

BOARDING HOME FOR CHILDREN IS NEED OF COUNTY

Home for Three Children Needed Now, Welfare Worker Explains

One of the gravest problems confronting the Child Welfare Division of the Martin County Welfare Department is that of a licensed boarding home for children. This home is needed for children needing temporary care during a period of investigation and pending arrangements for their future. It is needed for children who are too old to adapt institutional life or who are not eligible for admission to institutions or for placement in foster homes because of physical defect. They need helpful guidance and care over a long period of time.

The funds for boarding these children are drawn from the Mother's Aid Fund of the state. The boarding home must be licensed by the state in order to have advantage of this plan. It must meet certain standards just as do all child-caring institutions and mother's aid families in the state. The minimum requirements which such a home must meet to qualify for a license are as follows:

1. The home must be located preferably in the country, small town, or on the outskirts of a larger town. No child shall be boarded in a home in congested section of a city or town.
2. The home must conform to all sanitary laws.
3. Moral standards in the home must be such that there is an assurance that the best conduct is taught.
4. It is desirable that the home have both a father and mother in it so as to give the child a normal atmosphere. The parents must be of suitable age and temperament.
5. There must be assurance that adequate and proper diet will be furnished the individual child. Sleeping quarters and space for both indoor and outdoor play must be safe and adequate.
6. The home must be accessible for regular attendance in school and church.
7. No home which conducts rooming or boarding houses or care for adults shall be licensed for care of children.
8. There should not be more than four children boarded in the same home at the same time, unless sisters and brothers.
9. The child and foster parents shall be visited by the probation officer at least once every six weeks.

Because institutions are so crowded and the waiting lists are long it is necessary to make some other plan for children who do not have homes, who have suffered the loss of parents, and relatives are not able to care for them. The worker can place their application with the institution and wait for an acceptance. Meanwhile, some temporary arrangement must be made for them. Miss Owens says that in some counties such children are placed temporarily in the county home. She is anxious to have a licensed boarding home in this county, however, to avoid placing children in the county home. It will prove a more normal and wholesome plan for them. This gives the child a chance to begin life over in a new environment of a real home and happy, human relationships where they have an opportunity otherwise denied them of a normal development to adulthood. There are three children, two boys and a girl, who need attention now until institutional care or adoption may be obtained.

Is Held for Court On Serious Charge

Harold Lee, charged with attempted assault and attempted rape, was bound over to the next term of Martin County Superior Court for trial without the privilege of bond at a hearing held before Justice J. L. Hassell here last Saturday afternoon. Lee, Norfolk man who was working on a composition floor in the courthouse here preceding his arrest last Wednesday night, pleaded not guilty through his attorney, B. A. Critcher, but little or no evidence was offered by the defense to substantiate the plea. The several little girls who were the near victims of the man were not called to offer evidence at the hearing, the defense attorney stating that he would waive questioning until the case reached the higher courts. Lee, alleged to have been friendly with several small children while working in the courtroom, was returned to Greenville, where he will await the June term of Martin County Superior Court convening here June 15.

Graduating Exercises Friday Night Here; Seawell Speaker

Commencement exercises in the local school got underway last Sunday morning when Rev. R. R. Grant, pastor of the local Methodist church, preached the annual sermon in the high school auditorium to a large congregation, the members of the senior class attending in a body. The next event on the finals program will be held tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, when the seniors hold their class day exercises, featuring the valedictory address by Ben Manning, top-ranking scholar, and salutatory address by Miss Marie Griffin, holder of second high scholastic honors. The exercises in the auditorium will be followed by a band concert in the gymnasium at 9 o'clock.

Interest in the finals program will center in the graduating exercises next Friday evening at 8 o'clock, when North Carolina's attorney general, A. F. Seawell, delivers the commencement address. He will be introduced by Judge Clayton Moore. Diplomas and certificates will be awarded to the 31 graduates, 11 boys and 20 girls. Certificates will also be awarded to 50 girls and boys completing work in the seventh grade.

Winners of special awards will be announced and the Goodman cup for best athlete, Sarah Manning valedictorian and home economics cups, woman's club civic cup and Junior Order attendance and scholarship cup will be awarded at that time.

Farmers Rush To Join Up With Soil Program

PROJECT DELAYED

The proposed agricultural building project for this county has been temporarily delayed according to information received here a few days ago from the Works Progress Administration headquarters in Elizabeth City. The project has been approved, but sufficient funds are not available to care for the project, it was learned. According to the report, the project has been placed first on the list for consideration just as soon as an additional appropriation of funds is made by Congress, it is understood.

An option on the lot has been renewed, and arrangements for the construction of the building are complete and awaiting funds officials said.

Farm Life School School Finals To Be Held Friday

Professor J. L. Memory To Deliver Main Address Friday Morning

The Farm Life school finals this year will be centered in one program on account of the new building there, Principal C. B. Martin announced yesterday. No formal class exercises or plays will be staged by the school, as has been the custom in recent years.

Considerable interest, however, will attend the one-day program next Friday, when Professor Jasper L. Memory, jr., of Wake Forest College, delivers the commencement address at 11 o'clock, followed by a picnic dinner at noon and a declamation contest at 2 in the afternoon. The last event on the program is a ball game at 4 in the afternoon.

Professor Memory is no stranger in this section, as he visited the high school during a number of years as state inspector. He has also addressed graduating classes in the county prior to this year.

Farm Life, after experiencing many handicaps caused by unfavorable weather and the bad condition of the roads the early part of the year, is closing a very successful term. Six boys and two girls, a rather unusual proportion, are being graduated Friday with 16 young boys and girls making their way into the high school from the seventh grade to take their places four years from now.

Officers Raid Still in Bear Grass Section

Officers Roebuck and Roebuck, raiding in Bear Grass Township last Tuesday, wrecked a liquor plant, destroying the equipment and turning out approximately 350 gallons of beer. The operator was just bricking up the plant, but escaped just before the officers reached the scene.

While county officers have been handling the raids on illicit liquor manufacturers in this county, officers of the Federal government have been active in adjoining territory. This week two men, Leamon Roebuck, white, and Fred Jones, colored, were brought here from Bertie for hearing in cases charging them with violating the liquor tax laws. Roebuck was released under a \$500 bond, and Jones went his way under bond in the sum of \$200.

Dry Weather Adds Impetus To Drive; But Few Days Left

Eighty Percent of Tobacco Acreage Included In Sign-up To Date

The prospects for a short tobacco crop and no immediate relief in sight for the dry season are causing a marked rush of farmers to participate in the government's soil conservation program. More than 200 farmers prepared work sheets during the past few days, bringing in several hundred acres, according to reports coming from the office of the county agent this week.

All the townships are pretty well signed, Assistant Agent M. L. Barnes said, with the possible exception of Goose Nest, where quite a few large scale farmers have not yet considered participating in the program. Large-scale farmers in nearly every one of the other nine districts have signed to a man, it is understood.

No accurate report on the participation program is available just now, but authentic estimates place the acreage included in the program at about 80 per cent, with the number of participating farmers standing at about 1,000.

During the last week work sheets were prepared as follows: Jamesville 3; Griffins 21; Bear Grass 2; Goose Nest 25; Cross Roads and Robersonville 106; Hamilton 25; Williamston 50. No report was available for Williams.

Saturday of this week is the closing date for filing work sheets, and if no rain falls between now and then it is believed the participation percentage will move up to nearly the 100 point.

Work in the districts has been discontinued, and farmers desiring to participate in the program are directed to the county office in the courthouse.

Traffic Observance To Be Noted Here

Beginning shortly, The Enterprise plans to note traffic observance by motorists and recognize at least one case weekly. Recognition will be made by license numbers, the owner or driver of the vehicle cited to receive a minor gift when certain rules are observed.

Numerous traffic violations, local and foreigners being guilty alike, are noticed on the streets here every day, but the offenders continue on their way breaking the laws as they come to them. Mayor Hassell publicly explained this week that he was ready and waiting to try all traffic violators just as fast as the local police carry them before him.

An observation of traffic on one of the secondary streets here was made recently at intervals. Ninety-nine drivers entered an intersection over a "stop" sign without stopping, the one remaining of the hundred counted, stopping in accordance with the dictates of the sign. His name was Wm. Chase. Probably and very likely others observed the traffic regulations and did stop at the particular intersection where the observation was made, but not while the count was in progress.

Plan 20 Mile Rural Line For Orange County Farms

Twenty miles of rural electric lines are being considered in Orange County with 47 farmers on the new lines pledging themselves to use electric refrigerators.

MANAGER AND 9 PLAYERS HERE; PLAY THURSDAY

Martins and Greenies Play Exhibition Game Here Friday Afternoon

Williamston's baseball club started lining up its forces this week for action in the Coastal Plain League this season, Manager D. C. "Pea-head" Walker and nine of his boys showing up yesterday to start the works moving. In a preliminary practice yesterday, the players reporting showed up well, and again today the team is getting acquainted in the lot out on the high school grounds.

Next Thursday afternoon, the Martins will feel out the ice in an exhibition game with New Bern at New Bern Friday they meet Greenville here and go to Snow Hill on Saturday. Completing the exhibition work at Greenville Sunday, the Martins return home to make ready for the scheduled season opener with Tarboro on Tuesday. The big day here will be Wednesday, June 3, when the team plays the first regular game on the home lot. Stores are closing that afternoon, and a record crowd is expected for the event.

Players already on the home grounds are Fred Walters, catcher who showed up strong in batting practice yesterday. He is from Laurel, Miss.; Dannis Punjals, of Cuba, pitcher; Charles Armstrong, pitcher from Jackson, Miss.; "Slim" Gardner, Jamesville tobacco farmer-pitcher and pinch-hitter extraordinary; Ted Griffin, outfielder from Guilford College; Harvey Black, outfielder from Catawba College; Tate, pitcher on Goldsboro team last season; W. J. Archer, jr., infielder from Portsmouth, Va.; Dick Cherry, Everetts pitcher; and "Hack" Gaylord, Jamesville outfielder. Other members of the team will report today, or just as soon as commencements in the various colleges are completed. Most of the team personnel is stopping in the home of Miss Martha Anderson.

Anticipating a successful season, the grandstand owners, the Messrs. Lillie Brothers, are increasing the seating capacity of the grandstand considerably and additional seats are being constructed along the sidelines. The grandstand will, when completed tomorrow evening, accommodate approximately 750 people, Mr. Dawson Lillie said, and the bleachers will seat several hundred more.

FOREST FIRES DO MUCH DAMAGE IN COUNTY TIMBER

Seven Fires Have Been Reported In County So Far This Season

Fires believed to have been started intentionally in some cases, and a result of carelessness in others, continue to sweep forest areas in sections of this county. None has reached serious proportions so far, but County Warden Henry Hardison points out that considerable damage can be expected if a greater care is not exercised in protecting wooded areas against fire.

The forest conservation forces, organized in this county only a few months ago, are meeting with one test after another. Splendid cooperation has been given, and the district wardens have effected a valuable work in limiting the fire destruction.

Reporting the fire that swept several hundred acres of valuable timber land in Williams Township and threatened the home of Commissioner Joshua L. Coltrin last Friday, Warden Hardison said that a damage of approximately \$5,000 resulted.

Fire raged through the timberlands of Farmer John Daniel Biggs, near here, Sunday afternoon, but the burned area was not large. No estimate of the damage is available.

The reports show that the main loss caused by forest fires was centered in the upper part of the county or in the Hassell area. However, several other fires have been reported in various districts of the county, and in one or two cases there were two distinct fires in a single district. Warden Rawls reported two during the week-end, but he handled them unusually well, the county warden said.

When questioned about prosecutions, County Warden Hardison said that investigations would probably be made to determine, if possible, the origin of the fires, but he explained that the service was created mainly to protect timber and property by making the general public conscious of the great damage done

Drought Has Definitely Reached Serious Proportions in County; Growers of Tobacco Hit Hardest

Homecoming Day Program For Local Baptists Sunday

Observing home-coming day next Sunday, the local Baptist church is making preparations to entertain large numbers of visitors, including old members who have moved to distant parts of the state. "We are expecting a day of great interest to the membership of the Memorial Baptist church. We are inviting everybody, present and former members, to meet with us for re-dedication to our 'high calling in Christ Jesus.'" Rev. James H. Smith pastor, said this morning.

Rev. Charles H. Dickey, former pastor of the church and who now is connected with the State Baptist convention with headquarters in Raleigh, will preach at the 11 o'clock hour. At the evening hour, Rev. William R. Burrell, beloved pastor of the church here for a number of years and who is now in the ministry at Asheville, will preach. Large congregations are expected to hear these two men, and participate in the program.

Estimates Indicate Crop Reduced by 25 To 50 Per Cent

Earnest Efforts To Cope With Adverse Weather Proving Almost Futile

With dry weather continuing in full force, the farming situation in this county, particularly as it affects the tobacco crop, has definitely reached a serious point, numerous farmers questioned over the weekend said. While a decrease in the tobacco crop is admitted with few or no exceptions, the extent of the decrease has not been determined with any degree of certainty. Estimates indicate the crop will be reduced by not less than 25 per cent, and in some sections the growers are now hoping they can get as much as 50 per cent of a crop.

A very small number of farmers have completed their first transplantings, but those finished with that work can be counted on one's fingers. It is estimated that hardly 80 per cent of the crop has been transplanted in the county, and in most cases not half of the young plants are living in the fields. The transplanting season, or the best part of it, is spent, but farmers continue the work, and they are likely to continue well into June.

New methods have been followed by a few farmers in this county in an effort to combat the dry weather, reports state. Farmers Ward, of Bear Grass Township, and Mallard, of the Oak City section, are said to have dropped wet sawdust on the plants immediately after transplanting, and those growers report unusually good stands. Despite the dry weather, Farmer J. L. Holliday, of Macedonia section, used no water in transplanting his crop, but placed a man behind the transplanter to press the dirt around the roots of the plants with his feet. He is said to have a better stand than his neighbors.

"We will hardly have half a crop," Farmer Dawse Griffin, of the Smithwick's Creek section said, explaining that he had not touched several acres the first time, and that of the plants he had placed in the field, the dry weather was making them and the worms were aggravating the situation that was already serious to start with.

Martin farmers have not abandoned hope of transplanting a great part of their tobacco acreage, but unless rain falls shortly they will find it profitable to abandon their efforts. Already it is admitted the poundage will be considerably less than it was last year, regardless of the acreage, the farmers explaining that a late crop weighs light invariably. Judging from past experience, many farmers believe the quality of late crops will be inferior, another feature that is considered disheartening in the tobacco outlook for this section this coming fall.

Other farm crops are barely holding their own in the long dry season. Excellent stands of corn reported two or three weeks ago have been destroyed by worms, the farmers replanting it in its entirety in some cases, Farmer Lester Peel, of the Cross Roads section, said. But condition, as they affect farm crops other than tobacco, are not regarded as alarming just at this time.

Unofficial reports from Georgia state that the crop there is wilting mightily, and the prospects are not bright for a large crop, giving rise to the belief that the crop will be considerably reduced throughout the several belts.

Finals Program at School in Everetts

Commencement at the Everetts school begins Wednesday night, May 27th, when the seventh grade will present their class exercise, entitled "The Fortune Tree."

The Rev. R. N. Fitts, of Robersonville, will deliver the commencement address on Thursday morning, May 28th, at 11 o'clock. Following the graduation exercises, a picnic lunch will be spread in the grove at Mrs. Ida Clark's home. A ball game, beginning at 2:30, will end the day's program. Friends and patrons of the school are cordially invited to attend all the exercises.

Registration for June Primary Sets Record

Estimated Over 400 New Names Put on Books in 3 Weeks

Williamston Precinct Adds Nearly 150 New Names To Voting List

An unusually large registration for the coming primary was reported in nearly every one of the precincts in the county following the closing of the books last Saturday. The registration varied from 10 in Williams precinct, one of the smallest, to 150 in Williamston, one of the largest voting districts in the county. Complete reports from all the registrars are not available just now, but it is estimated the total registration for the county during the past three Saturdays will exceed 400 names, or one of the largest ever reported in the county.

Whether or not the heavy registration points to a large vote at the 6th of next month remains to be seen, but to many the interest in the registration can be construed to mean a sizeable vote at the polls in each of the 12 voting precincts in the county.

While lieutenants of several of the candidates were active in getting new names on the books, the general report is that the people were interested enough themselves to register. The names of several colored citizens, mostly school teachers, were added to the list of qualified voters in one of the precincts, it was learned, but for the most part, the registration was without any marked variation from the old order. Certainly the activities during the registration period will cause no challenge of names entered, and it is believed the opening of the books next Saturday for inspection will be after a matter of form rather than for the challenge of a single name.

Greeks Hold Religious Services Here Sunday

A Greek religious service, probably the first of its kind ever witnessed here, was held in the local apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Leventis on Main Street last Sunday afternoon and evening, when a priest of the Greek Orthodox church, Louis Skepeticus, of Raleigh, officiated at the baptism of three small children, Labros Rigas, son of Gus Rigas, and Sophia and Canella Leventis, children of Mr. and Mrs. Leventis. Following the baptismal service, a religious celebration was held that evening, a large number of friends and relatives from Wilson, Rocky Mount and Raleigh, attending.

Mill Officials Unexpectedly Delayed In Making Visit

Unexpectedly delayed at their home plant in New Jersey, officials of a large pulp and container manufacturing concern were unable to reach here today as scheduled, according to Mr. G. H. Harrison, member of the local town board of commissioners, who received a telegram from the plant president this morning. Plans are going forward, however, for an inspection of this territory with the possibility of locating a two million dollar industry here, it was said.

CANDIDATE



Attorney Hugh G. Horton, Williamston man, who is one of three candidates seeking a seat in North Carolina's House of Representatives.

Oak City Finals To Be Started Sunday With Class Sermon

Dr. Herbert ReBarker To Deliver Finals Address Next Tuesday Night

Commencement exercises in the Oak City school get under way next Sunday morning, when Rev. L. D. Fouts, pastor of the Scotland Neck Methodist church, preaches the annual sermon at 11 o'clock in the school auditorium. Next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, the seniors will hold their class program in the form of a playlet, followed by the graduating exercises Tuesday evening, June 2, at 8 p. m. Dr. Herbert ReBarker, East Carolina Teachers' College professor, will deliver the annual address.

The seventh grade graduating exercises will be held Monday evening following the senior class program. The school is graduating one of its largest classes, 17 girls and 5 boys, and the program next Tuesday evening marks the close of a very successful term, Principal H. M. Ainsley said.

Local People Plan To Visit High Point Furniture Show

A number of people from here are going to High Point Friday to see the historical furniture pageant, "Comfort in Search of Kings." This is part of the sixth annual furniture fashion review, sponsored by VanDyke Furniture Company and a group of furniture dealers in four states and held every spring in the Tomlinson Exhibition Building in High Point.

Band To Appear In Several Concerts In Next Few Days

Williamston's high school band boys are booked for several public appearances during the next few days. Tomorrow evening they will play in the local gymnasium at 9:00 o'clock. Thursday they go to Rocky Mount to parade in the Gallopade. Tuesday they will play at the opening baseball game at Tarboro, and again here Wednesday for the first league game on the home lot.