

REGULAR MEET OF TOWN BOARD HELD LAST NIGHT

Officials Agree To Forget About Paving Amounts Due From Churches

Williamston's commissioners, meeting in regular session last evening, half-heartedly agreed to quietly forget the hundreds of dollars in paving assessments due the town by the several churches of the town, and thus more than \$1,000 is shifted from the Christians to general taxation to be borne by the ragged, the hungry, the agnostics, the poor, the colored and others who parade in dirt and mud to their humble places of worship without even a decent dirt mound to walk on.

The town authorities recognized the collection of the paving assessments as a problem, Commissioner Green explaining that he had been informed that some were unable to pay, and it further being understood that some others would not pay if they could. And so the commissioners washed their hands of the problem that has been drifting for several years. Measly payments said to have been made by a lone church are due to be refunded, but that feature of the bewhiskered problem was not discussed but very, very little. The action last evening can be expected to bring a Jelegation from the church in question, and rightly so, it is believed.

The commissioners reversed their liberal stand when the matter of fixing two rooms in the City Hall for firemen's quarters was brought to their attention, the group finally agreeing that an appropriation not to exceed \$50 would be all right.

With complaints fresh in their minds, the commissioners directed commanding orders to the police department to arrest and jail all drunks, and suggested that road terms be given the habitual offenders.

A called session was planned for the near future, when bids for the town audit will be considered, the commissioners quitting the meeting after Mayor Hassell approved the current bills.

High School Awards Presented Students Last Friday Night

Certificates Are Presented To Fifty Completing Seventh Grade

The diligent efforts advanced by students in the local high school during the past term were recognized at the commencement exercises last Friday evening when special awards were made by Principal D. N. Hix. Honors went to the high school band, when the civic cup, donated by the Woman's Club, was presented to the young musicians. Benjamin E. Manning received the valedictorian's cup, donated by W. C. Manning. Young Manning also won the attendance and scholarship cup donated by the local Junior Order council. Miss Bernice Ward, leading the home economics class, was awarded the Sarah M. Manning home economics cup, donated by W. C. Manning. Clayton Moore, jr., the outstanding athlete, received the Goodman trophy.

Certificates were awarded the following seventh graders:

Arthur Anderson, Martin Anderson, Josephine Andrews, Nancy Biggs, Eleanor Brown, Mary Louise Bland, Nina Bland, J. E. Boykin, Doris Bullock, Leslie Cherry, Roland Cherry, Stuart Critcher, Ned Cunningham, Marjorie Gray Dunn, Bennie Godwin, Sadie Mae Gurganus, R. J. Hardison, Annie Belle Holliday, Edna Earle James, Otis James, Carrie Dell Jones, Grace Jones, Warren Jones, Verble Jones, James Lee, Ray Leggett, Carolyn Lindsay, Jerry Manning, Katherine Manning, Janie Newton, James Daniel Nicholson, Mary Gwen Osborne, Dore Perry, Warren Pope, Raymond Rawls, Clarence Revels, Lee Savage, Maude Taylor, Sarah Taylor, Joseph Thigpen, Dale Wagner, Mary Ruth Ward, Ruth Ward, James Wiggins Watts, Frances White, Virginia Williams, Hazel Wynne.

Katherine Manning completed the seventh grade with the highest scholastic standing, according to records released by the principal.

Skewarkey Masons Meet At Usual Hour Tonight

There will be a special meeting of the local Masonic lodge tonight at the usual hour, it was announced this morning by S. H. Grimes, the master. Work in the third degree.

85 To 90 Per Cent Farmers in County Sign Up for Program

Between 85 and 90 per cent of the crop acreage in Martin County is included in the government's soil conservation program, according to a preliminary survey of the work sheet sign-up coming from the court house this week. Nearly 1,400 work sheets have been signed, representing more than 75 per cent of the eligible signers, Assistant Agent M. L. Barnes said.

Nearly every large farmer in the county is participating in the program, it was pointed out.

Work on tabulating the work sheets is under way in the offices of the agent this week, and those farmers who have not signed and who care to participate in the program will be given an opportunity to sign work sheets, the agent said, explaining that no concerted drive would be made to further the program. Arrangements will be formulated within the next few days to handle applications for funds and the measurement of crop lands.

Coastal Plain League Opens Season Today

MARTIN SKIPPER



D. C. "Peahead" Walker, an old hand in baseball, who is piloting the Martins this season. He comes here from Elon College, where he is director of athletics.

Preparations Made For Record Crowd Here Wednesday

High School Band To Lead Parade of Teams and Officials at 2:30

A big opening day rally will feature the first home baseball game of the season here tomorrow, when Manager Walker sends his team against the Tarboro nine on Taylor field promptly at 4 o'clock, Manager Walker just about having perfected his line-up and seasoned his players for whatever the season might offer. A record crowd is expected here tomorrow afternoon, when Mayor John L. Hassell tosses the first ball. A short formal program has been planned and a yardstick will be placed on the team strength for the first time in an official fashion by the followers of the sport from all over Martin and adjoining counties.

Led by Williamston's high school band, members of the two teams, officials of the club, and celebrities from towns all over the county are scheduled to parade from the Central Service Station to the high school diamond, the line of march forming at 2:30. Practice will be held a short while by the two teams, Club President Pete Fowden stating the game would get underway promptly at 4 o'clock.

Winning five exhibition games during the past five days, the Martins are all set for the tee-off in Tarboro this afternoon when wins and losses count.

Manager Walker said the following would probably constitute the batting order in the game tomorrow:

Gaylord, left field; Earp, third base; Patton, first base; Black, right field; Griffin, center field; Corbitt, short stop; Male, second base; Royce, catcher. Either Armstrong or Dean will pitch.

STRESS NEED FOR BOARDING HOME IN THIS COUNTY

Child Welfare Worker Is Finding Underprivileged Children in Numbers

By MISS MARGARET OWENS (Martin County Child Welfare Worker)

There are children already who have been found by the Child Welfare Worker who are neglected, who are exposed to unwholesome environment—and others will be found as the work goes on—these children need the care, discipline and training that only a substitute for that which they have lost can give them. The emphasis is laid on the need for a licensed boarding home as a temporary home or a permanent home as the case demands, where children may be cared for or for Martin County to initiate its own plan for a project to care for its own children.

We are reminded of a bright, attractive, interesting girl, eleven years old, the innocent victim of a marriage where two people were mis-mated. Time and circumstances brought on incompetency, dependency, the decrepid condition of the father, the youthful inability and irresponsibility of the mother. The child became the ward of the department of welfare. The father is in the county home, the mother has left the county, her whereabouts being unknown. She needs a home where she may obtain the necessities of life, where love and understanding will be given and where she will have a chance to develop her mind and body, where habits and attitudes may be formed that shall lend to normal growth. Whose responsibility is she? Whose responsibility are the other children in Martin County who are underprivileged through no fault of their own and who are still with us, deprived of parents and relatives? If we are to rest assured of giving our children equal opportunity we must face this responsibility.

Does Martin County need to work out some plan for caring for its children? Or shall we pass them up and allow them to cause us no grave concern?

A. A. F. SEAWELL IS MAIN SPEAKER AT SCHOOL CLOSING

Thirty-two Young Men and Women Graduated Last Friday Night Here

Thirty-two young men and women were urged to consider the importance of graduation and take a tighter grasp on the situation in life by Hon. A. A. F. Seawell, Attorney General of North Carolina, in an address marking the end of another successful term in the local schools last Friday evening. Held in the high school auditorium, the final event on the closing program was well attended, the awarding of diplomas to the 32 seniors and certificates to 50 seventh-graders and the recognition of promising students marking a climax to the progress accomplished during the past school year.

Centering his address around the "run-of-the-mill" or average group, the speaker did not discredit the attainments of torch bearers, but he challenged the position of the average person, upon whom all progress is dependent in the long run. He illustrated by the growth and development of the chrysanthemum. The average of that flower is five times larger than the best was 50 years ago but a few years of neglect would have reduced it to nothing, he said. Advancement is not made by the one who lags behind or by the man who advances to the front line, but it is made by the throng who trod along with the main load. Advancement rests upon the shoulders of those men and women who can and will bear the heat of a midday sun, and the main reason behind the educational movement is to advance the average.

The 20,000 girls and boys graduating from the high schools of North Carolina this year, the attorney general said, mean social justice and social security, and decency cannot be maintained and society cannot be kept without our educational system. To insure this security and raise the average standard, the state must raise its appropriations for education, pay the teachers higher salaries and reduce the teacher load, he continued.

"We are living in a restless world, and there have been many changes in material things and in morals," Mr. Seawell said, but the speaker took no stock in the old saying that the world's going to the dogs, explaining that after this period of chaos, there will still be found some shining social stars.

Mr. Seawell, introduced by Judge Clayton Moore, is nearing his seventieth birthday.

Big County Rally Planned For Graham Thursday, 8:30

A big county rally for Sandy Graham, candidate for Governor, will be held in the courthouse in Williamston, on Thursday evening at 8:30.

At this time there will be a concert by the high school band, beginning at 8:15, after which D. P. McDuffee, of Fayetteville, who is said to be one of the best speakers in North Carolina, will make a speech in favor of Graham for governor.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend, even if all are not for Graham.

May Rainfall Here Totals Just Fraction Over an Inch

This section had the lightest rainfall last month for any May in recent years, the weather station on the Roanoke recording only 1.09 inches during the period. In May a year ago, the rainfall was 2.54 inches, and prior to that time the precipitation for the period averaged more than 5 inches. New dry records were established over the State during the period, reports stating that the drought conditions are considerably worse in many sections than in the Martin area.

The average rainfall in this section was about 3 inches below normal.

Crop Conditions Are Little Relieved by Recent Rains

Scattered rain falling in this section last Friday and Saturday evenings greatly relieved the crop situation, but conditions continue serious for the most part. The rains last week were not general, some sections reporting sufficient rain to aid the transplanting of tobacco without watering on Saturday. Other areas reported hardly enough rain to lay the dust.

Tobacco transplanting was underway all over the county on Saturday, however, following the rain of less than one-fifth of an inch.

County Voters Have Grand Total Of 33 Candidates To Ballot on for State and County Offices June 6

Are You Good at Guessing?

There's been much, probably too much, said in the current political campaign, so now get down to facts and guess the vote to be cast in the county next Saturday.

The Enterprise will give a one-year subscription to the person guessing nearest the actual vote cast. As an aid to those taking part in the contest, The Enterprise lists by precincts the new registration, the total registration, the vote cast in the June, 1932, gubernatorial primary, and leaves space for your guesses, as follows:

Precinct	New Reg.	Tot. Reg.	1932 Vote	Your Guess
Jamesville	22	723	368	
Williams	10	334	149	
Griffins	28	474	279	
Bear Grass	35	448	208	
Williamston	150	1,592	714	
Cross Roads	30	350	282	
Robersonville	48	948	362	
Gold Point	12	166	82	
Poplar Point	13	187	94	
Hassell	24	147	66	
Hamilton	42	328	96	
Goose Nest	37	434	189	
Totals	452	6,131	2,889	

As an additional aid, the total number of votes cast in other primaries are given, as follows: 2,640 cast in second primary, 1932; 3,787 cast in the general election in November, 1932; 3,360 votes in June, 1934, primary; and 3,785 votes cast in second primary that year.

All guesses should be returned to The Enterprise not later than Thursday evening of this week.

Valuation in County Shows Slight Upturn

Losses Shown in But 3 Townships, Based On Initial Figures

Commissioners In Regular Monthly Meeting All Day Yesterday

The Board of Martin County commissioners, meeting in regular session Monday, made preliminary arrangements for a continued campaign against typhoid fever in this county. Definite plans for the vaccinations will be formulated shortly by Dr. J. H. Saunders, county health head. Three years ago a similar campaign was conducted by the county health officer and thousands were vaccinated. The general public has become anxious for this service since the preventive work has proven very effective following years of a high death rate from the fever. Vaccination dates will be announced within the next few days, it is understood.

As a whole, the meeting of the commissioners was the most pleasant in recent months, the tax list takers making very encouraging reports and giving the authorities the first decent break they have had since they have been in office. A preliminary survey of the lists shows an increase in property values of approximately \$170,000, the gain coming after early predictions pointed to a loss of about one quarter million dollars. Ordinarily, \$170,000 property value increase raises about \$2,500, effecting a variation of about 2 1/2 cents in the tax rate. Of the nine lists turned in this week, only three, Jamesville, Cross Roads and Robersonville, show a loss. Griffins, Bear Grass, Williamston, Poplar Point, Hamilton and Goose Nest show gains.

The greatest gain, \$147,899, was reported by Williamston, the greater part of the increase being traceable to new buildings in the town itself. The board members were favorably impressed with the child welfare movement recently established in the county by the federal government. Miss Margaret Owens, heading the work, went before the commissioners, outlining the program and pointing out specific cases that were deserving of attention.

The minutes of the meeting, covering hardly more than one-half page in the records, carried only two other official acts. R. C. Sexton was appointed Jamesville Township constable, and Goodman Hamilton, Jamesville man, was allowed \$5 a month.

Messrs. J. E. Pope, chairman; Joshua L. Coltrain, C. C. Fleming, R. L. Perry, and V. G. Taylor casually discussed the situation as it affects the county affairs, adjourning at 5 o'clock after agreeing the country is still safe.

VOTING HOURS

The approximately 6,100 eligible voters in this county will have, according to Turner's Almanac, exactly 14 hours and 25 minutes in which to visit the polls next Saturday and support their respective candidates. The polls are scheduled to open at 4:46 that morning and close at 7:11 o'clock that evening.

Williamston precinct voters will vote in the showroom of the Roanoke Chevrolet Company on Washington Street.

SOIL CONSERVING PAYMENT RATES FOR THE COUNTY

Farmers Will Get Around \$9 An Acre for Other Than Main Crops

The average rate of the soil-conserving payment under the 1936 farm program in Martin County has been fixed at \$8.60 per acre, according to Dean L. O. Schaub, of State College.

This rate applies to general soil-depleting crops other than cotton, tobacco and peanuts, the dean said, and will vary with individual farms.

The general rate for each county has been determined according to the average productivity of general soil-depleting crops in that county.

The rate for an individual farm will be above or below the county rate in the same proportion that the productivity of general soil-depleting crops on the farm is above or below the county average.

The general productivity of each farm will be based upon the average past yields of soil-depleting crops other than cotton, tobacco and peanuts.

For tobacco and cotton the rate of payment has been fixed at five cents a pound on the average tobacco and cotton yields of the farm. The rate for peanuts is 1.4 cents a pound.

The soil-conserving payment will be made for shifting land from soil-depleting into soil-conserving crops this year.

A farmer who takes high productive land out of cash crops and puts it into soil-conserving crops is making a bigger sacrifice than the farmer whose land is low in productivity.

For this reason, the dean explained, the rates of payment have been based on the productivity of the land.

Majority of Contests For State Officials; Look for Large Vote

Gubernatorial Contest Will Be Main Drawing Card In Martin County

Twenty-five candidates for state offices, 5 for district, 3 for county, and 2 for commissioner, will face the political firing squad in this county next Saturday from sunrise to sunset. With some few exceptions, nobody is for anybody, the majority training their guns against the other fellow, and although the battle is a bit far removed from home there is still much reason to believe Martin voters will visit the polls in fairly large numbers next Saturday.

The candidates for governor, state senate, house of representatives and county commissioner in the Jamesville-Williams district will be responsible for whatever votes are cast, the voters taking time to finish marking the ticket while at the polls, however.

Following is the line-up for Saturday's bombardment:

For County Commissioner, Jamesville-Williams district: C. C. Fleming, Joshua L. Coltrain.

For representative in General Assembly: Jos. W. Bailey, O. W. Hamilton, Hugh G. Horton.

For State Senate, Second Senatorial District (two to be chosen): Robt. L. Coburn, Carl L. Bailey, Julius Dees, W. B. Rodman, jr., T. B. Attmore.

For United States Senator: William H. Griffin, Josiah W. Bailey, Richard T. Fountain, David L. Strain.

For Governor: John Albert McRae, Clyde R. Hoey, Ralph W. McDonald, Sandy Graham.

For Lieutenant Governor: Paul Grady, Wilkins P. Horton, George McNeill.

For Secretary of State: Stacey W. Wade, Thad Eure, M. R. (Mike) Dunnagan.

For Auditor: Willard L. Dowell, Charles L. Miller, George Ross Pott, Baxter Durham.

For Treasurer: Helen Robertson Wohl, Charles M. Johnson.

For Superintendent Public Instruction: Clyde A. Erwin, A. B. Alderman, Gilbert Craig.

For Commissioner of Agriculture: W. Kerr Scott, William A. Graham.

One candidate will be selected for each office except for state senator, and the voters are to nominate two out of the five.

Bible and Handbag Stolen From Car on Street Here

A handbag containing a Bible, a specially prepared sermon, and a few other articles, was stolen from Rev. Charles H. Dickey's car on the main street here last Saturday night. While the minister deeply regrets the loss of the Bible and was put to a decided disadvantage, he filled his appointment and featured the home-coming day program with an impromptu sermon in the local Baptist church Sunday morning.

Martin Man Arrested In Bertie Last Week-end

Joe Godard, Jamesville Township man, was arrested in Bertie County for alleged drunken driving. He was tried in Bertie court yesterday and appealed from the sentence, according to information reaching here. J. Leander Hardison was arrested for being drunk, but was released yesterday.

Legion Auxiliary To Meet Saturday With Mrs Ward

The regular monthly meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary of the John Walton-Hassell post will be held Saturday afternoon, June 5, at 3 o'clock, in the home of Mrs. J. A. Ward, Williamston, N. C.

Mrs. H. M. Clark and daughter, Bettie Sue, are expected home this evening from Durham where they underwent treatment in a hospital for several days.

Currituck Agent Vaccinates 12,000 Hogs In Three Years

During the past three years, the farm agent of Currituck County has vaccinated 12,000 hogs. Since 1933 only eight hogs have died from cholera.