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TAX COLLECTION IN COUNTY BEST IN PERIOD YEARS

Nearly 70 Percent of 1935 Levy Has Already Been Collected

Martin County tax collections for the 1935 tax year are nearing a new record since the depression. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, tax collector, said yesterday morning. At the present time, the collection percentage is larger than for any other period in several years. Nearly 70 per cent, or \$124,066.86, of the \$179,403.78 levy for 1935, has already been collected, the sheriff explaining that land sales have totaled more than \$55,336.92, the amount uncollected on the 1935 levy, during the depression. The collector hesitated a bit in reporting the collections for the month of May, but, considering the season he finally admitted that the income of \$3,406.98 for the period was not so terribly bad.

Under the old law tax sales were scheduled for next Monday in this and other counties of the State, including municipalities. The last legislature empowered the Martin commissioners and those of the town of Williamston to delay the sales until the first Monday in November leaving it in their discretion to order the sale any time between the first Monday in June and the first Monday in November. The two boards ordered the sales delayed at their last regular meetings. Another postponement is expected when the officials meet next Monday. No sales have been scheduled by other municipalities in this county so far this year, and it may be that special acts in the next legislature will be necessary to give validity to the tax sales when they are held.

Unusual Record Is Made Over 11-Year Period of Student

Name of Ben E. Manning On Honor Roll Every Time but Four

Finishing his work in the local schools tonight, Benjamin Everett Manning, young son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Manning, completes one of the most unusual records in the history of the school. During eleven long years he was neither absent nor tardy, a record that is rarely equalled. The main feature, however, in his record is his scholastic rating. During every month in the eleven years his name appeared on the honor roll with four exceptions, and it was by a narrow margin he missed attaining the required average in his studies on those occasions. Ninth-grade subjects proved a bit disheartening to him, but after missing by narrow margins the required averages for three months he began again to add to his record, falling below the average only once since that time. In accordance with rules of the school, a pupil must average 90 or more on each subject.

Establishing a scholastic average of 93.3 during his four years in the high school, the young man was made valedictorian for his class, and his address was heard by a crowded auditorium last Wednesday evening when the seniors held their class exercises.

Young Negro Arrested for Alleged Burglary Attempt

Charles Edward Spruill, young local negro, was jailed about 12 o'clock last night when he was caught attempting to enter a second-story window in the George Reynolds Hotel. No hearing has been arranged, but he will likely be carried before Justice Hassell tomorrow or Monday.

Said to have been drinking at the time, Spruill, recently employed as a relief worker on a local road project, climbed the fire escape and was staring in the window when officers were called. Officer Allbrook arrested him on the third story fire escape.

Club Women Leave Sunday For Trip To Washington

Home demonstration club women will leave here Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock from the Central Service station for Washington City to attend the International Club meeting of Women of the World. The majority of the women going will return through the Valley of Virginia taking in Endless Caverns and Natural Bridge. There are 19 women scheduled to make the trip from this county and two from Beaufort.

Record Session of County Court Expected Tuesday

After suspending its sessions since the 28th of last month while repairs were made to the court room, the county recorder's court started this week lining up its work for what promises to be a record-breaking session next Tuesday. Work on the court auditorium is nearing completion, and a session of the county court is certain to be held next Tuesday, Clerk L. B. Wynne said this week.

The docket scheduled for next Tuesday has a general mixture of cases, including quite a few charging drunken automobile driving, assaults, larceny, violation of the liquor laws and one for seduction.

Making Arrangements For Payment of Bonus

HOLIDAY
Saturday, May 30, Memorial Day, will be observed as a holiday by the post office, local banks, county liquor stores and the offices of the Virginia Electric and Power Company. No deliveries on rural and city routes will be made, but business, in general, will be carried on as usual here. States forces are also expected to observe the day as a holiday.

25 ASPIRANTS ARE GETTING TRIALS WITH BALL CLUB

Defeat New Bern for First Time There Thursday In Exhibition Game

Playing and taking an exhibition game, 10 to 5, at New Bern yesterday afternoon, the Williamston baseball club has started shaping up for what promises to be a very successful season. Manager D. C. Walker is still looking over his material with care, reports stating he is very well pleased with the prospects. Definite assignments are still pending, but Pilot Walker states he will be ready when the season formally gets underway at Tarboro next Tuesday afternoon.

At the present time there are 25 men on the roster with Earp and Archer bidding for the third base position; Corbitt for short; Male for second; Hautz, Joe Mulhern and a University of Miami man for first; Roye and Winters, catcher; House, Gaylord, Black, Bumgardner and Griffin for outfield positions; "Dizie" Dean, the boy who has pitched two no-hit games in college ball this season, and Brainard, Tate, Wade, Punjals, Jenkins, Armstrong, Gardner and Cherry, pitchers. Corbitt, graduating at Duke Tuesday, is expected to get to Tarboro in time for the opening game there that afternoon. House will be several days late reporting.

Yesterday in the exhibition contest with New Bern, Tate and Punjals held the Bruins to seven hits. Black featured with a home run for the Martins.

This afternoon, Greenville and the Martins are meeting in an exhibition game here. Tomorrow the Martins go to Snow Hill and play Greenville at Greenville Sunday. (Continued on page four)

Careful Driver Has \$1 Reward Awaiting Him

Although Williamston's traffic regulations go unheeded to a great extent, there is still precaution exercised now and then to give human life and limb at least a 50-50 chance against injury and possible death. Car with license number 283-949 pulled to a stop on the Smithwick-Main corner last evening, the driver picking his chance to enter the main thoroughfare without crashing.

The identity of the driver could not be learned, but by driving his car to the curb in front of Clark's Drug Store, having the number checked and displaying this article he will be entitled to a \$1 purchase free. Check your number, and if 283-949 is yours, call for a dollar's worth of merchandise at Clark's.

Another traffic law observer will be recognized next week by an Enterprise snooper.

RESETTLEMENT WORK SUMMED UP AT MEETING

More Than 100 Families On Resettlement Rolls In Martin County

Extensive operations carried on by the Federal Government's Rural Resettlement Administration were revealed at a district meeting held in Wilson this week, when the work was reviewed by Federal and State authorities of the organization. There are at present around 7,500 families in North Carolina on the roll of the resettlement program, and, according to Homer B. Mask, regional director, there are at least 17,500 other families in the state that should be included.

Their work centering principally with the tenant farmer, the resettlement administration forces have accomplished marked results over the nation in the comparatively short time the organization has been functioning. Thousands of families have been returned to the land, and others who, for one reason or another, "lost out" are being rehabilitated.

The vast operations of the administration can better be understood by a review of the activities in this county. At the present time there are 103 families in this county on the resettlement rolls, according to a report by David G. Modlin, farm supervisor, and Miss Minnie B. Lee, home supervisor for this county, who attended the district meeting in Wilson. Extended credit in the amount of \$44,788.68 in the early spring, the 103 families in this county are now cultivating 3,786 acres of land. Picked up by the resettlement forces, the 103 farmers had virtually nothing to farm on or farm with, and 165 mules had to be purchased. In keeping with the rehabilitation program, the families purchased 85 milk cows and 191 brood sows. Chickens on the farms now number 3,290.

Mr. Mask told the resettlement supervisors that the object of the rehabilitation work was to teach the younger generation of tenant farmers of the South to carry on after their fathers had gone toward the betterment of southern tenant farming.

He told of the bad condition of the tenant farmer in this section and declared that it was as much a crime to abuse land as it was for a man to abuse a mule. "We have now reached the point in the rehabilitation program," he said, "where we have to start to teach the tenant farmer how to carry on with what we have provided him with."

"I have seen some pitiful sights in my travels about this section, and it is our mission to see that those sights are obliterated and that the tenant farmer is taught to do in the future what he should have been taught to do in the past. It may take years to do this, but it will be done, I am sure, in the end."

Atlantic Beach Has Formal Opening Sunday May 31st

Atlantic Beach, operated by new management of Aubrey E. Shackell, will formally open Sunday what has the promise of being one of its best seasons. The opening Sunday will be preceded by a dance Saturday night, the management announced.

Considerable improvements have been made to the resort, fast growing to be one of the major ones on the Atlantic coast, and record-size crowds are expected there all during the season. The big port development at Morehead City will be an added attraction to North Carolinians.

Town Commissioners To Meet Monday Evening

Williamston's town commissioners will meet in regular session next Monday night at 8 o'clock, Mayor J. L. Hassell stating today that no business other than routine matters had been scheduled for consideration at that time.

Tobacco Damage Serious

Serious conditions surrounding the crop situation in this section and in other areas were aggravated this week as the long session of dry weather continued unbroken, many farmers stating that the outlook is the darkest they had ever seen at this time of year. Activities on most farms are at a standstill, many farmers taking their troubles along with fishing poles to creek banks, as they realize lit-

Majority County Schools Are Completing Terms This Week

With the exception of those at Robersonville, Oak City, Hassell and Hamilton, the Martin County schools are completing the 1935-36 term this week. Exercises are being held today at Farm Life and Williamston. The finals programs were held at Jamesville Tuesday night and at Bear Grass and Everetts yesterday. Oak City, Hassell and Hamilton close next Tuesday, and the final curtain of the term falls at Robersonville next Thursday night. Considering the interruption caused by bad weather and road conditions during January and February, all the principals report a very successful term.

Baseball Is Relegating Politics To Back Seat

Politics, even the hot race for the governorship, is fast being pushed into the background of general conversation in these parts by baseball, and unless the first wave of sports fever subsides between now and tomorrow week the size of the vote in the county is going to be affected; for, believe it or not, some of the ardent fans will forget there is a primary scheduled that day.

McDonald Believed To Be Holding His Lead in This County

Politics continues in a muddle as the primary nears, supporters claiming victory for their respective candidates and failing to believe each other. Flying reports claim Graham is gaining, Hoyer is gaining and McDonald is gaining. That poor fellow McRae, the fourth candidate in the field but apparently not in the race, must have had a world of strength at one time for Hoyer's, Graham's and McDonald's gain had to come from some one. Some of these straw polls credited Mr. McRae with one vote at one time, and according to some managers the other three candidates each got one-third of it to account for those extensive gains.

A climax to the situation was reached one evening this week when several ball fans said they wished they could trade all four gubernatorial candidates for one good first baseman, the fans explaining the State could run without a governor, but the club could not get along without a first baseman—a good one.

More reports indicate that Graham is virtually assured at least two precincts, Gold Point and Robersonville, in this county, with possibly McDonald carrying two-thirds of those left and Hoyer gathering enough here and there to run second in the county as a whole. The voters will settle the matter, partially, at least, June 6, and even though there are not but two or three local contests, the activities that day are expected to prove quite interesting. The Enterprise plans to post the returns Saturday evening and a general invitation is extended the public to look in on it.

P. P. Peel Starts Fire and Smoke Sale Here Saturday

P. P. Peel will place on sale Saturday his large stock of goods at greatly reduced prices. The merchandise, wrecked by fire and smoke two weeks ago, was not materially damaged, but the owner is running the sale on every item.

County People Interested In Child Welfare, Miss Owens Declares

By MISS MARGARET OWENS (Martin County Child Welfare Worker)
To the casual observer one would never get the impression that Martin County presented many child welfare problems. But to the individual who delves more deeply into the home life, school life, church life and other interrelationships of the children and their families, one gets an entirely different picture. This analysis is made after a survey of the county, of a tour to learn the physical outline; to learn the various industries that characterize the communities; of the types of people who inhabit the communities; of the social, moral, and economic make-up of the township that form the county. The picture has been drawn from observation; direct contact with child welfare problem cases; interviews with principals and teachers in the schools, interviews with doctors who serve the different sections of the county, interviews with the public health nurse holding clinics in the schools, contact with the parent-teachers associations, interviews with ministers and other interested citizens.

Taking the county as a whole, especially the rural sections there is a rich field for a child welfare program. There has been a great deal of voluntary work done along this line by interested citizens. Many adjustments for underprivileged children have been made. However, there is a need for real case work treatment in order that the adjustments may be permanent and more satisfactory. In my survey I have found the school attendance problem to be a very grave one. There has been contact with children 11, 12, 13 and 14 years of age who have not advanced higher than this line by interested citizens. (Continued on back page)

FINALS PROGRAM WILL BE HELD AT SCHOOL TONIGHT

Thirty-two Boys and Girls Are Candidates For Diplomas

The 1935-36 school term will be brought to a close tonight in the Williamston High School auditorium with the awarding of diplomas and certificates to the 32 members of the graduating class and the presentation of cups to the outstanding high school students. Forty-eight students will receive grammar grade certificates signifying the completion of the requirements of the elementary school.

A feature of the program will be the commencement address which will be delivered by A. A. F. Seawell, attorney general of the State of North Carolina, who will be introduced by Judge Clayton Moore. The present graduating class, the largest in the history of the local high school, is composed of 20 girls and 12 boys. Ben Manning, with a scholastic average of 93.3, is valedictorian and Marie Griffin, with an average of 91.6, is salutatorian.

Diplomas will be awarded to the following:

Edna Lucille Ballard, Thelma Todd Burroughs, Loyce Wynne Cullipher, Anna Bolton Cowen, Mary Frances Cox, Ella Wynne Critcher, Margaret Marie Griffin, Robert Franklin Gurganus, Allie Gertrude Harrison, Jessie Mae Holloman, Evelyn Christine Jenkins, Evelyn Christine Lilley, Marjorie Lindsley, Benjamin Everette Manning, James Louis Mobley, Clayton Moore, Jr., John Pope, Jr., Minnie Kathleen Price, Christine Beatrice Rogerson, Oswald Douglas Stalls, Mammie Clyde Taylor, Jean Dent Watts, Minnie Lorene Weaver, Carrie Lee Williams, James Lenfue Ross Williams.

Certificates will be presented to: Charles Lee Daniel, Hannah Vic Everett, Charles Milton James, Harold Brinkley Lilley, Clayton Leroy Revels, Selma Ventrice Swanson.

Bids for Dredging River Are Asked

Bids for dredging the Roanoke River at points between the mouth and Hamilton have been asked by the Federal government according to unofficial information, received here yesterday. Engineers representing private dredging companies were here this week surveying the proposed project, and it is understood the bids will be opened within the next 30 days.

The improvement program calls for widening the government cut at Shad Island, several miles below here, from 50 to 100 feet. The cut is several hundred feet long. Dredging will likely be contracted at Luke's and Slade's eddies and Black Gut shoals, all between here and Hamilton. The river will also be deepened at the old steamboat wharf in Hamilton.

Poppy Sale Nets \$70.00 in County

The poppy sale conducted in this county last Saturday by the John Walton Hassell Legion Post Auxiliary was described as very successful. Nearly all the 700 poppies allotted the auxiliary were sold, netting approximately \$70. The poppies, prepared by disabled veterans, were sold in all sections of the county.

Colored School Here Has Very Successful Closing

Williamston's colored school closing a few days ago was recognized as one of the most successful ever held and one that, in many respects, rated above those of most all other schools, including white ones. One comment on the commencement program was that the faculty and pupils take the event with all seriousness, and near-perfection results. The closing event may or may not reflect the progress made during the school term, but it does unquestionably show that there has been and still is a marked advancement in Negro education in the school.

Heads Woman's Group for McDonald In This County

Miss Velma Harrison, teacher in the local schools, was named Martin County chairman of the State Committee for McDonald this week by Mrs. Margaret Wood Smethurst, secretary of the organization sponsoring the man's candidacy for governor.