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TWO POSITIONS IN LOCAL FACULTY FILLED MONDAY

Principal Andersons States Arrangements Complete For Opening Thursday

Filling positions in the faculty made vacant by last-minute resignations, local school authorities stated this morning that arrangements were complete for the opening Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock. No exercises will be held the first day, Principal L. W. Anderson explaining that all time would be given to the registration of pupils and textbook assignments. The faculty will hold its first meeting in the high school building tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, several of the teachers having already arrived to begin work.

Two positions in the school were filled yesterday afternoon following the acceptance of resignations from Miss Martha Anderson, sixth grade teacher, and Miss Imogene Riddick, high school French teacher. Experiencing ill-health, Miss Anderson was forced to resign and is now undergoing treatment in a Rocky Mount hospital. Miss Riddick asked that she be released to accept a fellowship valued at several hundred dollars.

The faculty personnel: First grade: Misses Bessie Wilson, of Montreat; Josephine Harrison, of Williamston; and Ethelyn Eason, of Virginia Beach.

Second grade: Misses Mary Benson, of Benson; and Estelle Crawford, Williamston.

Third grade: Misses Lela Brown Barnhill and Ruth Manning, both of Williamston.

Fourth grade: Misses Velma Harrison, of Williamston; and Maria Brinson, of New Bern.

Fifth grade: Misses Dorothy Elliott, of Hertford; and Frances Dailey, of Wilson.

Sixth grade: Misses Elizabeth Hughes, of Parkton; and Mary Whitley, of Murfreesboro.

Seventh grade: Mrs. C. B. Hassell and Mrs. A. R. White, both of Williamston.

Tenth school: English, Miss Emma Stephenson, of Aulander; science, Larry Wade, of Alabama; French, Miss Nancy Glover, of Roanoke Rapids; mathematics, Miss Annie Shields VanDyke, of Greenville; history, Milton Griffin, of Williamston; home economics, Miss Josephine Grant, of Garysburg; principal, L. W. Anderson, of Alta Vista, Va.

Misses Hughes, Whitley, Stephenson, and Glover, and Professors Wade and Anderson are new members of the faculty this year.

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Volunteer Firemen Are Called Out Saturday

Fire, starting from a spark, threatened the home of Miss Sarah Harrell on Simmons Avenue here last Saturday. The fire volunteers were called, and the fire was put out with a small hose. A hole, several feet square, was burned in the kitchen roof, but the damage was not very great.

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ALL LIGHTED UP



The little town of Bear Grass was all lighted up at 8:30 o'clock last Saturday evening upon completion of a rural electrification line by the Virginia Electric and Power Company from its distribution system near Everetts. The project is now serving around forty-four customers, several of whom live between Everetts and the town of about 135 people. The project is one of several the V. E. P. Co. has handled and plans to handle in this county.

Petition for Street Paving Is Presented at Board Meeting

Holding their regular meeting last evening, the local town commissioners received a petition urging the paving of Warren Street from Watts to Haughton intersections, ordered delinquent tax list to be advertised October 1 preparatory to sale the first Monday in November, and reviewed the improvement project on the City Hall.

Presented by Messrs. D. M. Frank and D. V. Clayton, the petition for Warren Street paving carried the names of all the owners of property adjoining the street except one. No action was taken in the matter, but the authorities are planning on improving the street.

The order for advertising taxes was made in accordance with a special act of the legislature affecting Martin County and the town, and next month is the latest date for starting the tax sales.

Bills amounting to approximately \$3,200 were received for remodeling the old city hall for WPA offices.

Compliance Work Is Progressing Rapidly

Compliance work in connection with the government's soil conservation program is progressing very rapidly in this county, according to Mr. T. B. Slade, who is in charge of the extensive compliance program.

Forms for 548 farms, covering 22,899 acres have been completed in the office of the agent, Assistant County Agent M. L. Barnes stating that about two-thirds of the field surveys had been completed. Started the 17th of last month, the work will probably be completed sometime this month. There are approximately 1,426 work sheets or farm in this county cooperating in the conservation program.

While the size of conservation payments depends upon the extent to which Martin farmers participate in the program, it is possible that they will receive between \$200,000 and \$250,000 from the government this year, Assistant Agent M. L. Barnes estimates. Tobacco farmers are eligible to receive as much as \$120,000. If the peanut farmers have reduced their acreage as much as 20 per cent they will receive around \$45,000, and the cotton farmers will get around \$36,000. These figures do not include payments contracted under the soil-building feature of the program, which will add approximately \$15,000 to the total, Mr. Barnes pointed out.

The extent to which Martin farmers are cooperating in the program has not been determined at this time, but compliance slightly above the average is expected.

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LIST 39 CASES ON SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL CALENDAR

Interest Centers in Retrial Of Leavister-Corey Damage Suits

Thirty-nine cases have been placed on the civil calendar for trial in the two weeks term of Martin County Superior Court, convening the 21st of this month. Several of the actions are old with age, but the calendar carries a number of litigations just recently instituted. Interest centers in two cases, the Leavister against Corey and Davenport against Ewell and others cases. Judge M. V. Barnhill, the district judge, of Rocky Mount, is scheduled to preside during the two-week term, which will handle both criminal and civil cases.

The first two days of the two-week term are allotted to the trial of criminal cases, some observers believing that at least three days will be required to handle the criminal docket since there are three murder cases scheduled for trial.

The Leavister-Corey suit and allied cases are set for trial on Monday, September 28, the plaintiffs suing Corey for \$65,000 damages alleged to have resulted when John Leavister, young Raleigh white man, and Marshall Andrews, young Martin County white boy, were killed in an automobile-truck wreck near Robersonville two years ago the sixth of this month. H. F. Leavister, administrator, is asking \$50,000 damages and Roy Andrews, administrator, is asking \$15,000. The case was tried a year ago last March, Judge Moore setting the verdict aside when the jury allowed each of the plaintiffs \$200 damages. For one reason or another the case has been continued since that time.

The Davenport-Ewell case is scheduled for trial on Thursday, October 1, the plaintiff asking \$20,000 damages against Ewell and 19 other defendants for alleged defamation of plaintiff's character, when the defendants petitioned Mr. Davenport's removal as registrar of Hamilton precinct following the last June primary. The complaint was filed several weeks ago, the defense entering a demurrer and maintaining that there are not sufficient grounds to support the action.

Other cases on the docket: Wednesday, September 23: Whitaker vs. Roughton; Rogers et al vs. Bailey; Rolas vs. Norman. Thursday, September 24: Fertilizer Company vs. Parker, Bank vs. James, Bank vs. James, Davis vs. Price, Wiggins vs. Bank et al, Ice Company vs. Rogerson, Ice Company vs. Holliday (2 cases). Friday, September 25: Motor Company vs. Lilley, Fertilizer Company vs. Johnson; Grimes vs. Riddle et al. Tuesday, September 29: Fertilizer Company vs. Phelps et al, Supply Co. vs. James, Hardison vs. Railroad, Jenkins vs. Manning, Biggs vs. Rogers.

Wednesday, September 30: Holliday vs. Roberson, Fertilizer Co. vs. Brown, Huff et al vs. Cherry, Fertilizer Company vs. Womack et al, Barnes vs. Howell, Pugh vs. Coltrain. Thursday, October 1: James vs. Smith, Trustee; Fertilizer Co. vs. Edwards, Fertilizer Co. vs. Killbrew, Fertilizer Co. vs. Fortine, Fertilizer Co. vs. Hardee, Fertilizer Co. vs. Everett, Fertilizer Co. vs. Worthington, Fertilizer Co. vs. Phillips; Fertilizer Co. vs. Roberson; Fertilizer Co. vs. Bunting.

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Over 3,000 Children Expected at Reopening of Ten County White School Units Thursday Morning

Bounty for Liquor Arrests Is Increased by County Board

Martin County's commissioners held a long and uneventful session Monday, the authorities discussing a varied business program that centered around routine problems. Definite action was delayed in nearly all the matters introduced for consideration.

E. N. Harrell was granted a license to sell beer in Oak City. The board recommended that the State Highway Commission take over and maintain the Tyner Town road in Williamston Township.

After hearing a report from the County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board, the commissioners increased the allowance from \$3 to \$5 for each man arrested and convicted of violating the liquor laws. The \$5 allowed for each liquor-still capture was left unchanged.

In accordance with a special act of the last legislature, the commissioners ordered the delinquent tax list advertised the first of October for sale the first Monday in November. Reports from the sheriffs' office indicate that payments are increasing daily, the income showing as much as a \$1,000 increase in one day.

12 LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED IN PAST MONTH

Smallest for Any Month So Far This Year With Exception One

Martin County's marriage license bureau reported a dull season during the month of August, the issuance stopping at an even dozen licenses, to fall below the number for every month in 1936 so far except one, March, when 11 couples were sold licenses. Three of the licenses went to white and 9 to colored couples. While the licenses issued to colored couples outnumbered those sold to white parties three to one last month, it was only a year ago that the white marriages were five to one greater in the month of August.

Ordinarily August is the dulllest month in the year for the license bureau, the number of couples marrying in the particular period hardly ever exceeding a dozen.

Licenses were issued to the following: John Robert Brown and Gladys Wynn, both of Martin County. William Leslie Riddick, of Robersonville, and Elva Elizabeth Andrews, of Bethel. James Staton Godard and Norma Elizabeth Moore, both of Williamston.

Colored Francis Thomas and Hattie Green, both of Martin County. Robert Sanders and Florence Stewart, both of Windsor. John Hill and Elizabeth Knight, both of Williamston. Norman Williams and Bertha Lee Coon, both of Robersonville. L. F. Forrest and Mary Jane Haskett, both of Martin County. Phillip Purrington and Carrie Dell Daniels, both of Martin County. James W. Grimes, of Portsmouth, and Magalena White, of Parmele. James LeRoy Davis and Sophie Graham, of Williamston. Randolph Hinton and Blanche Brown, of Martin County.

Local Chevrolet Dealers Sponsoring Free Show

Prepared by the General Motors Company and sponsored by the Roanoke Chevrolet Company, an interesting and entertaining moving picture will be shown on the local company's lot Thursday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. John H. Edwards announced the picture would be shown free to the public and that everyone was cordially invited to see it. Only one showing of the picture has been scheduled.

Sales Increasing on Local Tobacco Market; 105,000 Pounds Yesterday, 90,000 Today

Selling 105,362 pounds, the local tobacco market yesterday had its best sale of the season so far, the entire sale averaging \$25.83 or more than two cents a pound above the average for the first four selling days. Today there are approximately 85,000 pounds of the leaf on the local market, with prices for the medium and better grades little changed from those received during the first few days of the season. Prices on inferior grades were considered weaker, however, and the average for the day's sale will not reach the

high mark reported yesterday. Very few tags are being turned, however, the farmers being fairly well pleased with their sales.

The fact that the current crop is light is growing more evident as the season progresses, the three auction houses here reporting weights almost a third under those of last year. In other words, each basket on an average weighs about thirty pounds less than it did a year ago.

During the first five days of the season, the local market sold 462,428 pounds for an average of \$23.30. In the same length of time last season following the 1936 opening, sales here totaled 512,288 pounds, the resulting price then averaging \$18.57. Supervisor of Sales McFarland pointed out this morning that the Williamston market had sold more individual piles of tobacco this season than it did during the first five days of last year, that if the weights had compared favorably with those of a year ago, the total poundage at this time would be in excess of 600,000 pounds.

NEW PRINCIPAL



Professor L. W. Anderson, head of the local schools this year, announces everything in readiness for the opening Thursday of this week.

Safety Plea Made To All Car Drivers

Thousands of children are returning to the schools in this county on Thursday of this week, giving rise to a need for greater care in automobile driving. The little tots, while contributing to their own danger, are not to be held responsible in all cases, and pleas are made to all car drivers urging them to exercise greater precaution and care in making the streets and highways safer for the young folks.

Speeds should be decreased considerably on local streets, and especially should care be exercised in those zones where the children walk in numbers. The observance of the "stop" signs on the several corners might cause a little inconvenience, but the driver in bring his machine to a stop might save a life.

Dr. DeWitt Klutz Dies Suddenly Last Evening

Dr. DeWitt Klutz, prominent in medical circles throughout Eastern North Carolina and well known to hundreds of Martin County people, died suddenly at his summer home, nine miles below Washington, last night at 10:30 o'clock. An attack of cardiac thrombosis was given as the cause of his death.

A member of the Tayloe Hospital staff for a number of years, Dr. Klutz was a recognized diagnostician. He was a faithful and interested worker in his profession, and was highly respected both in and out of his chosen profession.

Funeral arrangements had not been determined at noon today.

Skewarkee Masons Will Hold Meeting Tonight

There will be a regular meeting of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, tonight at 7:45 p. m. In addition to the regular business there will be work in the second degree. Members and visiting Masons are urged to attend.

Enrollment Looked For by School Heads

Arrangements were announced complete yesterday for opening the 10 white schools in this county on Thursday morning, when more than 3,000 young people are expected to report for scholastic training. Holding a conference in the office of County Superintendent J. C. Manning Monday afternoon, 3 of the 10 principals present stated they were looking for an unusually successful term. A slight increase in enrollment figures is expected generally over the county. Principal R. I. Leake, of the Robersonville schools, estimating the plants there would enroll around 700 children on opening day as compared with 640 last term.

Principals Ainsley, Oak City; Russell, Everetts; and Anderson, Williamston, also stated they expected slightly increased enrollments, while Professors Uzle, Jamesville; Hickman, Bear Grass; Martin, Farm Life; and Gold Point, will hold their opening programs at 9 o'clock that morning. The Oak City opening is scheduled for 10 o'clock, with Rev. Mr. Scarborough appearing on the program. Rev. E. C. Shoe will conduct the exercises in the Robersonville Grammar School Building at 9 o'clock, and Rev. J. M. Perry will appear on the program at the high school there at 11 a. m., Principal Leake said. Miss Margaret Owens appears on the Bear Grass opening day program, and ministers and committeemen will be present for the exercises in nearly all the other schools. No exercises are planned here. Principal Anderson stating that pupils are to report at 8:30 o'clock.

A number of changes in the faculty personnel for several of the schools were reported at the last minute, but all positions were reported filled today. Many new teachers are included in the personnel, several of the principals said. Professor B. B. Castellio, of Windsor, will head the Hamilton school, and Professor Harold Brown, of Richlands, goes to Gold Point, all the other school heads returning to their respective positions.

School texts, to be handled by retailers just as they were handled last year, are available at the several stores handling school supplies in the county, it was learned from the office of the principal. No attempt will be made to rent the texts this year, the county education board decided some time ago.

The 34 school buses, including 5 new replacements, are being delivered to the drivers this week, and as far as it could be learned, no marked variations in routes or schedules have been made.

Colored schools in this county will open the term on Thursday of next week, and great increases in enrollment are expected there. Last year there were 3,391 white pupils enrolled in the several schools of this county, an increase of 76 over the 1934-35 opening day figures. The last term opening-day enrollments were reported as follows:

School	HS	Ele	Total
Jamesville	108	337	445
Farm Life	60	172	232
Bear Grass	62	243	305
Williamston	185	580	765
Everetts	270	270	540
Robersonville	244	396	640
Gold Point		71	71
Hassell		60	60
Oak City	140	255	395
Hamilton		208	208
Totals	799	2,592	3,391

1934-35: High school 741, elementary 2,574; total 3,315.

NUTS AND BOLTS

Accidents—B Sharp or B Flat

The curtain never drops on that great American tragedy known as "Death on the Highways." Night falls and the stage is darkened, but Death stalks on. Indeed, the drama quickens, for under cover of darkness the grim villain of the piece exacts his heaviest toll.

Danger looms too suddenly out of the shadows. There often isn't time to avert it. Careless pedestrians