

ORPHAN SINGING CLASS WILL GIVE CONCERT MAY 11

Appeal Made To Public To Attend; No Admission Charge To Be Asked

Reported to be the best ever to take the road, the Oxford Orphanage Singing Class will appear here in annual concert next Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium. The 14 youthful singers and entertainers will reach here that morning and are to be the guests of interested friends until the following morning. Only half of the small motherless and fatherless tots had been assigned places in local homes late yesterday, it was learned. Anyone who would like to have one or more of the children in their homes Monday and Monday night are asked to get in touch with W. C. Manning, chairman of the orphanage committee of the local Masonic lodge. Local people who have entertained the little orphanage representatives in the past have derived much pleasure and found the task not at all troublesome.

Giving from six to seven, and occasionally more, concerts each week for several months, the singing class is regarded as one of the main sources of revenue for the orphanage, and it is hoped by those who are bringing the entertainers here that a large crowd will attend the concert next Monday night. Reports from other towns where the class has appeared in concerts state that the program is one of the best, if not the best, ever offered by the youthful troupers.

No charge for admission will be made, but a free-will offering will be asked.

Men Arrested Here To Be Tried Monday

W. A. Braden and F. J. Kavanagh, arrested here the early part of last February for alleged impersonation of Federal officers and obtaining money under false pretense, will face trial in Federal court at Raleigh next Monday. Several witnesses here have been summoned by the government to testify in the case.

The two men are now at liberty under \$1,500 bonds each, according to information received here.

Braden is alleged to have sold a correspondence course to Mrs. Grace Maynard, guaranteeing her a job with the government upon the completion of the course. One or two others in this county are also said to have bargained for the course of instruction. Following the arrest of the two men, complaints against them were received here in large numbers, and it is believed that many witnesses will be on hand to aid the prosecution next Monday.

Raiding Activities Of County Officers

During the past few days, county officers conducted a series of successful raids on liquor plants, wrecking five plants, arresting one man and destroying about 25 gallons of liquor and several hundred gallons of beer. The raids were made in Williams, Bear Grass and Poplar Point. John H. Cowan was arrested in Bear Grass when officers found him carrying a quantity of liquor in a keg, it was said.

Commencement Plans at Oak City

Plans for the closing events in the Oak City school are being completed this week, Principal H. M. Ainsley announced yesterday. The first of the series of commencement exercises—the annual sermon—will be preached May 31, at 8 p. m., the minister to be named later. On Monday evening, June 1, class day exercises will be presented in the form of a playlet. The commencement address will be delivered Tuesday evening, June 2. A barbecue dinner is being considered, Mr. Ainsley said, but the plans for it have not been completed.

There are 24 seniors on the class roll in the Oak City school and 22 of them are expected to graduate. The other two seniors are not carrying sufficient work to meet the unit requirements, it was stated. The class has already begun practicing the class day exercises. With examinations and commencement preparations soon to get underway, the class is expected to be kept very busy until the close of the term.

Announce Program of Final Exercises for Local Schools

Plans for the closing exercises in the local school were announced by Principal D. N. Hix today, the first of the events being scheduled for Sunday, May 24, at 11 a. m., when Rev. R. R. Grant, pastor of the local Methodist church, preaches the commencement sermon in the high school auditorium.

Members of the senior class will hold their exercises Wednesday evening, May 28. There are 33 candidates, 18 girls and 15 boys, for graduation, or about 10 more than the number graduated by the school last term.

The last of the closing events will be held Friday evening, May 28, when Hon. A. A. F. Seawell, attorney general, State of North Carolina, delivers the commencement address and the graduates are awarded their diplomas. Forty-two candidates in the seventh grade will receive their certificates of promotion to the high school at that time.

Several features ordinarily included in the closing program, have been eliminated, Principal Hix explaining that grade operettas were omitted because of the long interruption during January and March.

Precinct Meetings Are To Be Held Tomorrow

CALL CERTIFICATES

Farmers who have sold and who plan to sell cotton between now and next Friday are directed to turn their sales certificates into Mr. T. B. Slade, assistant in cotton control, at his office in the courthouse prior to the 15th of this month if they desire to participate in the cotton price adjustment payments. Certificates, received after the 15th, will be handled after considerable delay, it is understood.

BOOKS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION IN COUNTY MAY 9TH

New Names Can Be Placed On Books During One Of Three Saturdays

Books for the registration of new voters will be opened in the 12 precincts of this county tomorrow, present indications pointing to a small increase in the number of qualified voters over the county, with possibly one or two exceptions. New names can be entered on the books in accordance with law tomorrow, the Saturday following and the Saturday after that. On the next Saturday, May 30, the books will be opened only for the challenge of any names placed on the books.

Those citizens who have voted in a regular or general election will not find it necessary to register again. Those people who have recently moved their residence from one precinct to another and have lived there as long as four months will be eligible to register and vote in their adopted precinct. The law provides for the person who is not yet 21 but who reached that age on or before the next November election to register and participate in the next June 6 primary.

The voter who moves from one precinct to another must get a certificate from the registrar of the district from which he moved showing that his name has been removed from his former precinct and that he is no longer a registered voter in the district in which he moved. When a voter moves from one state to another, he must live a year in his adopted state before he is entitled to vote. When the voter moves from one precinct to another only four months residence is required.

At a meeting of the Martin County Board of Elections held here recently the officials ruled that the laws governing registrations should be strictly observed by the various registrars, and that no new names be added after the books are properly closed on May 23.

Services at Piney Grove Saturday and Sunday

Preaching services will be held in the Piney Grove Baptist church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock and at the same hour Sunday morning. Rev. W. B. Harrington, the pastor, announced today. The Maple Grove quartet will sing during the Sunday service, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Band Boys Make Hit On Parade Here Tuesday

Holding a combined practice and parade here last Tuesday evening, young musicians from Edenton, Aulander, Scotland Neck, Robersonville and Williamston made quite a hit when they paraded up Main Street. The band boys were practicing for a music festival to be held in Tarboro Sunday afternoon.

Meeting Places and Number Delegates To Be Designated

Little Interest Is Predicted In Most Of Meetings Scheduled in County

In theory, North Carolina Democrats start tomorrow at 2 o'clock on the task of nominating a man for the presidency of the United States. In practice, not more than half, if that many, precinct meetings will be held in this county, and those that will be held will be as dry as a powderhouse. Arrangements are going forward for the meetings that the old Calhoun convention system might run its course.

Places for the meetings and the number of delegates each precinct is entitled to send to the county convention Saturday of next week were announced this week by E. S. Peel, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Martin County, as follows:

Jamesville, schoolhouse, 18 delegates; Sandy Ridge in Williams precinct, 7 delegates; Farm Life school in Griffins precinct, 13 delegates; Bear Grass, school, 10 delegates; Courthouse, Williamston, 31 delegates; Everetts, school building in Cross Roads, 13 delegates; home of Mr. W. S. White, in Poplar Point 5 delegates; Hamilton, school building, 7 delegates; Oak City school, in Goose Nest, 11 delegates; school building, Hassell precinct, 5 delegates; high school building, Robersonville 25 delegates; and school building at Gold Point, 5 delegates.

"It is important that these meetings be held and delegates be elected to the county convention, and to that end every Democratic voter in the county is requested and urged to attend his respective precinct meeting and take part in the proceedings," the committee chairman said in announcing the meetings to be held tomorrow.

About the time the county convention is held, interest begins to increase, and probably a good dozen or so Democrats will meet to pick the delegates to the state convention. The state meeting naturally attracts more interest, and by the time the delegates reach the national convention, which is to be held in Philadelphia next month, they are bubbling over with interest. There is no doubt but that the North Carolina delegates from precinct to national convention will be strong for the renomination of Franklin D. Roosevelt for President.

Only 28 of the 48 states have the convention system, the others holding primaries that the people might have a direct voice in supporting a candidate. The convention system has been declared by some, including the late Senator LaFollette, to be too far removed from the people, but in every case the delegates to the national convention have the power to switch from one candidate and support another.

Negro Jailed for Brutal Attack On His Wife

John Etheridge, Oak City negro, is being held in the county jail in default of bond for an alleged brutal attack on his wife there a few nights ago. Using a chair, the man is said to have nearly beat the woman to death. After breaking a chair to pieces over her head, he trampled her under his feet. The woman is said to have dragged herself across the room and jumped out a second-story window to end the brutal attack.

Chief Early arrested the man a short while later, and the defendant was given a hearing before Justice J. W. Hines.

BOUNDARY LINE DISPUTE IS STILL BEING HELD UP

Selection of Disinterested Party Has Not Been Agreed Upon

The dispute over the location of the Beaufort-Martin County boundary line continues to hang fire, unofficial reports stating that no material progress has been made toward effecting its settlement.

Just recently receiving his commission as one of the arbitrators, Attorney H. G. Horton and the Beaufort representative, Attorney William Rodman, have not been able to select a third party. Under provisions made by the county commissioners of Martin and Beaufort, the two men were to appoint a third and their decision was to be accepted as final. Attorney Rodman is understood to have mentioned the name of A. D. Ward, New Bern attorney, and Mr. Horton mentioned Stuart Smith, of Scotland Neck, as a third man. Apparently neither of the two men was acceptable to the other, and as far as it could be learned today no progress has been made toward settling the boundary line controversy.

While Martin and Beaufort are wrangling over their boundary line in an effort to control certain property in the old Dymond City area for taxation, Washington County authorities are said to be begging for a bid on property not so far removed from the section around which the controversy hinges. Apparently there is some motive, unknown to the public, why Martin's Beaufort neighbors would want to push the dividing line into what is generally acknowledged to be Martin territory.

Indict Dog Owners For Failure To Have Animals Vaccinated

Fifteen Cases To Be Heard By Justices of Peace Tomorrow

Fifteen or more Martin County people will face justices of the peace at Robersonville and here tomorrow to show cause why they did not have their dogs vaccinated in accordance with the 1935 state law. More warrants are being prepared, county officers stating this morning that every owner who has failed or refused to comply with the law will be subjected to prosecution.

The anti-rabies campaign is being completed this week, officers in charge arranging special clinics in some cases to accommodate dog owners. A final drive is on now, however, and convictions will be pushed, it was stated. Warrants have been served on dog owners in Bear Grass, Williamston, Jamesville and Robersonville Townships already.

A record on the campaign has not been tabulated as yet, the officers stating that they have been occupied trying to complete the work before checking the results.

As far as it could be learned today, there has not been a mad dog reported in this county since the campaign was launched last year. Prior to that time, as many as 20 people are known to have taken the Pasteur treatment annually following attacks made on them by dogs in this county. The results of the anti-rabies campaign are being closely observed, and if the record holds up as well in the future as it has so far, it can be expected that the vaccination of all dogs will be continued.

138-Pound Sturgeon Landed at Fishery

The Fleming fishery scooped a 138-pound sturgeon from the Roanoke at Jamesville last Wednesday afternoon, the catch being the first there in four years. The big fish, at one time plentiful during the spring season in the Roanoke, was landed without difficulty and without damage to the big seine. Measuring 7 feet 2 inches in length, the male fish was sold to a Bethel market for about \$25.

Years ago, fishermen are said to have taken as many as a dozen sturgeon from the Roanoke in one night and the choice meat was about as plentiful on the streets here at that time as rockfish are now. Sturgeon weighing as much as 400 pounds or more have been caught in the Roanoke and have sold for as much as \$90 each on the New York market.

Politics Begin To Warm Up in County; Two Men Announce for House; Filing Closes Tomorrow

Sunday Baseball Will Be Discussed Monday

Board of Education Will Be Requested To Rescind Permit

Contracts Say They Can't And They Can Play Ball Here On Sabbath Day

Sunday baseball on the local high school diamond will run the gauntlet at a special meeting of the county board of education here next Monday morning at 10 o'clock, according to reports coming from members of the Martin County Ministerial Association today. Already the matter has been given consideration by religious leaders, and they are expected to press their objection to Sunday ball at the special meeting of the education board next Monday. It could not be learned whether the baseball club will be represented, but they are said to be aware of the action now being directed against the playing schedule, as it includes Sunday games.

While there is a division on the question, it is believed that the differences can be amicably settled.

In May, 1934, a contract was entered into by the local baseball club officials and the school authorities, leasing the premises to the club for a period of six years, certain provisions having been agreed to at that time. The terms and conditions set out at that time are:

1. The club officials are to erect a grandstand at their own expense and to fix and improve the playing field.
2. That no game of baseball is to be played on said premises on the Sabbath.
3. That the club officials are to repair at their own expense any damage done said property on account of the games of baseball played thereon.
4. No games of baseball shall be played on the grounds at any time between June 1 and September 10, unless same is satisfactory to the superintendent of education of Martin County.

This contract proved sufficient until the latter part of last June, when members of the county board of education were approached individually by baseball officials asking a change in paragraph two of the original agreement. The ministerial group is expected to ask that this latter action be rescinded and the original contract be reinstated in its entirety.

The contract amendment, carrying the names of all five members, Messrs. W. O. Griffin, J. T. Barnhill, J. W. Eubanks, G. C. Griffin and E. H. Ange, of the board of education, reads as follows:

"In view of the fact that the following teams in the Coastal Plain League (which your team is a member of): Tarboro, Greenville, Kingston and Ayden play Sunday baseball on school property of their respective counties, and that large numbers of the citizens of this county attend same, and knowing that our citizens who farm will be prevented soon, due to their necessary attendance upon their crops, from seeing ball games on week days, and knowing that you have made valuable and extensive improvements to the athletic field of the Williamston High School, we are, therefore, willing—

"That paragraph 2 on page 1 of our contract with you, dated May 7, 1934, reading as follows: 'That no game of baseball is to be played on Sunday,' be amended to read as follows:

"That no game of baseball is to be played on Sunday except between the hours of 1:30 p. m. and 6 p. m. Provided, however, that ample police protection be had at Sunday games, as week-day games."

When questioned yesterday in connection with the problem, Mr. W. O. Griffin, chairman of the board explained that he was against Sunday baseball personally, but that he would try to abide by the wishes of the majority. He reserved further comment on his vote. Other members of the board have not publicly expressed themselves.

BANK HOLIDAY

Local banks and county legal liquor stores will be closed next Monday for the day. Sunday, May 10, is Confederate Memorial Day, and the businesses mentioned will observe the following day as a holiday, it was announced. All state employees, excepting school teachers and a few others, will also have a holiday that day, it is understood.

The holiday is limited to this and one other state, and in that case the post office and most other lines of business do not suspend activities that day.

The banks are also planning to observe Mecklenburg Day, Wednesday, May 20, and Federal Memorial Day, May 30, as holidays.

LIST OF PLAYERS WITH CONTRACTS IS MADE PUBLIC

Manager Walker and Few Players To Report Here Week of May 24th

With eighteen contracts already in and more expected within the next few days, officials of the local baseball club stated today they were ready to start the season almost any old time now. Manager Walker and a number of players are expected to report here during the week of May 18.

The personnel already contracted is as follows:

Outfielders: Bruce (Brother) Gaylord, of Jamesville, who has performed successfully for the Martins in past years. Henry House, of Weldon, who is now coaching at Augusta Military Academy in Virginia, and who was with the Martins in a big way last season. Ted Griffin, of Tennessee, comes here from a Tennessee college with a splendid record, and Benjamin F. Young, also a Tennessee product and a player on the University of Tennessee baseball team.

Infielders: Harry Black, of Gastonia, and a student at Catawba College this year, has been booked for duty along with Claude Corbitt, who returns this year from Duke. Howard Earp, Apex boy, returns for a try-out at the short-stop or second-base position after a year's absence. Bruce Archer and James Morgan, South Carolina boys, and college students in that state, are bidding for positions in the infield.

Apparently there will be some keen competition for pitching positions. "Slim" Gardner, the tobacco farmer from down Jamesville way, and the dread pinch-hitter in the league last season, is the first on the list. Dick Cherry and John Gaddy will return, to complete the old staff. New faces will be those of Lawrence Wade, Georgia boy now at Oglethorpe University, and who was with Greenville last season; Charles "Peewee" Armstrong, of Mississippi State; Amos C. Dawson, of Wilson, now a student at A. C. College; and Buck Jacobs, of Culpeper, Va., a Richmond University athlete and a player on the Windsor team last season.

Fred Walters and Johnny Doyle are booked for the catching end. Walters is a highly recommended Alabama boy and a student at Mississippi State. Doyle played with the Martins during the latter part of the 1935 season.

Mother's Day Program In Robersonville Sunday 3:30

The American Legion and its auxiliary are sponsoring a Mother's Day program to be held in the Christian church in Robersonville on Sunday, May 10, at 3:30 p. m.

The American Legion and Auxiliary all over the United States are joining to honor mother on this day. The program will consist of music and speaking and will be worth the effort of all who attend. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Hugh G. Horton and O. W. Hamilton Are Aspirants To House

Jos. W. Bailey Considering Entering Race for Seat In General Assembly

Political activities began to hum this week in the county as the time for filing draws to a close, and more action is expected before the deadline is reached tomorrow at 6 o'clock p. m. Candidates began to hurry to and fro this week to get their names on the books, while others are reported still in a quandary as to what to do and what not to do.

The main development so far this week was Mr. Wendell Hamilton's announcement for the house of representatives against Attorney Hugh G. Horton, county representative at the last session of the legislature. Mr. Hamilton, Jamesville merchant and prominent county citizen, immediately went on record as being against the sales tax. "I made up my mind two years ago to run for the legislature this year if no one else except a lawyer filed," Mr. Hamilton said, explaining that he had nothing against lawyers or any other candidate and that if he lost he would still be a friend to his opponent or opponents.

The line-up for the house race is not definitely shaped, Attorney Jos. W. Bailey stating today that he was seriously considering announcing his candidacy later today or tomorrow.

As far as it could be learned today, activities along the other political fronts in the county are unusually quiet, the register of deeds, sheriff, treasurer, coroner, judge and solicitor of the county court and four county commissioners being without opposition. No candidates for places on the county board of education have been filed, as far as it could be learned today. There are five vacancies to be filled on the body this year. One or two of the candidates were undecided as to whether they would seek reappointment, Mr. W. O. Griffin, chairman of the board, stating this week that he would not be a candidate. Mr. George C. Griffin, the member from Griffins, plans to file if there is no opposition, it was learned.

The second district senatorial race, already running hot, promises to add more interest before the time for filing ends tomorrow. Senator Carl L. Bailey is still considering entering the race from Washington County, Messrs. T. B. Atmore and Rodman, of Beaufort, and Mr. R. L. Coburn, of Martin, having already filed for the two senate seats from this district.

Activities are still attracting much attention in the state, the race for governor commanding nearly all the interest, however. Fountain is said to be running stronger for the United States Senate than many expected.

Unofficial reports indicate Hoey and Graham are gaining on McDonald in the race for governor, but McDonald is still away out in front.

Young Rogers Child Dies In Washington Hospital

Sarah Rogers, three years old, died in a Washington hospital yesterday morning at 6 o'clock, following a long illness. Pneumonia was given as the immediate cause of her death. She was the daughter of Reuben and Elizabeth Capps Rogers and lived in Williams Township before she was removed to the hospital early this week.

Funeral services are being conducted from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Peel in Griffins Township this afternoon by Rev. J. H. Smith, local Baptist minister. Burial will be in the Wheeler Rogers cemetery in Bear Grass Township.

Miss Whitford Moves Shop To Main Street Building

The Williamston Beauty Parlor, for several years located on the first floor of the Lawyers' or Godard Building, on Smithwick Street, has been moved to the George Reynolds Hotel building on Main Street. Miss Carrie Whitford, proprietress, is now in a better position than ever before to serve her patrons at the new location.