

POINTS OUT LACK OF RECREATION FACILITIES HERE

Situation Is Challenge To Every Citizen In This County

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Vacation time is here—the schools have closed their doors. Our children, strong, healthy, normal boys and girls have two months on their hands—for what? To pass the warm summer days with activities which will keep them strong and prepare them for the future. Every child has a right to all the play, fun and happiness he can crowd into his life. We are thinking of community facilities and resources that offer the children of our county an outlet for his bubbling energy and his zest for life. The situation in this town is a challenge to every citizen. To be sure, many parents will give their children the advantage of the beach, mountains and various camps over the state. Many cannot afford to do this so their children will have to remain within the confines of our community. Every day we see them by the dozens on the streets with no place to go.

We are thinking especially of those children whose mothers have to go out every day to earn their daily bread—who are forced to leave their children to the mercy of their neighbors and friends. They are exposed to the influence, good and bad which characterizes every community. Their homes have little to offer in the way of recreation. They have no means of exercising their minds and bodies—they have no playgrounds where hours may be spent in wholesome activity—they have no swimming pool where relief may be had from the heat—they have no libraries where the long summer mornings may be passed, carrying them into lands of adventure and where knowledge may be obtained. They are handicapped in their opportunities to develop the cooperative spirit, the spirit of good sportsmanship, the spirit of "give and take." Hence, they wander away from home, get into bad company, hang around the stores, are tempted to "beg for movie fare or a dime to buy candy."

How much more wholesome our community would be, how much better society would be, how much happier our children would be if we devised ways and means for the recreational needs of our children.

The writer had an interesting experience with a delinquent boy a few days ago. He is twelve years of age with a strong healthy body and a face that beams with an air of mischief. Due to lack of control and poor facilities in the home he stays on the streets, stays away from home until late at night, has become disobedient and wayward, is given to fighting—has a lot of energy which must be expended. The writer took him to the country to spend an afternoon in her rounds contacting other children. He enjoyed the ride, took an interest in the children of his race whom he saw working in the fields, playing the great out-of-doors—in other words, he had a good time. When we arrived in Williamston he turned to the writer and said, "If I had some way to pass the time and some thing else to do beside stay on the streets, I wouldn't be such a bad boy." And the writer agrees with him. If he had the chance of playground activity he would curb his delinquent tendencies.

This article is not meant for criticism but as a presentation of the recreational needs for our children and a portrayal of facts as they are. Let's face them and work together in giving our children the best opportunities possible. The writer wishes to continue this article next week.

Brief Meeting Held By Town Board

Very little business came before the regular meeting of the town commissioners here last evening, and the officials completed their work and adjourned in less than an hour.

The American Legion post sent a representative to the meeting and asked what inducements the town would or could make toward having the organization locate a proposed building here. The matter was taken under advisement, but no action was taken at the meeting.

Several old buildings on Leggett's Lane were condemned, the board preparing orders to have them torn down and moved away.

Fourth of July Holidays Are Marked by Quiet Observance

Quietness and the absence of any serious mishaps marked the observance of the double Fourth of July holiday in this county. Few arrests were made by local and county officers during the week-end, and only one automobile accident was reported in this section. J. B. Greer, Georgia salesman, and Vernon Whitehurst, young county man, were hurt but not seriously when their cars crashed on Highway 64, just east of Everetts Monday afternoon. Whitehurst suffered a fractured ankle and jawbone. Greer was buried and badly cut about the arms and face, but both men, placed in a Washington hospital, are expected to recover. The two cars were badly damaged.

Farm Organization in County Is Perfected

FORCE OF HABIT

Calling for benefit checks is getting to be a regular habit with three or four farmers in this county, according to a story heard a day or two ago.

Weeks had passed and money was probably running low when a farmer called and asked for a peanut benefit check. No check for the man could be found, and then the records were searched, and it was learned the farmer had gotten his check some time ago and forgotten all about it.

F. K. HODGES DIES HOSPITAL EARLY FRIDAY MORNING

Funeral Services Held In Methodist Church Last Saturday Afternoon

Franklin King Hodges, one of Williamston's oldest and most highly respected citizens, died in a Washington hospital Friday morning at 3 o'clock following a long illness. Falling on the streets here the 7th of last February, Mr. Hodges suffered a fractured hip and was entered in the hospital. A complication of ailments set in, but about two weeks before he died it was thought his condition was slightly improved.

The son of the late Edwin G. and Olivia Ewell Hodges, he was born in Beaufort County, near Washington, on June 20, 1860. In 1894 he moved to this county and was an engineer for the old Roanoke Lumber Company, with headquarters near Everetts. A few years later he moved to Williamston and entered the grocery business, later opening a general mercantile establishment which he operated until just a few years ago. In 1897 he married Miss Lena Wolf, of Washington County. No children were born to the union, and with the exception of one brother, Mr. W. J. Hodges, of Williamston, he leaves no immediate relatives, eight brothers and sisters preceding him to the grave. Mrs. Hodges died several years ago.

Quiet and unassuming, Mr. Hodges gained the respect of the people with whom he came in contact. For more than 50 years he was a member of the Methodist church, taking much interest in its activities as long as his health permitted. In the home he was a good husband and enjoyed the confidence of a large circle of friends.

Funeral services were conducted in the local Methodist church last Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. R. R. Grant, his pastor. Burial was in the family plot in the local cemetery.

County Board Holds Short Meet Monday

Holding their regular session on Monday, the Martin County commissioners spent several hours discussing various matters, but limited official action to two or three business items. A contract for the annual county audit was let to Great-house and Butler, of Rocky Mount.

The board approved the location for a proposed pulp mill on Roanoke River and agreed to comply with certain stipulations and requirements to be embodied in an agreement to be prepared by the county attorney.

It is expected the board will be called into special session sometime during the latter part of this month, when budget estimates will be reviewed, and attention is given the tax rate for 1936.

MARTINS WIN SIX GAMES IN ROW; NEAR TOP PLACE

Greenville Leading League By Narrow Margin Over Walker's Boys

Winning six games in a row, the Martins are now holding a leading position in the Coastal Plain loop today, with 20 victories and 10 defeats. While the locals are even with Greenville on a "games" basis, the Greensies have a slight edge in the percentage column.

The Martins started working for a perfect week-end last Thursday, when they, with the aid of "Dizzy" Dean's pitching, defeated Goldsboro there, 7 to 3. Dean turned the Bucs back with 7 hits, while Walters, Black, Ferrell and Douglass got two apiece to help run the total to 12.

Friday afternoon Goldsboro was again defeated by the Martins, Tommie Morris giving up 15 hits that netted the locals 8 runs. The visitors got 9 hits and 5 runs. Corbitt hit 4 out of 5 trip to the bats, and Douglass, with 3 hits, batted 1,000.

Tarboro was defeated there last Saturday afternoon, 4 to 1, before a large holiday crowd, but Nicketakis held the Martins to 8 hits.

Sunday, Kinston came over with a bag full of errors that figured mightily in an 8 to 5 victory for the Martins. Smith yielded 12 hits, Corbitt and House getting 3 each to lead the locals.

Yesterday, the Martins had to work 10 innings to register an 8-to-7 win over Tarboro here. The locals started off in the third with an attack that netted four runs. Ferrell hit a home run with two on in that inning. Tarboro came back in the next frame to make one run, and added 3 more in the sixth to tie the score. In the eighth the visitors made 3 more runs to lead the locals, 7 to 4. Williamston added two in its half of the eighth, and knotted the score in the ninth, bring the contest to an end in the tenth in an exciting fashion. House's triple to open the tenth was the deciding factor.

Plans Go Forward For Legion Home In Martin County

Two Towns Expected To Enter Bids For New Building

Plans for the construction of an American Legion hut or building in this county are rapidly being pushed by the building committee, preliminary reports stating that several hundred dollars have already been donated and the veterans are becoming more interested in the proposed undertaking.

At a recent meeting of the building committee the question of locating the building came up for discussion, reports stating that Robersonville and Williamston are expected to enter bids for the structure. After much discussion, a resolution was adopted that the committee would have the post build the hall in the town giving the most in the way of building material, lot, labor and money.

It is expected that much friendly competition will result between the two towns, and it is believed that both towns of the county will also make bids for the legion home. It was stated by a member of the committee that one town other than Williamston and Robersonville had already offered the committee a sizable lot free.

Each town in the county is represented on the building committee, and it was delegated to the members of the committee to handle the matter in their respective towns and to report what each town will do by August 8.

The hall may be built as a memorial to those who lost their lives in the war. It is expected to be a very worthwhile building and as asset to any town in the county.

Dr. Jos. H. Saunders Home From Washington Hospital

Dr. Jos. H. Saunders, confined to a Washington hospital last week for treatment, returned to his home here Sunday, reports stating that his condition is much improved.

Mr. G. H. Harrison Still Confined To His Home

Mr. G. H. Harrison, suffering an attack of neuritis, continues in bed at his home here. His condition is improved, however, and he is expected out shortly.

Clyde R. Hoey Wins Democratic Nomination for Governorship by Over 50,000 Majority Saturday

Official Returns of County Vote in Primary Saturday

The official vote cast in the second Democratic primary last Saturday gives McDonald a decided majority for Governor. Hoey carried only one precinct, and that was by a small margin. The vote tabulated last Saturday evening and verified with the official returns Tuesday follows:

Precinct	GOVERNOR		LIEUT. GOV.		SEC. STATE	
	Hoey	McD.	G'dy	H'Un	Eure	Wade
Jamesville	132	268	317	36	219	94
Williams	47	109	95	29	82	37
Griffins	46	248	165	48	104	70
Bear Grass	101	188	154	48	137	63
Williamston	388	518	602	213	437	383
Cross Roads	42	200	135	46	132	51
Robersonville	183	291	213	209	361	83
Gold Point	37	53	55	29	52	35
Poplar Point	75	62	61	59	76	39
Hamilton	70	104	80	58	94	56
Hassell	10	104	58	35	73	18
Goose Nest	109	121	137	55	88	108
County Totals	1,240	2,266	2,072	865	1,855	1,035

Large Vote Cast In Second Primary In County Saturday

Ten of Twelve Precincts In County Show Increase In Number of Votes

While no new record was established, the large vote in this county last Saturday came as a big surprise to some of the prognosticators, giving valid proof that no one can predict with any degree of certainty what the electorate is going to do and how. Casting 3,132 votes in the first primary on June 6, the county polled 3,524 votes last Saturday, a gain of 392 votes. The vote fell short by 263 votes of the all-time record of 3,787 votes cast in the 1932 general election.

Mr. A. Hassell, with a guess of 3,250 votes, won the \$150 subscription prize offered the one making the best prediction. The guesses entered in the contest averaged less than 3,000 votes.

Every precinct in the county except two showed an increase in the number of votes, and Gold Point polled the same number and Goose nest lost two. Williamston polled one of its largest votes.

The vote cast in the primary last Saturday and in the first primary one June 6 are, as follows:

Precinct	2nd	1st
Jamesville	400	363
Williams	156	108
Griffins	294	243
Bear Grass	289	238
Williamston	914	814
Cross Roads	245	224
Robersonville	481	426
Gold Point	90	90
Poplar Point	135	132
Hassell	114	109
Hamilton	176	153
Goose Nest	230	232
Totals	3524	3132

Young Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gurganus Dies In Hospital

Lester C. Gurganus, young son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Gurganus, died in a Richmond hospital last Monday. He had been in declining health for some time and had received treatment in the hospital for about 70 days before his death.

The body was brought to the home of his parents, near Bear Grass, where the last rites were conducted. Burial was in the Meeks cemetery, near Everetts.

Besides his parents, he leaves four brothers and two sisters.

New Town Baseball Team Wins Two Games Recently

The New Town baseball boys registered two victories during the past few days. Boykin pitched his team to an 8 to 5 win over Old Town last Thursday, and Edmondson won 12 to 3 over "Doodle Hill" this morning.

Goat Gives Birth To Four Kids On Farm Near Here

A nannie goat on the Mary Cherry farm, near here, gave birth to four kids yesterday, Farmer G. L. Brown, owner of the animal, explaining that the quadruplet birth was very unusual.

McDonald Carries Every Precinct in County Except One

Horton and Eure Receive Majorities In Primary Last Saturday

Carrying about 68 out of the 100 counties, Clyde Roark Hoey was nominated for Governor of North Carolina last Saturday by one of the largest votes ever accorded a candidate for any office in the state. Unofficial and incomplete returns today gave Hoey a lead of more than 50,000 votes over Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, the count standing at 262,945 for Hoey and 210,022 for McDonald, with 72 out of the 1,858 precincts unreported. With the exception of a number of counties in the east and one or two in the west, Hoey made a clean sweep in the State.

Incomplete returns also indicated that W. P. Horton had won over Paul Grady for lieutenant governor, late reports giving the head man a lead of about 6,000 votes. In the race for secretary of state, Thad Eure overcame a big handicap to lead Stacey W. Wade by nearly 43,000 votes. In the first primary Eure trailed Wade by more than 40,000 votes, but last Saturday he overcame the handicap and polled a larger majority than his opponents received on June 6.

The large vote, while slightly less than that of June 6, surprised political observers. There were several reasons advanced for a smaller vote last Saturday than in the first primary, but when the voters got started last Saturday, apparently the holiday affected the vote little.

In this county, McDonald polled 2,266 to lead Hoey almost by a two-to-one count, Hoey annexing 1,240 votes. Grady polled 2,072 votes against 865 for Horton. Eure led with 1,855 votes, 1,035 for Horton, the county failing to throw its support to a single winning candidate other than Eure for secretary of state. Hoey, the Shelby lawyer, carried only one precinct, Poplar Point, and the victory there was by only 13 votes.

The race for governor attracted the most attention in the county, the other two contests falling as low as 76 votes in one or two precincts below the count for governor.

Peanut Statistics And Reports Will Now Be Required

George Bill Passed by Last Congress To Require Information

The George bill, making it a law that pickers of peanuts should be licensed and furnish an accurate record of peanuts picked, was passed by the last Congress and signed a few days ago by President Roosevelt. Under the bill requiring peanut statistics collected and reported, farmers, warehousemen and mills are to make periodic reports of stocks on hand, similar to the reports made by the cotton industry. The new law will remove the difficulty of estimating stocks on hand at any time and will enable the industry to secure fairly accurate information for the first time in history.

Passage of the bill is the culmination of many efforts made in the past seven years by peanut associations, millers and others to have such requirements made legal. It is expected to play a big part in stabilizing the industry.

Heretofore, peanut picker operators were supposed to acquire licenses from the register of deeds and make weekly reports to the county agents, but the operators just about ignored it.

The importance of the new bill can be seen from the activities of the market for the 1935 peanut crop. Happening along in the peanut belt just about the time peanuts were dug and stacked, some millers got the idea that there was a large crop and the price was weak until the marketing season was over, and then the price went up. If the George bill had been law during the season, the production quantity would have been reported months ago, and no doubt, many farmers would have received more money

PARTY NOMINEE



Clyde Roark Hoey who was nominated for Governor of North Carolina by more than a 50,000 majority by the Democratic Party last Saturday.

LOCAL TOBACCO MARKET OPENS SEPTEMBER 1ST

Expect Increase in Tobacco Exports During The Coming Year

The local tobacco market will open Tuesday, September 1 this year, or about one week later than the opening date last season. Late crops south of here were probably the controlling factor with the Tobacco Association of the United States which organization set the dates in annual convention at Hot Springs, Va., last week.

The Georgia belt opens August 4, South Carolina, August 13; middle belt, September 22; old belt, October 5, and dark-fired belt on November 17.

W. T. Clark, retiring president of the association, declared in his annual address that while the export tobacco trade was suffering "temporarily" it was "obvious" that tobacco grown in the United States would maintain their position in world's trade, because of consumer taste. High prices and efforts of governments to become independent of other nations largely accounted for tobacco exports dropping lower than in any year since 1915 during 1935, he said.

The local market has been assured a full set of buyers for the opening day, and preparations are getting underway for the event, one of this section's biggest during the entire year.

The association in its last week meeting deferred action on a request of J. S. McFayden and A. E. Dixon, representing Fayetteville, for the establishment of a market there.

Price High for Squirrel Killed Out of Season

Killed out of season, a lone squirrel cost Jake Downs, Hassell man, just about \$11, a rather high price according to County Game Warden Bill Abbott.

Caught by Assistant Warden C. F. Bland recently, Downs was given a hearing before Justice C. L. Nelson, the fine and cost amounting to \$11.