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WELFARE HEADS OF DISTRICT TO BE HERE FRIDAY

More Than 200 People Are Expected To Be Present For Annual Meeting

The annual conference of the northeastern welfare district, recognized as one of the most important events of its kind ever planned in this section of the state, is expected to attract a large number of people here next Friday, the visitors to include prominent speakers from within the state and from the nation. Miss Mary Taylor, head of Martin County's welfare work and district president, explains that the program is one of the most instructive ever planned and that workers in the organization and the general public will find the subjects interesting.

Getting underway at 9:30 in the Baptist church, the morning session will be recessed at 12:35 for lunch, which will be served by the Methodist church ladies in the Woman's Club hall. The afternoon session will center around an address on the social security act by Miss Lavinia Engle, of Washington City.

Miss Taylor explains that the public is cordially invited to hear the addresses, arrangements having been made to accommodate more than 200 guests.

The program follows:

9:30, Registration.
10:00, Greeting by Jac. C. Manning, superintendent of Martin County schools; annual message by Mrs. Blanche Carr Sterne, president of the state association of county superintendents of public welfare.

10:15, "The Responsibility of the Local Community in Social Legislation," Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, chairman of Pitt County Board of Public Welfare. Discussion, members of county welfare boards and county commissioners participating.

10:35, "The State's Responsibility in Social Legislation," Mrs. W. T. Bost, state commissioner of public welfare.

11:05, "Next Steps Toward Social Security in North Carolina" (speaker to be announced later).

11:35, "Services to Children Through the Social Security Act," Miss Mary Labaree, Children's Bureau.

12:00, "Cooperation with WPA Toward Work Security," Miss Louisa Dunn, regional social worker. Works Progress Administration. Recognition of special guests. Announcements.

12:35, Luncheon, Hon. Thad Eure, presiding. Address, "The Social Security Act," Miss Lavinia Engle, educational division, Social Security Board, Washington, D. C. Music, solo by Miss Lillian Nixon.

1:50, open forum, "Current Problems in the County Welfare Department," staff members of state and county departments participating.

2:50, business.

3:00, adjournment.

Joseph S. Lilley Dies At Jamesville Home

Joseph S. Lilley died at his home in Jamesville this morning at 9 o'clock, following an illness of several years' duration. He had suffered with creeping paralysis and was confined to his bed much of the time during the past few years of his life.

The son of the late R. T. D. Lilley and wife, he was born in Griffins Township about 60 years ago. He spent most of his life there and was an able mechanic and millwright. A number of years ago he moved to Jamesville, where he made his home until death. When a young man he married Miss Lillian Lilley, who survives with one son, Elmer D. Lilley, of Raleigh. A daughter died a few years ago. Mr. Lilley was widely known over the county, where his work carried him for a number of years.

Funeral services will be conducted at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the home by Rev. W. B. Harrington, Baptist minister. Interment will follow in the Methodist church cemetery, Jamesville.

4-H Club Achievement Program at Robersonville

A 4-H club achievement day program will be held in the Robersonville High School Saturday of this week, beginning at 10 o'clock that morning. M. L. Barnes, club leader, announced today. A large number of the more than 400 boys and girls enrolled in club work over the county are expected, and a cordial invitation is extended parents and the public in general.

L. R. Harrill, state club leader, and Miss Pauline Smith, district home agent, appear on the program.

State Forester Speaks At Farmer Meet Here

31 SHOPPING DAYS

Christmas is coming! It has been coming regularly each year these nineteen hundred and more years. And the 1936 edition is just 31 shopping days removed. In calling your attention to early shopping as the wise policy, we beg leave to suggest that you do your shopping with your home merchants. We feel sure, beyond all doubt, that Williamston merchants will appreciate your every bit of patronage.

There is much to be gained and nothing to be lost in patronizing your home-town merchants.

MRS. GETSINGER DIES AT HOME IN DARDENSUNDAY

Funeral Services Are Held By Rev. C. T. Thrift This Afternoon

Mrs. John A. Getsinger, member of one of this county's oldest families, died at her home in Dardens Sunday evening at 8 o'clock from a complication of ailments. She had been in declining health for more than a year, but was able to be up much of the time until just a short while before her death.

The daughter of the late S. M. Darden and wife, Mrs. Getsinger was born in Dardens 52 years ago where she lived all her life. Her grandfather, the late John Goodman Darden, named the town of Dardens. In April, 1905, she was married to John A. Getsinger, who died several years ago. She was a member of the Darden's Methodist church for years, taking much interest in religious work and community activities, and enjoyed a large circle of friends.

Four children, Miss Thelma Getsinger, Edwin, John Goodman, and Duncan Getsinger, all of Dardens, survive. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Fred R. Smith, Mrs. Edgar R. Chesson, and Mrs. Jack Willoughby, all of Plymouth, and two brothers, Willie Darden, of Dardens, and Jesse Darden, of Baltimore.

Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home by Rev. C. T. Thrift, Plymouth Methodist minister. Interment was in the family plot in the Dardens Methodist churchyard.

Mrs. Getsinger, who was Miss Alice G. Darden before her marriage, spent much time in her childhood visiting the W. A. Ellisons here and had many friends in this community.

Parent-Teacher Meeting Tomorrow at 3:30 P. M.

The local parent-teacher association will hold its second meeting of the current school term tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the high school building, Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, president, announcing this morning that the program committee had planned an unusually interesting program and that a large representation of parents and teachers was expected.

Parents and school patrons attending will be invited by Miss Josephine Grant, home economics teacher, to the home economics room for a social period.

Large Crowds See New Ford Car on Display Here

On display in the showroom of the Williamston Motor Company here last Saturday, the New V-8 Ford for 1937 attracted hundreds of people. The radical improvements, including breaks, stream-lining and the other many new features, attracted keen attention and much comment.

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Fishing in Croatan Sound this week, Eddie Culppeper, local young man, hooked a big fish, but the line broke as the fisherman started pulling in the fish. H. O. Peel, judge of the county recorder's court, later hooked the same fish, landed him and recovered the hook and line lost just a few minutes before by his companion fisherman.

The fish, a rock or striped bass, weighed more than 10 pounds, it was stated.

Says Locating Pulp Mill in Section Will Raise Value Forests

Offers Person Services To Any Farmer Interested In Forest Program

Forest lands properly handled will increase in value should a pulp mill be located in this section of the state, G. W. Graeber, forester of the State Extension Service, told a small number of farmers at a meeting held in the courthouse here yesterday morning, while explaining one of the most important problems facing this section at the present time. While the specialist pointed out the value of having another outlet for marketing pine timber, his subject dealt with a program that is being advanced in the hope that timber lands will be recognized as a cash crop, one that is to receive regular attention and careful planning.

Mr. Graeber said there is an ample supply of timber for a pulp mill, and that the location of a plant here would actually enhance the value of timberlands, provided the owners follow approved forest practices in cutting the timber.

"There are certain types of pine trees that are hardly marketable now, and these could be thinned out and sold to the mill," the specialist explained. The main feature in a forestry program, Mr. Graeber continued, is to thin the tracts, removing the scrub trees and giving the better ones more room in which to grow. A farmer in a near-by county thinned out 70 acres of timber recently, selling \$1,000 worth of logs and wood, and today the remaining timber is worth more than it was before the forest was thinned out. Timber should be thinned about every five years, aiding the better trees to develop rapidly. It is the opinion of the specialist that farmers in this section could profit much in the proper handling of their timber lands and disposing of the smaller trees to a pulp mill.

Mr. Graeber stated that he would be glad to advise farmers personally in the care of their timber lands and explain how they could improve the value of timber by proper thinning and cutting methods. At the present time, the State Department is offering for sale thousands of pine seedlings at \$3 a thousand, and it is believed that farmer would find it profitable to buy some of the stock and start raising pines just as they now raise other farm crops.

The importance of such a program is little recognized by farmers of this county, but the growing and cultivation of timber as a crop is expected to come into its own before so very long. And now is a good time for the progressive landowner to give the matter serious consideration. No site has yet been selected for a pulp mill, but regardless of whether it locates or does not locate in this part of the country, farmers will find proper forestry methods valuable.

Local Tobacco Market Has Last Sale of Season Today

Final sales of the 1936 season were held on the local tobacco market today, reports indicating that the current crop has been sold in its entirety in this area with very few exceptions.

The season closes with sales some over two million pounds under those of a year ago, observers pointing out that the decrease is the result of a short crop in this immediate section. Complete figures for the season are not available just at this time, but the sales will stand right at the five-million-pound mark it is reliably estimated.

Hog Stealing Reported In Two Districts of County

The tobacco season just about over, stealing shifted from farmers' packhouses to pigpens in this county recently. J. T. Powell and Nicodemus Barrow, colored, are facing trial in the case charging them with the theft of three hogs from Farmer Herbert Manning in Griffins Township last week. The three hogs were recovered.

Hubert Brown, Jack Lanier, and James Walston are facing trial in the county court today for the alleged attempted theft of a hog from the field of Farmer A. B. Ayers in Bear Grass last week. The three men were said to have been frightened away and left the field with hands empty.

HUNTING SEASON GETS UNDERWAY FRIDAY MORNING

Hundreds of Sportsmen In Section Buy Licenses For Quail Hunting

Raleigh.—With firearms primed for action and dogs on the leash, North Carolina hunters are ready for the zero hour of the big gunning seasons opening on November 20, when they will take the field for the most generally popular of all game species of the state—quail, rabbits and wild turkeys.

Various other seasons, among which are those for squirrels, deer, and bear, have previously opened and gunners have had their preliminary field outings.

As indicated by advance sale of licenses, the greatest army of hunters to take the field in years will participate in the sport this year. According to observations and reports from various parts of the state received by J. D. Chalk, state game and inland fisheries commissioner, the covers of North Carolina offer the largest supply of most types of game in years.

In spite of severe cold weather, wild life came through last winter in good condition and followed by a good breeding season, hunters should have more than ordinarily attractive sport, in the opinion of Mr. Chalk. Another reason assigned by the commissioner to the anticipated improved hunting conditions is the increasing amount of food available to wild life. This has been brought about by the planting of more grains by farmers and the provision of more food sources through various phases of the soil conservation programs.

Migratory waterfowl shooting, including ducks and geese, which is governed by Federal regulations, will open on November 26. New species of ducks have, however, been added to the protected group this year. Species which cannot be legally taken include wood duck, ruddy duck, buffle head, redhead, canvasback, and brant. Dove season reopens on December 20, after being closed following an open period through the month of September.

Wilmer Mizelle Dies in Raleigh

Wilmer Mizelle, native of Jamesville, died yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in a Raleigh hospital, where he had been confined for treatment for nearly 12 years.

The son of the late Hardy W. Mizelle, prominent Jamesville merchant for a number of years, and wife, Anne Marriner Rogers Mizelle, he was about 63 years old. When a young man he married Miss Neva Johnson, of Plymouth, and later located in Edenton, where he successfully conducted a jewelry business for a long period. He later entered the automobile business, spending much time in this section.

When a young boy, he, with his sister, the late Miss Annie Mizelle, teacher in the local schools for a number of years, came to Williamston following the death of his parents. He lived with the late Mrs. Mary Carstarphen and attended the local schools. He is the last member of one of Jamesville's prominent families.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Williamston Methodist church tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. R. R. Grant. Interment will follow in the old family plot in Jamesville.

Sixteenth Theft of Tobacco Reported

The sixteenth tobacco theft, and the first one to be solved or partially solved, in the county this season was reported last week. Kader Brown, colored farmer living on the farm of Mrs. A. F. Taylor, is being held in connection with the alleged theft. Denying the charge, Brown first maintained that the tobacco belonged to Mrs. Taylor and himself, that he could it without her knowledge. When this alibi was proved unfounded, he explained that he had saved a few pounds of his best grades during the season and sold the tobacco last week.

While Brown was trying to clear himself of the charge, Fred Taylor, who lives in the same district, reported the theft of about 170 pounds of tobacco, and officers believe Brown is connected with the theft. No other arrests have been made, but county officers are continuing an investigation, reports from the office of the sheriff today stated.

Social Security Forms Are Being Filled Out

Benefits of Program Outlined on Back of Application Blanks

Urge Employers To Offer Required Information By Next Saturday

Receiving application forms yesterday, local employers of labor are rapidly applying for identification numbers in the United States Social Security act set-up, reports from the post office today indicated. As soon as these forms are returned in their entirety, the post office will start sending out forms to receive applications from employees, it was stated.

Postmaster Fowden is urging all employers in this district to cooperate with him and his employees in getting information necessary in setting up the social security machinery for administering old-age benefits.

The Federal old-age benefits system provides for retirement payments from the Federal Government to qualified persons, beginning at the age of 65. It was established by the social security act and goes into effect on January 1, 1937. Its purpose is to bring to those persons employed in the broad fields of commerce and industry increased assurance of an independent old age. The system is administered by the Social Security Board, Washington, D. C.

Benefit are based on the wage record of the individual and are of three types: (1) monthly benefits at 65; (2) lump-sum payments; and (3) death benefits.

These benefits are based on total wages for work done in this country after December 31, 1936, and before a worker becomes 65 years of age. This includes every kind of work for an employer, with a few exceptions. Wages of not more than \$3,000 a year to an individual from any one employer will be added together to make up the total wages of that individual. Every time the word "wages" is used below it means wages as explained in this paragraph and not wages generally.

Monthly benefits will range from \$18 to \$85 a month and will begin to be paid on January 1, 1942. To qualify for this type of benefit an individual must be 65 years old, his total wages must be \$2,000 or more, and he must have earned wages for at least 1 day in each of 5 different calendar years.

Lump-sum payments will be made to individuals who reach the age of 65, but do not qualify for monthly benefits. The amount paid them will equal 3 1-2 per cent of their total wages.

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In order that old-age benefits can be paid by the United States Treasury, it is the responsibility of the Social Security Board to determine the total wages of those individuals who will be entitled to receive benefits. Accordingly, the board must keep an account of the individual's wages. Employers will be informed in due course as to the wage reports which will be required for this purpose.

James T. Gurganus Dies at Gold Point

James T. Gurganus, 86 years old, died at his home in Gold Point this morning at 8:30 o'clock. He had been in feeble health for some time, but was fairly active until about a week ago, when he was confined to his bed. He was a native of Bear Grass Township, but had made his home in Robersonville Township for a number of years. He was a member of the Sweet Home church for nearly half a century. Mrs. Gurganus with one son, Joe M. Gurganus, of Bethel, and three daughters, Mrs. Sidney Davenport, of Hassell, Mrs. Marinda Leggett, of Stokes, and Mrs. Mamie Manning, of Tarboro, survives.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, Robersonville minister. Interment will follow in the Robersonville cemetery.

SPEAKER



Mrs. W. T. Bost, State Commissioner of Public Welfare who will address the annual conference of the Northeastern Welfare District in Williamston on Friday.

Father Takes Young Runaway Back To Home in New York

Case, Charging Youth with Gas Theft Dropped by Local Authorities

In the custody of his father, Stanley Harnitz, Brooklyn youth, has returned to his home a humbler but considerably wiser lad than he was a week ago, when he borrowed his dad's car for a tour of the country on his own "hook." Action in the case charging the youth with stealing gasoline from Garland Woolard's automobile was stopped, the boy's father expressing sincere thanks for the kindness shown in the case by county and local officers.

Young Harnitz probably experienced the greatest ordeal of his life when he was forced to face his father while in the custody of the law. The friendliness of his father, however, brought a renewed hope to the boy's face, and all was well until officers explained that it would be necessary to detain the wayward one for trial. Unable to remain over for the trial, the father explained to his son to take his medicine like a man, that a welcome would await him at home after he served the demands of the law. Sizeable tears fell freely from the boy's eyes as the father started away, and then officers arranged for the two to return home together.

The boy's father explained that his son had failed on two subjects in high school, and while the failure was told to Mrs. Harnitz, no mention of it was made to the father until the following morning, when son and car were found missing.

All was forgiven, the father returning happily with his son, and the son happily accompanying his father, to their home in Brooklyn.

Green Wave Loses Game To Kinston Twelve To Six

By JACK SAUNDERS
Williamston's Green Wave was nosed out here Monday afternoon by Kinston by a score of 12-6. Williamston scored first, when Wynne took the ball over after two long runs by Roberson had placed the home boys in scoring position.

Kinston took advantage of a Williamston fumble in the same period and put over the tying tally. The visitors then went into the lead permanently in the third period on a pass play which followed an intercepted pass and a brilliant run.

The score does not tell the whole story of the game, however, for the Green Wave rolled up 9 first downs while holding Kinston to 4. Outstanding for Williamston was Roberson in the backfield. Andrews performed well in the line.

PEANUT MARKET

Despite heavy deliveries to the local market yesterday and early today, peanuts prices were holding firm at 3 1-2 cents for bunch with jumbos bringing a round 3 3-4 cents. Few sales have been made at 4 cents. Plans are still being considered to divert a portion of the crop into oil, but no action is anticipated, many believe, unless the price weakens or drops below the 3 1-2 cent point.

LOCAL MAN DIES AFTER ACCIDENT IN PITT COUNTY

Jesse Gurganus, 20 Years Old Buried Monday Afternoon

Jesse Gurganus, 20 years old, was fatally hurt, and Hubert Smith, chief mechanic for the Williamston Motor Company, was seriously injured in an automobile wreck, near Conetoe, last Saturday night about 10 o'clock. Young Gurganus, a passenger in the car, received a fracture of the skull and other injuries resulting in his death at a Tarboro hospital shortly after 4 o'clock Sunday morning. He never regained consciousness. Smith, driving the Ford V-8 of L. H. Gurganus, suffered a fracture of the jawbone, a bad cut on one of his legs and was severely bruised. He was released from the hospital early Sunday morning after receiving treatment, and is now getting along as well as could be expected at his home here.

The two young men were traveling toward Tarboro when their car was crowded off the road by a truck about a mile this side of Conetoe. The car, said to have been running between 50 and 60 miles an hour, turned over as the driver tried to steer it back on the concrete. The machine was wrecked.

Young Gurganus was the son of the late Tom Gurganus, who was killed in an automobile at Whitley's Canal bridge at the edge of town on the Hamilton road 15 years ago next month. His mother, Miss Lela Ambers before marriage, died several years ago. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Woolard Harris, of Plymouth; and Mrs. Willie Tucker, of Norfolk.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at the Ambers' home on West Main Street by Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor of the local Baptist church. Interment was in the Baptist cemetery.

Local Firemen Get Two Calls Sunday

The local fire company received two calls last Sunday, the first coming from Jamesville early that morning. The second call was entered shortly after noon, when a grass fire threatened the Slade home, colored, on West Church Street. No damage was reported as a result of the grass fire, but a high wind sweeping the fire-endangered property. Two small colored boys were said to have fired the field of grass.

Receiving the call from Jamesville about 12:20 a. m., Williamston's volunteer firemen started out with the apparatus when they were notified the fire was under control, and the 11-mile run would not be necessary.

Starting in a bureau drawer, the fire damaged the Burnett home, but a bucket brigade saved the structure. Two young boys were sleeping in the room where the fire originated and one of them was badly strangled by smoke before he was carried to safety, it was said. No estimate on the property loss could be had, reports stating that one room and a portion of the roof was damaged.

Called out at midnight last night, the local fire company battled one of its worst fires in recent months, when the store of J. S. Sugg, corner of Sycamore and Washington Street, was badly damaged and other property threatened. Damage to the building was not extensive, but the stock and fixtures, valued at about \$1,000, were destroyed. The fire, its origin undetermined, was under control within 15 minutes after the alarm was received. The loss was only partially covered by insurance, it was learned.

Bear Grass Teams Score Victories Over Jamesville

Bear Grass basketball teams defeated Jamesville in a double-header Friday night at the local gymnasium. The girls' score was 33-12. Bateman was the outstanding player for Jamesville and Bailey, Rawls, and Rogerson led the winners.

The boys' score was 33-38. F. Martin were leading players for Jamesville and Chesson and Rawls for Bear Grass.

Bear Grass Church Group To Hold Meeting Friday

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Bear Grass Presbyterian church will meet Friday, the 20th, at 2:30 p. m. Please note change of hour. The offering of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for foreign and home missions will be taken at this meeting.