency measure, and should have been so considered in 1935, that instead of reducing the sales tax in proportion to the emergency, it was increased and made more oppressive.

Mr. Coburn is opposed in the coming primary by Mr. Rodman and Mr. Atmore, of Beaufort County.

Home Is Practically Destroyed by Blaze Here Monday Noon

Owned by Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Mobley, Home Is Damaged \$3,000

Introduced as the "next governor" by Mayor John L. Hassell, Mr. Hoey told his hearers that he had spoken for others so long that it was a bit difficult now to speak for himself, and, after outlining the principles of the party and its activities and explaining his stand on vital questions, he said he would leave it to the people who to vote for in the coming primary.

Referring to North Carolina as a leader in agriculture and manufacture and in all realms that touch the citizenship of this state, the Cleveland County man entered into the issues that are proving foremost in interest as the four-cornered race for governor progresses. He explained what the state is doing for its schools today. "From \$100,000 in 1899, the schools are now receiving 66 cents out of every tax dollar collected in North Carolina, the total sum running to \$20,000,000 this year, and during the depression the schools of this state were kept open," he said. A fitting tribute was paid the teachers by the speaker.

When discovered, the fire was burning over a greater portion of the roof, and by the time the call was entered and the fire company reached the scene the dry shingles and heart timbers were burning rapidly.

Three hose lines were connected to the fire truck, and water was turned on the fire for more than half an hour before it was brought under control. While the fire was confined mainly to the roof and gables, considerable damage was done to the walls and other standing timbers. It has been some time since the local fire company had a more difficult residence fire to battle.

During the height of the Mobley fire, sparks fired the Swain home across the street, but it was soon checked and very little damage resulted.

Mr. and Mrs. Mobley and family moved to the home recently vacated on Hassell Street by Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hoggard. Plans for repairing or remodeling their home have not been considered at this time.

Sandy Ridge Defeats Everetts Team 15 To 11

Behind the seven hit pitching of Ben Hardison, Sandy Ridge turned back Everetts at Everett's last Sunday afternoon, 15 to 11, in their first clash of baseball bats this season. Wesley Hardison caught for the boys across the creek. Forbes allowed the visitors 16 hits.

Daniels for Sandy Ridge and Cherr for Everetts led at bat with three hits each.

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County Board of Elections Sets Up Organization by Precincts To Conduct Primary on June 6th

R. A. Haislip Is First Man To Announce for County Office

Mr. R. A. Haislip, well known large-scale farmer of Goose Nest Township, cracked the county political ice this week when he announced his candidacy for commissioner from the Goose Nest-Hamilton district. While Messrs. Hugh G. Horton has announced for the house of representatives and R. L. Coburn for the state senate, Mr. Haislip is the first man to announce for

a strictly county office. Several others are understood to have filed with the county board of elections but they have not publicly announced their candidates so far.

Mr. Haislip, about 51 years old, is well known in his district, where he has been actively engaged in farming for a number of years, and is well known over the county generally.

Pre-School Clinics in County Are Planned

Announce Schedule Beginning Monday At Jamesville School

Mrs. Sloan, State Nurse To Handle Work Assisted By County Doctors

Beginning next Monday morning, a series of pre-school clinics will be conducted in each of the high schools in the county, with Miss Sloan, state health nurse, in charge, it was announced by the office of the board of education. All children planning to enter school next fall are urged to attend the clinic in their respective districts. Examinations will be made free, and it is possible that certain defects discovered can be corrected before school gets under way in the fall.

Parent-teacher associations and medical doctors and dentists are expected to cooperate in the worthwhile movement. Last year nearly 200 children were examined in the clinics, and a large majority of the children were found to have some physical defect. Once the defects were discovered, the parents had them corrected in most cases. The children reporting for physical examinations last spring were divided among the schools as follows:

Jamesville, 26; Farm Life, 22; Williamston, 54; Bear Grass, 17; Everetts, 15; Robersonville, 22; Oak City 21; and Hamilton, 14.

Clinics in the white schools next week will be held as follows:

Jamesville, Monday April 27, at 9:30 a. m.; Farm Life that afternoon at 1:30.

Williamston, all day Tuesday,

April 28.

Bear Grass, Wednesday, April 29, at 9:30; and that afternoon at Everett.

Robersonville, all day Thursday, April 30. Gold Point children are supposed to report at Robersonville that day for examinations.

Oak City, Friday, May 1, at 9:30, and at Hamilton that afternoon.

Hassell children are to report at Hamilton for examinations that afternoon.

Parents are urged to carry or send their children to these clinics that any existing physical defects may be discovered and corrected before schools start in the fall.

The fishery at Camp Point, operated by C. C. Fleming, will probably go into action tomorrow. Those at Plymouth are said to have started operations yesterday.

Reports from the weather station here this morning were not considered very favorable for the fishermen. The stream, receding about 10 inches Sunday and Monday, did not fall but about 4 inches during the last 24 hours, and continues about six inches over the banks at this point today.

Fire Company Called To Peanut Plant Here Today

After a stubborn battle with the C. R. Mobley residence fire just before noon yesterday, local firemen had a real scare thrown into them at 12:35 this afternoon when a call was received from the big factory of the Columbian Peanut Company on Washington Road. A hurried report was made, and the fire, just getting a good start on one corner of the building, was soon checked.

Said to have started from a spark out of the smoke stack of the Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company plant, the fire burned a small place on the corner of the second story of the tall building.

Registration Books To Be Open Three Saturdays; Start 9th

Only Five Changes Made in Personnel of Election Officials in County

Machinery for holding primaries and elections in this county during the next two years, beginning with the primary on June 6, next, was set up by the county board of elections at a meeting held in the courthouse last Saturday, the authorities making comparatively few changes in the election personnel.

The board, composed of Messrs. Sylvester Peel, of Griffins Township; Albert T. Pery, of Williamson; and Joe R. Winslow, of Robersonville; named Mr. Peel its chairman and Mr. Winslow secretary. Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne administered the oaths of office.

Registration books were ordered opened on May 9, the county election authorities ruling that the registrars should remain at the places of registration during that day and the following two Saturdays for the registration of voters and to have the books open for challenge of any registrations on the next Saturday or one week before the primary.

The board decided to instruct the registrars to close the books to late registrations except in those cases provided by law. Registrars are expected to handle the registrations themselves, and not permit members of their families to enter new names. Election officials will receive \$3 a day this year, the wages having been increased from \$2 to \$3. The board also ruled to pay registrars and judges of election serving in the last July election an additional \$1 for each day they served at the rate of \$2 a day. A law was passed earlier that year increasing the pay of election officials from \$2 to \$3 a day, but only in a few cases was the increase allowed at that time.

In accordance with instructions by the board, a complete revision of the registration books in Jamesville precinct will be made.

The voting place in Poplar Point precinct was changed from a tobacco barn shelter at the old Brooksville schoolhouse to Alphonso Roebuck's filling station. The polls will be opened at the same place in the other 11 precincts.

The most difficult job the board experienced during its Saturday meeting was finding a sufficient number of republicans to serve as judges of election. The task was impossible in some districts, and in those cases the board tried to appoint a democrat that would be acceptable to both sides. The names of the election officials appointed are as follows, with the name of the registrar first, that of the democrat judge of elections second, and that of the republican judge of elections third, with certain exceptions as to the party affiliations of the third man:

Jamesville: Luther Hardison, R. L. Stallings and Charles Davenport. Williams: L. D. Hardison, R. J. Hardison and Chas. L. Daniel.

Griffins: S. Oscar Peel, W. T. Roberson and Marion Hodges.

Bear Grass: J. Rossell Rogers, W. M. Harrison and W. A. Brown.

Williamston: M. Luther Peeler, J. Haywood Rogers and Chas. Cowen. Cross Roads: J. S. Ayers, J. B. Barnhill and Willie Ausburn.

Poplar Point: W. Slade White, Luther G. Leggett and Herman Harrison.

Robersonville: Eli Rodgers, C. Abram Roberson and L. N. Vick.

Gold Point: Harry Roberson, J. L. Croome and H. L. Keel.

Hamilton: John A. Davenport, S. T. Matthews and W. A. Beach.

Goose Nest: John W. Hines, J. C. H. Johnson and Ernest Bunting.

Hassell: C. L. Nelson, Elmer R. Edmondson and George Ayers.