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SEVERAL CLUBS ARE ORGANIZED AT HIGH SCHOOL

First Edition High School Included In Extensive Building Program

Students in the local high school are now busily engaged in the organization of clubs in which they are taking considerable interest. Miss Nancy Glover and a group of 20 students are at work on the first issue of a school newspaper of the year which is being printed by The Enterprise. The students have done all the actual work of soliciting ads and writing the news articles.

Miss Emma Gay Stephenson states that interest in debating is considerable and she has had little trouble in organizing an enthusiastic group for that type of work. The first meeting was held last week, at which time four students debated on the question of whether boys are more expensive to their parents than girls. The topic for this Thursday night, when the club meets in the high school auditorium is: "Resolved That Radios Are More Educational Than Moving Pictures." Miss Stephenson also states that she hopes to begin soon with the work on the triangular debate subject: "Resolved, That the Utilities Should Be Owned by the Government." Each year the leading high schools of the state debate some important subject, with winners representing their school at Chapel Hill.

As a means of creating interest in leadership and scholarship, a group of boys and girls have made application and been admitted to the National Beta Club. There are only 10 chapters of this club in the State, and the local boys and girls feel proud that their application was accepted. All members are required to average well above 85 in their school work, and they must be leaders in various school activities. Charter members are Mary Helen Boykin, Grace Chesson, Grace Barnhill, Wilbur Culpepper, Addie Lee Meador, and Reg Manning.

Campaign Fund Is Steadily Mounting

Martin County people continue to rally their support in the campaign for President Roosevelt's reelection, the canvassers reporting \$636.50 collected. Several districts are yet to be heard from, and it is believed the drive will net close to \$1,000, the goal set for this county.

Contributions not previously acknowledged: A friend, \$10; Jesse Harrell \$1; Shields & Co., Inc., \$5; T. B. Wheeler, \$2; Frank S. Pittman, \$2; J. T. Mizelle, \$1; A friend, \$1; J. T. Vick, \$1; Clyde Beach, \$5; P. B. Bellflower, \$5; E. T. Smith & Bro., \$2; N. W. Hyman, \$1; R. R. Thompson, \$1; T. L. Roberson, \$1; Haywood Harrell \$1; S. P. Hyman, \$1; W. A. Coffield, \$1; H. A. Early, \$1; J. T. Moore, \$1; W. B. Harrington, \$1; Mrs. C. T. Roberson \$1; Jordan G. Peel, \$1; H. L. Manning, \$1; Stephen Manning \$5; P. E. Getsinger, \$1; J. L. Coltrain \$1; Williamson Hardware Co., \$5; T. S. Critcher, \$2.

Several Cases Are Tried by Mayor

Mayor J. L. Hassell had a busy week-end in his court here, the trial justice reporting more cases tried during the period than at any other time in about a year.

Russell Perry, the man who complained about his fare in a prison camp just recently, was fined \$2.50 and taxed with the costs for being drunk and disorderly. Tom Perry and Robert O'Mary, facing similar charges, were fined \$2.50 each and taxed with the costs.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, James Rawls was given a 30-day road sentence, suspended upon payment of the cost.

Henry Hodges, charged with being disorderly and attempting to assault another with a deadly weapon, was bound over to the county court for trial.

Louis Ross, a Canuck, was booked on a seduction charge, the case being scheduled for trial in the superior court.

Local High School To Stage "General Election" Tuesday

Plans are underway now for the Williamston High School students to hold a real election, based on the general election to be held November 3. School authorities hope this will be a means of teaching the actual mechanics of voting and will instill in the students interest in local, state, and national affairs.

Mr. Milton Griffin, teacher in the high school, has charge of planning the procedure. On Thursday of this week, several students of the history and civics classes will present in chapel a resume of both major national party platforms and concise histories of all candidates. On Friday the registration of all students will take place, students being in charge, and on Tuesday, October 27, the students will register their preferences on real ballots or fac-similes of the real. Local authorities have been asked to contribute several hundred genuine ballots if that many can be spared.

Due to the local sentiment in Williamston for the Democratic candidate, it is certain that the election will result in a big majority for both Roosevelt and Hoey.

Large Number Homes Built Here This Year

REORGANIZE P. T. A.

The reorganization of the Williamston Parent-Teacher Association will be perfected Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the high school building, the president, Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, announced today. All parents and others interested in the advancement of the local schools are cordially invited and urged to attend.

No program has been planned for the meeting, the scheduled activities to center around the reorganization and discussions of a work program for the current term.

LARGER LIST OF FARM CHECKS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

However, Increased Number Is in Other Sections; Smaller in South

Washington.—A survey of AAA reports indicates that many farmers in the northeast and north central regions would receive federal benefit payments this year than last, while checks would go to fewer in the south.

Regional allotments of the \$470,000,000 to be distributed under this year's soil conservation-subsidy program remained a secret, but a study of work sheets filed by farmers under the program gave a rough idea of the number expected to receive benefits in different sections.

They indicated that six times as many northeastern producers are participating in the present program than in previous AAA programs, and more than twice as many in the north central region.

This was explained by officials as partly the result of the inclusion of dairymen for the first time this year and of the conservation plan's inclusion of small general farmers.

Some northeastern farmers who raised none of the basic commodities on which payments were based under the old AAA program could not qualify at all for benefits. Others who had only a few acres in the basic commodities were eligible for such small benefits that they considered the necessary bookkeeping more trouble than it was worth.

A factor cited in explanation of the indicated decline in number of payments in the South was that many producers there had been unable to qualify under two or three different programs in the past, since they raised both cotton and other basic commodities, while only one program is offered under the soil conservation law.

Two kinds of payments are scheduled to be made, starting some time this month, under the present single program. One is for shifting acreage from cotton, tobacco, wheat, corn, and other crops which the government classifies as "soil-depleting" to clover, alfalfa, grasses and other crops classified as "soil-conserving" practices, which range all the way from fertilizing and terracing land to killing prairie dogs.

The number of work sheets filed by farmers under the conservation plan totaled 4,272,464, compared to 3,388,551 AAA contracts signed by farmers in 1935. Officials have estimated the number of persons actually receiving checks will be 6,000,000 in comparison with about 5,000,000 last year. Only one work sheet was filed to reach farm, although owner, operator, tenant and share-cropper may share in the payment.

FARMERS TURN TO DIGGING CROP SWEETPOTATOES

Harvest of About 175,000 Bushels Expected This Season in County

Their peanut harvesting work about completed, Martin farmers are taking more time from tobacco grading to start digging their sweet potatoes, reports stating that very little of the work has been done so far in this immediate section.

Those few farmers who have dug their crops state they are getting fair yields and medium quality potatoes.

Cultivating about 1,500 acres, Martin farmers are expected to harvest about 175,000 bushels of sweet potatoes this year or about the same number of bushels as were grown last season. According to County Agent Brandon more potatoes will be cured in specially constructed barns this year than ever before. Sixty-eight curing barns are ready for operation, the average having a capacity of about 500 bushels. J. G. Staten has already started filling his 28,000-bushel capacity barn in Williamston. Vance Roberson will again operate his 10,000-bushel capacity barn at Robersonville. D. G. Matthews has a barn with a capacity of 3,500 bushels at Hamilton and W. W. Griffin and J. E. King have barns that will handle about 1,500 bushels each. There are a number of others with about 1,200 bushel capacity, but the others hardly exceed a capacity of 400 bushels.

The average production for the county will hardly exceed 110 bushels to the acre this year, early reports indicate.

County Woman Dies in Hospital

Mrs. Elma Davenport, wife of Kelly Davenport young farmer living near Williamston, died in a Washington hospital last Friday morning, following an illness of only a few days' duration. She was entered in the hospital for treatment the day before she died.

A native of Pitt County, Mrs. Davenport had lived in this county only during the past three years. She was the daughter of Mrs. Maggie Paramore and husband, and is survived, besides her husband and five small children, Bennie, Joseph, William, Leona, and Mary Alma Davenport. She was 33 years old. She also leaves four sisters, Mrs. W. D. Harris, of Enfield; Mrs. J. D. Bland, of Greenville; Mrs. Mike Moskin, of Norfolk; Miss Mamie Paramore, of Greenville; and one brother, Major Paramore, of Greenville.

Services were conducted at the home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. W. D. Nobles. Interment was at Parker's Chapel in Pitt County.

Negro Farmers of County Win Prizes

Several Martin County negro farmers and students in the Parmele vocational agriculture department were awarded prizes for farm and club exhibits at the district fair for negroes in Ahoskie a few days ago.

The students and farmers prepared their exhibits under the direction of Oliver Carter, negro farm agent for this county, and A. B. Wynne, teacher of agriculture in the Parmele Training School; and it was through their efforts that 13 prizes, 4 firsts, 8 seconds and 1 third, were won.

Carter has done a splendid work among farmers of his race in the upper end of the county, handling on an extensive scale the vaccination of hogs against cholera.

Young People Install New Officers for Coming Year

Following an impressive candle-light service by the pastor, Rev. R. R. Grant, the young people's division of the local Methodist church installed new officers at 6:45 Sunday evening. The new officers who will serve during the coming year are: President, Geraldine Humble; vice president, Wilbur Culpepper; secretary and pianist, Mary Helen Boykin; treasurer, Helen Mishoe; representative to local board of Christian education, Frances Humble; social leader, Elva Mae Mishoe; assistant social leader, Virgil Ward.

Department superintendents: John Thigpen, Jerry Clark, Elsie Gurganus, Mary Kate Swain. Advisors: Ora E. Finch, Mrs. John F. Thigpen.

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Homestead Exemption Being Fought by All County Boards

Martin County's board of commissioners went on record as opposing the proposed amendment to the State constitution allowing a maximum of \$1,000 exemption on certain classes of real estate. In a telegram forward to the governor last week at the direction of Chairman John E. Pope, the commissioners cited the objections advanced by the State Association of County Commissioners of North Carolina.

Some of the objections advanced by the commissioners' association are: (1) Counties and cities will be forced to raise tax rates; (2) rents

will be increased; (3) owners of vacant property will be put at a great disadvantage; (4) the counties will find it virtually impossible to operate within the 15-cent general rate allowed by the constitution; (5) both counties and cities will find it difficult, if not impossible, to borrow money for necessary improvements. And, as a reminder, the association adds, "A vote for the homestead amendment is a vote to cripple the power of counties and cities to erect school buildings and other improvements, even when authorized by the voters."

Local Market Makes 26c Average Monday

Prices Are Stronger Today; 75 Per Cent Crop Believed Sold

Although prices for the best types were considered somewhat weaker than they were last week, the local tobacco market yesterday sold 171,742 pounds for an average of \$26.36. Supervisor of Sales McFarland reported this morning. Sales were continued until 4:30 in the afternoon and two hours were required this morning to clear the block. Reports this morning indicated the prices were somewhat stronger than yesterday, the top reaching 70 cents.

To date the market has sold 3,597,076 pounds, numerous reports stating that 75 per cent or more of the current crop has been sold. Griffin Township farmers will just about complete the marketing of the crop this week with few exceptions. Rev. W. B. Harrington, Farm Life man, said this morning. In the upper part of the county the crop is hardly more than half sold, Mr. Luther Davenport explaining that farmers there had been busy picking cotton and digging peanuts, leaving little time for preparing the tobacco for market. The general belief is that the crop, as a whole, is just about gone and that it will be gone in its entirety before one harvest realizes it.

Picker Operators Getting Licenses

The peanut harvesting season just a few days off, picker operators started this week getting their operating licenses from the register of deeds office in this county, the first six licenses going to picker owners in the upper part of the county.

In accordance with Chapter 329, 1935 State laws, all peanut picker operators are supposed to procure an operating license from the register of deeds. The picker operators are directed to make reports of their activities to the register of deeds, who forwards them to the commissioner of agriculture for publication.

Several hundred of the licenses were issued in this county year before last or before the law was changed, but there were not so many last season, it is understood.

Christian Church Calls Off Wednesday Prayer Meeting

No prayer service will be held in the Christian church here tomorrow evening. The members of the church and others are invited to attend the religious meeting in the Methodist church.

Bumper Seed Crop

Washington.—The condition of the market for seeds and oils in China at present indicates 1936 production will exceed 1935 production of leading oilseeds, including soybeans, sesame, peanut, cotton, rape, hemp, perilla and linseed, according to the Department of Commerce.

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Bailey To Speak At Robersonville Tomorrow Night

State-wide Precinct Night Will Be Observed In the County October 29

The Democrats will open their campaign in this county tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, when Senator Josiah W. Bailey speaks in the high school auditorium at Robersonville. The Senator will be followed next week by well-known party leaders, including Hon. Rivers D. Johnson, state senator from Duplin County, and Hon. Lindsay C. Warren, first district congressman, of Washington. The battle will be centered in eight of the county's twelve precincts on Thursday night of next week, when local speakers take the stump in behalf of President Roosevelt's reelection and the election of a complete state Democratic ticket.

Senator Bailey, while he will review the activities of the present administration, is expected to center his speech on an attack on the Republican party. The Senator has not delivered a political speech in this county since he supported Al Smith on the Democratic ticket for President in 1928. A large crowd is expected to hear him.

Wednesday night of next week, Rivers D. Johnson will address the voters in the county courthouse at Williamston, where a large crowd is expected to hear him. Mr. Johnson, a leader in the North Carolina Senate during several terms, is an orator of note and one who will have interesting things to say and who will say them in an interesting way.

Thursday night of next week the Democrats will start firing at their opponents from all angles, the county party leaders having drafted speakers for speeches in 8 of the 12 precincts at that time. Assignments have not been announced, but Attorneys B. A. Critcher, H. G. Horton, R. L. Coburn, Paul D. Roberson, H. L. Swain, H. D. Hardison, E. S. Peel and J. L. Hassell, Williamston mayor, will carry the Democratic word to the voters that night. The assignments will be announced the latter part of this week, Elbert S. Peel, chairman of the county Democratic executive committee, said today.

Arrangements for an address by Hon. Lindsay C. Warren in Oak City on the night of October 30 are pending, definite announcement to follow the latter part of this week, Mr. Peel said.

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, candidate for governor in the June and July primaries, will not be able to appear in this county in behalf of the state and national Democratic tickets, it was learned today after invitations had been planned to bring him to this section.

The Republican campaign continues at a standstill in this county, the proposed visit of Gilliam Grissom, Republican nominee for governor, at Bear Grass failing to materialize.

Reunion Held at Trinity School in Chocowinity

Holding their first reunion in many years, former students of old Trinity School at Chocowinity held quite a celebration there last Sunday, a number of the old boys attending from this county.

Suspended for a number of years, the school graduated men who are prominent in county, state and even national affairs now.

Services were held at Trinity Chapel that morning by Rev. N. Collin Hughes, D. D., former principal. Dinner was served at Trinity Parish.

Mr. Sylvester Peel, of this county, was the oldest alumnus at the reunion. He was in the class of 1883. Pete Fowden, Jim Leggett, and Kim Saunders were among other alumni attending the reunion from this county.

Rev. C. B. Mashburn Holds Meet In Jamesville Church

Rev. C. B. Mashburn, former county minister, is conducting a series of services in the Jamesville Christian Church this week. Mr. Mashburn is pastor of the Farmville church, and the public is invited to hear him this week at Jamesville.

REGISTRATION

Very few names were added to the list of eligible voters in this county during the past two Saturdays, when the registration books were open, reports from several precincts state. The books will close next Saturday evening, and those who have not registered and are qualified to register should do so if they wish to participate in the election week after next.

Club Women Will Meet in Farmville

The women of the Fifteenth District of the North Carolina Federation of Clubs will meet in Farmville Tuesday, October 27. Mrs. C. W. Beasley, district president, will preside over the meeting which will be held in the Methodist church beginning at 10 o'clock that morning. Mrs. Geo. E. Marshall, state president, and Mrs. John D. Robinson, second vice president, will be present. With Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Beasley, taking part on the program, we can be fully assured that it will be of unusual interest and full of helpful information.

All club women of the district are not only invited but are urged to attend, for the district meetings are really federation meetings in miniature. They are the backbone of the State work. As goes the district work, so goes the State work. Each club woman attending will gain much help for the coming year's work. Let every woman, who possibly can, come and help make this a great day in the club.

Dr. W. T. Gibson Locates For Practice in Jamesville

Dr. W. T. Gibson is locating today in Jamesville for the general practice of medicine, the physician to occupy the offices of the late Dr. J. E. Smithwick, beloved county doctor there for a long number of years. Formerly located in Roper, Dr. Gibson is moving from Severn, where he has successfully practiced during the past year or two, and he goes to the new post highly recommended as a doctor and citizen.

Dr. and Mrs. Gibson and family will occupy the Mayo Mizelle home.

World War Veteran Dies At Home Near Hassell

Thurman Weathersbee, World War veteran and farmer living near Hassell, died at his home there Monday afternoon. He was 37 years old and survived by his widow and seven children, Alice, Stanley, Mary Della, Katherine, Elbert, Lillian and Hazel Weathersbee.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment will follow near Palmyra.

Conducting Meeting At Sweet Home Church

Rev. D. W. Arnold is conducting a series of religious meetings at Sweet Home Church this week, the minister holding services each evening. The public is invited.