

HONOR ROLL OF LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR PAST MONTH

126 Students on List for Seventh Month; Most in Elementary School

The names of 126 pupils appear on the local school honor roll for the seventh month, as follows:

Grade 1-A: Peggy Mackey, Lucy Andrews, Louise Griffin, Suzanne Griffin, Elizabeth Hopkins, Mary Mac Kear, Elizabeth Manning, Catherine Moseley, Jeannette Myers, Elizabeth Parker, Maxine Phelps, Melba Revels, Elizabeth Taylor, Dan Bowen, Hal Coble, Hugh Horton, Wilfred Alford.

1-B: Frank Bennett, Roddy Everett, David Gurkin Connor Lee, Bert Moore, Terman Raynor, Bruce Whitfield, Jeannette Andrews, Evelyn Bowen, Fannie Bowen, Nellie Fay Bunch, Frances Griffin, Gertrude McLawhorn.

1-C: Ollie Roberson.
2-A: Irene Peele, Millie Coltrain, Shirley Cowen, Sylvia Green, Frances Griffin, Dora Twiddy, Tom Chesson, John Daniels.

2-B: Elmo Wallace, Betty Perry, Gloria Robertson, Molly Peaks.

3-A: Parker Peele, Curtis Hopkins, David Roberson, Frederick Wheeler, John Whitley, Joseph Wynne, Isabelle Anderson, Frances Booth, Alberta Knox, Alberta Swain, Ann Meador, Betsy Manning, Angela McLawhorn, Violet Phelps, Betty Davis Rogers.

3-B: Estelle Corey, Annie W. Chesson, Susie Daniels, Mildred Lassiter, Annetta Moore, Susie Revels, Reuben Williams, Clarence Pate, Jack Green, J. D. Lilley.

4-A: Virginia Hines, Lenora Melson, Nancy Mercer, Della Jane Mobley, Susan Moore, Mary Truliah Page, Mildred Thomas, Jasper Browder, Richard Margolis, J. D. Woolard, Luther Peele.

4-B: Frances Thomas, Hewett Andrews, Louise Rogerson, Elsie Coltrain, Noah Nicholson.

5-A: Mary Warren, Patricia King, Mary O'Neal Pope, Rena Howard, Evelyn Griffin, Shirley Booth, Millie Biggs, Bill Griffin, Joseph Gurganus, Jimmy Manning, Bennie Weaver, Theron Gurganus.

5-B: Emma Belle Ward.

6-A: Bill Bowen, Billy Mercer, Edith Andrews, Dolly Godard, Mary Charles Godwin, Susie Griffin, Elizabeth Parker, Sybil Roberson.

6-B: Leslie Coltrain, Ellis White.
7-A: J. E. Boykin, Stuart Critcher, Jerry Manning, Doris Bullock, Marjorie Dunn, Katherine Manning.

High School

Grade 8: June Peele, Marjorie Alford, Reid White, Sallie Gurkin.
Grade 9: Grace Barnhill.
Grade 11: Ben Manning, Bolton Cowen, Marjorie Lindsley.

Maryland Chauffeur Pays for Freshness

John Adams, Baltimore negro chauffeur whose brass polish was plenty thick, turned around his boss's high-powered car in the main street here last Tuesday and landed in Justice Hassell's court, where he was booked for an infraction of the town's traffic laws. Adams was fined \$3 and taxed with the costs of \$4.50. Justice Hassell lifted the fine after the hot-shot driver calmed down.

The infraction would probably have gone unnoticed had Adams not directed a vigorous lip attack against "Fatty" Knox, who, as a matter of accommodation, pointed out the violation to the negro. The attack proved too much and Patrolman Stewart carried the man before the trial justice.

Series of Speakings for Graham Are Arranged

H. L. Swain, local man, announced today he would take the stump next week in the interest of Sandy Graham's candidacy for the gubernatorial nomination. He plans to appear at the old Spring Green school house on Monday, May 25; Township house in Griffins on next Tuesday; Oak City on Wednesday, May 27; Everetts on the 28th; Bear Grass next Friday and at Jamesville on June 1. Eight o'clock is the hour.

Program of Services At Christian Church

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., closing in time to attend the school closing exercises at 11 o'clock.

Preaching at 7:45 p. m. by the pastor. Subject: "Rebuilding the Altar."

All members and friends of the church are extended an urgent request to attend all these services.

Registration Books in County Are Closed After Tomorrow

Tomorrow is the last day registration books will be held open for the names of those who have not registered and who wish to vote in the June 6 primary. The officials of the county board of elections have warned against late registrations, explaining that no new names will be added to the lists except in strict accordance with the law, and that means the person who just forgets and neglects to enter his name during the regular registration period will not be allowed to participate in the primary.

Reports from a number of the precincts indicate a heavier registration so far than usual, giving credence to the belief that a sizeable vote will be cast in this county on the first Saturday, even if a complete schedule of county contests is not in evidence. Unusually large registrations have been reported in Jamesville, Griffins, Williamston and Cross Roads precincts.

After they are closed tomorrow, the registration books will be opened the following Saturday, but only for the challenge of any names on the books.

Consider Location of Large Pulp Mill Here

CITY DELIVERY

Williamston's mail delivery service was given an increased rating this week when a postal inspector changed the rating from village to city delivery service. While no material change is noticed in the service, the new rating makes possible the addition of a third carrier for the town in the near future and an increase in salaries for the two carriers already in the service.

The inspector effected minor changes in the present routes, adding one or two streets and shifting part of the territory from one carrier to the other. Postmaster L. T. Fowden announced.

Directors of Local Club Prepare for Opening of Season

Final Arrangements Under Discussion at Meeting Held Wednesday

Arrangements for opening the baseball season here were virtually completed at a meeting of club officials and interested followers of the sport at a meeting held in the office of Fowden and Simpson last Wednesday evening. Described as one of the most successful held here in a number of years, the meeting completed plans for a financial canvass next Monday, prominent citizens of the community pledging donations and offering their services to raise supplementary sums.

Pete Fowden, president of the club, stated that Manager D. C. "Peahead" Walker would report for work next Monday, that a number of players would accompany him here. Practices will get underway immediately, preparatory for an exhibition game here with Greenville next Friday afternoon. Snow Hill and Williamston will play an exhibition game at Snow Hill Saturday, the 30th, and a return game will be played in Greenville Sunday, May 31.

New suits for the players were placed on display in the windows of the Culepper Hardware Company here this week, but it is not likely that the new clothes will be worn until the home lot opening on Wednesday, June 3. The season formally opens in Tarboro, Tuesday, June 2.

Light Rain in Some Sections Tuesday

Near-drought conditions were partially relieved in some sections of the county by a light rain last Tuesday afternoon, but the agricultural situation continues close to serious proportions in most of the county. The upper end of the county, or the Cross, Hamilton, Hasell, and parts of Cross Roads and Robersonville districts, had a fair-sized rain that afternoon, but further to the southeast the sky juice began to give out. The weather station on the Roanoke at this point recorded only .14 of an inch of rain at this point, and further on even less rain fell, reports stated.

Local Firemen Called To Help Check Forest Fire

The local fire company was called out at noon today when a raging forest fire threatened the home and outbuildings of Mr. Joshua L. Coltrain about seven miles from here. Considerable damage was done to timber, but buildings were saved, early reports stated.

INDIAN ADMITS SLAYING NEGRO; HELD FOR TRIAL

Will Oxydine Is Charged With Murder After Hearing Here

"I killed him all right," Will Oxydine, 50-year-old Indian, answered when formally charged in Justice J. L. Hassell's court here last Tuesday afternoon with the murder of Turner Saunders, Oxydine's negro son-in-law. The killer, offering no defense at the preliminary hearing, was ordered returned to jail without the privilege of bond. The case will be carried before the grand jury at the next term of Martin County Superior Court, convening the third Monday in June.

Oxydine, facing a first-degree murder charge, surrendered to county officers several hours after shooting and instantly killing Saunders in a log camp hut housing him, his daughter and son-in-law. While the killer appeared mentally off-balance, he told the trial justice he knew the seriousness of the charge brought against him.

Oxydine came to this county from Robeson about three years ago and had worked with the R. D. Johnson Lumber Company at its portable saw mills since that time. Back in Robeson killings and fights are reported often, and it is understood that some of the man's people have had parts in one or more of the untimely deaths.

It was brought out at the hearing that Oxydine started to shoot another man in the camp the same night he killed Saunders, but failed to carry out the threat. It was said that the man had refused to lend Oxydine a gun when he learned that murder was in the offing. Oxydine broke into another camp hut to get a gun, reports stated.

Saturday, May 30, Is Last Day To Handle Farm Work Sheets

Those Failing To Sign Not Eligible for Benefit Payments

The last call is being prepared for Martin County farmers to participate in the government's soil conservation program, Assistant County Agent M. L. Barnes stating that Saturday, May 30, has been definitely set as the last day for receiving work sheets. Every effort to effect an 80 per cent participation, at least, will be made between now and then with the possibility that an even larger percentage will fill in and sign work sheets.

So far approximately 900 farmers have prepared work sheets, representing approximately 75 per cent of the total acreage in this county. Extensive participation has been assured in Griffins Township, where most of the acreage is cultivated by small-scale farmers and land owners.

The Bear Grass, Cross Roads, and Hamilton districts reported a larger percentage of signers than other sections, but acreages in Williamston ranked with the top. Nearly all large-scale farmers in the county are participating in the program, and it is believed participation by that class will be close to 100 per cent.

Neglect was given as the main reason for the delay in pushing the program to a point near 100 per cent, reports from the county agents office indicate. However, a few, disgruntled over their allotments under the AAA, are failing to participate in the new program and are rejoicing at their new-found freedom, regardless of what the resulting price their action might cost them.

This week local committeemen have carried the program to the doors of individual farmers in a number of cases in an attempt to save agriculture. However, after this week, work sheets will be handled only in the offices of the county agent, and those farmers failing to see their local committee in the last district line-up are directed to handle the participation plans with the agents at the county courthouse.

It has been explained that farmers who fail to sign work sheets will not be eligible to participate in the money distributions in late summer and next fall. And Saturday, May 30, has been set as the last day work sheets can be prepared.

Following the closing date for handling work sheets, the county agricultural agents will call for applications in early June, entitling the participating farmers to share in the program benefits. As soon as the applications are received, compliance will be determined by actual measurement of all crops included in the program.

TRUCK DRIVER IS HELD FOR COURT AFTER HEARING

Aftermath of Fatal Accident Near Here Early Sunday Morning

Probable cause appearing in the case, Justice J. L. Hassell bound Jarvis Griggs, charged with manslaughter, over to the Martin County Superior Court for trial under \$1,000 bond at a hearing held here yesterday afternoon. Griggs, driver of a fish truck that figured in an accident on the Washington highway early last Sunday morning, costing the life of Glenwood Capehart, young Bertie white man, and resulting in injury to Robert Dail, young white man, also of Bertie, pleaded not guilty to the charge. The defense attorney pleaded for a dismissal of the case on the grounds that the truck driver was not negligent, that he was not running the vehicle over 15 miles an hour, and that the evidence offered by the accident investigators tended to show that the car was not on its right side of the road. Justice Hassell, however, explained that there was probable negligence and ordered the man held under the original bond of \$1,000.

Patrolman C. W. Thompson, questioned at the hearing, stated that the left front wheel of the truck was 3 inches to the left of the center of the road, that the particular wheel was torn down in the impact. The outside edge of the body, however, extended a distance of 2 feet and 9 inches over the center of the road, and that the entire front of the car radiator was marked by some object in the crash. Patrolman Tim Brown verified the evidence and figures offered by Thompson.

The case will be tried during the week of superior court convening here the third Monday in next month.

Finals Program At Bear Grass School

The Bear Grass school will hold the first of its series of commencement exercises in the auditorium there this evening at 8 o'clock, when the play, "The Gay Pretenders" is presented.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. James H. Smith, Williamston Baptist minister, will preach the annual sermon to the graduates and the public in general. Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, the seniors will hold their class exercises. The seventh grade graduates will hold their class exercises Thursday, May 28, at 10:30 a. m., followed by a picnic at noon and graduating exercises that evening at 8 o'clock.

Dr. H. S. Hiley, of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, will deliver the commencement address, Principal Hickman announced.

Closing Program at Jamesville School

Declamation and recitation contests will feature the initial commencement exercises in the Jamesville High School this evening at 8 o'clock. A unique program has been arranged, and large crowds are expected to attend the series of exercises.

Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour, Rev. C. T. Thrift, Methodist minister of Plymouth, will preach the commencement sermon in the school auditorium. Monday night at 8 o'clock the seniors will hold their class exercises—"At the Sign of the Gypsy," directed by Mrs. Hough.

The high school play, "Ready-Made Family," will be presented next Wednesday night.

Dr. Meade, of the East Carolina Teachers' College, will deliver the commencement address next Tuesday night, when diplomas and certificates will be awarded.

Episcopal Services in County Announced

Church of the Advent
Rev. E. F. Mosely, rector.
Sunday after Ascension Day.
Corporate communion for the Women's Auxiliary at 7:30 a. m., for the purpose of receiving the United Thank Offering. Not only members of the auxiliary, but other communicants are urged to attend.
Church school, 9:45 a. m.

St. Martin's—Hamilton
Church school, 10 a. m.
Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m.
Evening prayer and sermon, 8 p. m.

Local Leaf Market Is Discussed at Meeting

SERMON SUNDAY

The first of the commencement exercises will be held in the Williamston High School auditorium next Sunday at 11 a. m., when Rev. R. B. Grant preaches the commencement sermon. The service, continuing a custom of the past, will be a union service for the churches in Williamston. Music will be furnished by representatives of the various church choirs under the direction of Mrs. Wheeler Martin. Thirty graduates, 11 boys and 19 girls, will be in the procession.

The next event in the finals program will be held Wednesday evening by the seniors in their class-day exercises.

Rural Carriers Hold District Meet Here; Elect New Officers

Auxiliary Is Reorganized at Session in Schoolhouse Wednesday

Meeting in annual session in the grammar school building here last Wednesday afternoon, members of the Roanoke Rural Letter Carriers' Association elected its officers and listened to strong appeals urging 100 per cent membership in the organization and a greater interest in its activities. The Roanoke district reported 100 per cent membership in the association, and further pledged its support by reorganizing an auxiliary, leaders in the organization declaring the meeting a very successful one as well as enjoyable one. Thirty members and visitors were present, the number of members having been materially reduced by the government's consolidation program in the past few years.

H. A. Capps, secretary of the State association, presided over the meeting, and he called on A. S. Barnes, of Wilson, past president of the state group, to address the meeting. Mr. Barnes advocated a new plan of organizing, explaining that he believed the association would prove more effective if established after congressional district boundaries and the breaking up of the counties in the district into units. The speaker cited the value of the organization and pleaded for the support of a woman's auxiliary, pointing out the benefits derived by carriers and continued improvement in the rural free delivery service.

Mr. Mangum, of the Rocky Mount office, made an appealing talk to the group, and he was followed by Mrs. O. H. Jackson, of Winterville, who proved herself a power in making the auxiliaries function properly and with some degree of life. The district auxiliary was reorganized, and promises an active work during the coming year.

Officers for the association during the new year are: W. M. Mizelle, of Columbia, president; George James, Robersonville, vice president and John A. Ward, Williamston, secretary and treasurer. Several of the members stated they planned to attend the meeting of the state association to be held in Hickory early in July.

Officers of the reorganized auxiliary are: Mrs. John A. Ward, president, of Williamston; Mrs. John T. Ross, vice president, of Robersonville; Mrs. Sidney Smithson, secretary and treasurer, of Creswell.

The State Rural Letter Carriers' Association now has 1,007 members, and the membership in the state auxiliary is around 500. These associations have proved very effective in improving the rural free delivery service over the state and nation. Its members are probably more interested in their work and in providing their patrons a splendid and unique service than any other group of public servants. Probably no other group of public servants render a greater service with less pay than do the rural letter carriers of the nation, and they are entitled to much consideration from the government and thanks from the general public.

Methodists Announce Services for Sunday
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
No-morning service at church on account of services at the high school.
Epworth League, 7 p. m.
Evening service, 8 p. m.
Don't forget next week is sacrificial week. Get ready for the fifth Sunday.

Committee Named To Employ Man as Supervisor of Sales

Stronger Cooperation Indicated at Session Held Tuesday Night

Preliminary plans for supervising and advertising the Williamston Tobacco market this coming season were discussed at a meeting of warehousemen and representative business men in the offices of the Harrison Wholesale Company last Tuesday evening. While most of the business topics mentioned had to do with the individual operation of the several warehouses, it was clearly advanced in the meeting that stronger cooperation on the part of all would be in greater evidence this year than ever before in promoting one of Williamston's greatest assets, its tobacco market.

The situation was reviewed at length, and while the financial outlook was discussed without certainty, it was agreed that the market would provide able leadership in the cooperative venture of making Williamston the tobacco center it should be. Messrs. Holt Evans, W. I. Skinner, S. C. Griffin, and L. H. Barnhill, assisted by Mr. G. H. Harrison, were named as a committee to hire a sales director and general leader for the cooperative market drive this season.

Briefly stated, the meeting was marked by the interest shown by the warehouse operators and leading business and professional men of the town, and out of the meeting and others to follow great and tangible results can well be expected.

Messrs. Holt Evans, co-operator of the Planters Warehouse; S. C. Griffin, co-operators of the Roanoke Dixie house; and W. R. Ingram and H. L. Barnhill, operators of the Farmers Warehouse, were present with about a dozen business men at the meeting.

Norfolk Man Held For Secret Assault And Rape Attempt

Worker at Courthouse To Be Given Hearing Here Tomorrow

Harold Lee, 40-year-old Norfolk man, was arrested here Wednesday evening for alleged secret assault and attempted rape on several small white children. He is now being held in a neighboring county jail and will be given a hearing before Justice J. L. Hassell here sometime tomorrow, it was unofficially learned today.

Lee, working on a new asphalt floor in the county courtroom, is said to have enticed the children into the building by offering them candy during the past week. His first attempt at intimacy was alleged to have been made a week ago today in the belfry adjoining the hall of justice itself. It is believed the man heard someone in the courthouse and when he went to the door to investigate, the 9-year-old child fled to safety unhurt. Badly frightened the child did not report the incident, and it was not known until Wednesday, when he is said to have approached another girl of about the same age as the first. She reported the happening to her guardian, and an investigation was made immediately, and the first alleged attempt was revealed. The man is said to have been friendly with several other children, but they, too, escaped his claws.

Deputy J. H. Roebuck made the arrest at Lee's boarding house, and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck carried the prisoner to Greenville to await preliminary hearing tomorrow.

Hickman To Preach at Local Baptist Church

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
B. T. U., 7 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:45.

The annual commencement sermon will be preached by Mr. Grant, and you are urged to attend this special service at 11 o'clock Sunday morning in the high school auditorium.

Mr. Hickman, of Bear Grass, will preach in the Memorial Baptist church at the evening hour.

The fifth Sunday, May 31, is "Home-Coming Day" on our church calendar. Write for your friends and relatives to be here for the occasion. Mr. Dickey and Dr. Burtell are on the program.