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HONOR ROLL OF LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR PAST MONTH

Total of 127 Pupils on List For Second Six-Week Period of Term

The names of 127 pupils appear on the local school honor roll for the second six-week period, recently ended, Principal L. W. Anderson announced, as follows:

1-A: Clayton Hoard, Alton Howard, John Rogers, Mary L. Coltrain, Barbara Margolis, Lucy Robertson, Ola Rogers, Mack Manning, Gilbert Woolard, John Gurkin.

1-B: Earl Bowen, Charlie Coltrain, John Wobbleton, Louise Cullipher, Blanche Bowen, Ruth Cherry, Hatie Lilley, Mary L. Pate, Betty G. Perry, Gladys Perry, Garneda Stephenson, Margaret Strawbridge, Thelma Ward.

2-A: Hugh Horton, Jr., Annie V. Chesson, Louise Griffin, Suzanne Griffin, Louise Hines, Dorothy Leggett, Elizabeth Manning, Katherine Moseley, Elizabeth Parker, Elizabeth Taylor.

2-B: Ellic Cherry, John Johnson, Jr., Connor Lee, Lonnie M. Nicholson, Frances Griffin, Ludy Faye Keel, Vannie Williams.

3-A: Tom Chesson, Hal Dickens, Erwood Old, Sylvia Green, Frances Griffin, Mildred Norris, Earline Rogerson, Lucille Shaw, Bettie Perry.

3-B: Ida G. Cherry, William Nelson, William Davenport, Malatha Price.

4-A: Parker Peele, Frederick Wheeler, David Robertson, Joseph Gurganus, Isabelle Anderson, Frances Booth, Alberta Knox, Betsy Manning, Anne Meador, Angela McLawhorn, Betty Davis Rogers, Albert Swain.

4-B: J. D. Lilley, Reuben Williams, Estelle Corey, Thelma Howard, Susie Revels.

5-A: Jasper Browder, Conrad Getsinger, Richard Margolis, Bill Peele, Luther Peel, Jerry Raynor, J. D. Woolard, Elizabeth Gurganus, Virginia Hines, Nancy Mercer, Dela Jane Mobley, Mildred Thomas, Susie Wobbleton.

5-B: Virginia Everette, Annie Lillian Lee, Frances Thomas, Sallie White, Martha Whitley.

6-A: Madelyn Taylor, Mary Pope, Evelyn Griffin, Shirley Booth, Bennie Weaver, Joseph Gurganus, Theron Gurganus, William Griffin.

7-A: Claude Griffin, Jr., William C. Mercer, Jr., Edith Andrews, Dolly Elizabeth Godard, Mary Charles Godwin, Bina Jackson, Elizabeth Parker, Daisy Peaks, Susie Griffin.

8-1: Nancy Biggs, Doris Bullock, Mary Ruth Ward, Stuart Critcher, Jimmy Morgan.

8-2: Marjorie Dunn, Katherine Manning, J. E. Boykin.

9-1: Dixie Daniel, Sallie Gray Gurkin, Helen Lindsley, Dorothy Manning, Martha Rhodes Ward, Susie Whitley, Reid White.

9-2: Bernice Cowen.

10: Reg Manning, John Ward, Grace Barnhill, Wilbur Culppeper.

11: Mary Helen Boykin, Addie Lee Meador.

Fire Company Gets Two Calls During Week-end

The local fire company was called out twice during the past week-end, first to the home of Bruce Chesson on Warren Street at 7 o'clock Saturday evening and to the Lamb home on Smithwick Street Sunday morning at 8 o'clock.

A gas heater went out of control in the bathroom of the Chesson home and caught the wall on fire. Very little damage was done, however, and the fire was brought under control just as the fire company reached the scene. Firemen were called to the Lamb home when a chimney burned out.

Desperado Captured in New York Recent County Visitor

Harry Brunette, mid-western bad man, who was captured in New York Tuesday night of last week and sentenced to life imprisonment by a New Jersey Federal court two days later for kidnaping, was reported seen in this county last August. Brunette was said to have accompanied Al Lucks here at that time, Lucks going to Florida from the Martin jail this week to face Federal charges, while his alleged companion starts his long sentence in a Federal prison.

Reports that Brunette's sensational capture followed an investigation

REAPPOINTED SOLICITOR AND ATTORNEY



Messrs. W. Hubert Coburn, left, and Elbert S. Peel, right, were reappointed as solicitor of the Martin County Recorder's Court and County Attorney, respectively, by the Martin County Commissioners in regular session the first Monday in this month. A big docket is being prosecuted by the solicitor this week, and the county attorney is busy with the Beaufort-Martin boundary line controversy.

Sympathy for Watson Is Reported Growing

3-DAY HOLIDAY

A three-day holiday will be generally observed by business firms here on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 25, 26 and 27, it was announced Monday following the circulation of a petition favoring the suspension of business activities during the three days.

The public is cordially urged to cooperate with the merchants and other business operators by handling all business transactions prior to Friday that ordinarily are handled on Friday and Saturday.

Rain Falls for 12 Out of First 16 Days So Far During Month

Roanoke Up 5 Feet Since First of Month, But Still in Banks

During the first 16 days of this month rain fell on 12 of them, the unfavorable weather conditions mixing traffic to wheel hubs, disrupting trade and causing common colds and sickness. So far this month nearly 4 inches of rain have fallen, Hugh Spruill at the weather station on the Roanoke said today. While the fall so far reported is not even near a record, the rains fell slowly and seeped into the ground mostly.

The Roanoke at this point rose five feet since the first of the month, but the stream is still within its banks. No reports have been received indicating that the stream will overflow its bank here. Any additional rainfall is expected to cause the stream to go out of its banks. A slight drop of 2 of a foot was reported yesterday.

Road conditions during the past few days have been almost impassable, some reports stating that travel on a number of roads was almost as difficult as it was during the worst part of the past winter. And if one wanted to see a farmer living on a dirt road get mad—and plenty mad—just the mention of a \$2,000,000 bridge across the Albemarle Sound was all that was necessary.

Cool weather and sunshine are said to have improved the condition of the roads considerably during the past two or three days.

Convicted Slayer of Robersonville Man Goes To 'Death Row'

Alvin Watson Weeps As He Hears the Judge Read Sentence

Doomed to die in the gas chamber the 5th of next March, Alvin W. Watson went on what is ruled to be his last automobile ride last Saturday morning, when Sheriff C. B. Roebuck carried him to Raleigh and entered him on death row in State's Prison. "Sheriff, when you leave me here, I won't have a friend in the world to do a thing for me," the young man, barely past 20 years of age, told Sheriff Charles B. Roebuck, as the officer made ready his departure from the prison that morning.

His hands propped on a table before the bar of justice, Watson heard the death sentence pronounced on him last Friday with tears in his eyes, apparently little realizing the far-reaching meaning of the words read to him by Judge M. V. Barnhill.

Resting on the arm of Sheriff Charlie Roebuck, the prisoner was immediately escorted from the courtroom, pulling hurriedly a handkerchief from his pocket to wipe away the tears that he had so bravely tried to hold back and failed while the law took its course.

Judge Barnhill in a low but stern voice read the judgment, which appears, in part, as follows:

It is ordered, decreed and adjudged by the court that the defendant, A. W. Watson, shall suffer the penalty of death by execution, and to that end it is ordered and adjudged that the sheriff of Martin County, in whose custody the prisoner now is, forthwith convey to State's Prison at Raleigh said prisoner, A. W. Watson, and deliver said prisoner to the warden of State's prison, who, the said warden, on the 5th day of March, 1937, shall cause him, the said A. W. Watson, to inhale lethal gas of sufficient quantity to cause death, which administration of such lethal gas shall continue until said prisoner, A. W. Watson, is dead.

High School Athletes Are Awarded Letters Recently

Fifteen local high school football players received their letters Tuesday morning in a brief chapel ceremony. Coach Wade presented letters to the following boys: Ray Godmon, Junie Peel, Burras Critcher, Ned Cunningham, Jim Manning, Captain S. W. Manning, Carlyle Hall, Victor Andrews, Pete Egan, George Lee Roberson, Fred Summerlin, Ashley Wynne, and Ben Harrison.

Case of Jeff Little Being Reviewed

The case of Jeff Little, the colored man who was sentenced to not less than 15 and not more than 20 years in prison for having carnal knowledge of a white girl under 16 years of age, is apparently being reviewed by Edwin Gill, commissioner of paroles. Officers in this county received last week inquiries from the parole commissioner's office, indicating the case is being reviewed with the possibility that the man will be paroled.

Little was convicted of the charge in the Martin Superior Court in September, 1931. Officers in this county are thought to be much opposed to a parole for the man.

POST OFFICE HOURS

The local post office will not observe the usual half-day holiday on Wednesday afternoon of this week. Postmaster L. T. Fewden stating that the big annual rush is on and that the office would be kept open at that time for the convenience of patrons. Next Saturday afternoon the office will be closed, however, the postmaster added.

Postmaster Fewden has completed arrangements for delivering Christmas packages on Christmas Day to those calling directly at the office. No city or rural deliveries will be made Friday, and window service at the office that morning will be confined to the delivery of Christmas packages.

"Movie Queen" Parade Held Monday, Showing Next Week

The Kiwanis "Movie Queen," Miss Mary Davis Hardison, and her "mother," Mrs. R. Goodmon, arrived here on the 2:30 p. m. bus Monday, supposedly from Hollywood. Mayor Hassell presented her with a beautiful bouquet of gladioli, and then they all rode at the head of a parade which was held in her honor. Movies were taken of the whole affair. The movies are being taken to be shown at "Movie Queen," a three-act musical comedy next week. The show is being sponsored by the Kiwanis

Club of Williamston for the benefit of underprivileged children and will be presented at the high school auditorium December 29 and 30.

Rehearsals are well underway for the stage part of the production. An exceptionally able cast of local talent is working hard to put the play over with a bang. With five attractive dancing choruses and a fashion show featuring many prominent local girls as models, this show offers unique and many-sided entertainment for young and old alike.

Christmas Cheer for Local Needy Assured

People Here Asked To Report Names of Any Needy Families

Toy Supply Is More Than Adequate To Meet All Needs Reported

Able supported by the people of Williamston, especially by the merchants, and a few other thoughtful citizens in the county, the Christmas Cheer movement sponsored by The Enterprise is now certain to be successful in a big way. The toy supply is more than adequate to meet the demands of all the less fortunate tots in this community, and the cash fund of \$116 is sufficient to provide some fruit and candies for the needy families.

Lists of needy families have been furnished by the welfare office and other cases have been cited by school teachers and others. However, to make sure that no deserving child will be without a few things this Christmas time, the sponsors ask that names of needy families be telephoned to The Enterprise at once. Any new cases will be included along with those already reported and investigated.

EARLY EDITIONS

That the Enterprise force may handle the Christmas Cheer deliveries on Wednesday and Thursday, the publication of the paper has been advanced. The schedule calls for the issuance of Tuesday's paper several hours in advance, and just as quick production as possible for the second edition of the week. As this paper goes to press, work on the next edition is already underway.

Tuesday of next week, there will be no paper issued, the annual custom of the publishers calling for suspension of one edition during the Christmas season that the entire gang may enjoy a few days of relaxation. The office will be closed until the middle of the week, when work will get underway to greet our family of 1,675 readers with a paper on the first day of the New Year.

Game Wardens Patrolling Roanoke Hunting Section

Game law enforcement officers continue to patrol the Roanoke River in a special boat owned by the State Department of Conservation and Development, County Game Warden Bill Abbott stating that a number of arrests had been made earlier in the season. Hunting from boats on the stream is seldom heard about since Captain Basnight brought the boat here.

Curb Market Will Hold Sales On Wednesday

The curb market will open Wednesday morning, December 23, at 8:30 o'clock, instead of the regular time.

TRY MANY CASES LAST WEEK IN SUPERIOR COURT

Entire Week Devoted To The Trial of Criminal Cases Only

Although the greater part of three days was spent handling the Holiday murder case, the Martin County Superior Court cleared a large number of cases from the docket during the remainder of the time and adjourned last Friday afternoon with a long week of work behind it. Proceedings not previously reported are:

The case charging Willie Lee Moore with reckless driving and manslaughter was not pressed. Moore ran over and killed LeRoy Andrews near Robersonville on the 28th of last June.

C. L. McKeel, charged with embezzlement, failed to answer when called.

The court directed a verdict of not guilty in the case charging Thomas A. Spencer with reckless and hit-and-run driving. Spencer was alleged to have struck a car near Everetts the 5th of last October, injuring Johnny and Victoria Griffin.

The marriage of W. D. Moore and Mildred Moore was annulled.

The case of Long against Long, in which the plaintiff is suing for alimony without divorce, was set for trial next March, the court directing the defendant to pay \$40 a month to the plaintiff until that time.

The case of Tom Mills against B. A. Critcher and Wheeler Martin, trustee, was ordered off the docket, the plaintiff having taken a voluntary non-suit.

Weldon Biggs, charged with larceny in 1932, was bound over for trial next arch.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of cost in the case charging Hubert Roberson, colored, with larceny.

Grand Jury Finishes All Work and Makes Its Report Tuesday

Presentment Is Made by Jury Itself in One Case; Inspect All Offices

Completing its work Tuesday afternoon, the Martin County grand jury, headed by James L. Coltrain, filed its report late that day, but the court, in the midst of a murder trial, delayed its receipt.

For the first time in months, the jury itself made one presentation for indictment. Ordinarily, the jury confines its work to duties assigned them by the solicitor and the court, but the jury last week stated a case for trial next March. The indictment was under seal.

Reports from all justices of the peace except one, that of A. Corey, Jamesville, were received, the jury stating that all fines collected by the peace officers had been paid.

Following an inspection tour, the jury gave the courthouse, jail, county-home and prison camp a clean bill of health.

Investigating defects cited by the September jury, Foreman Coltrain and his men inspected school buses in the county, reporting that all the necessary repairs had been made and that all the trucks were in "good condition considering extreme weather conditions."

Widows of Veterans Get Pension Checks

Checks amounting to \$1,350 are being delivered to widows of Confederate veterans in the county this week. Twenty checks, eight for class A widows and 12 for class B widows, were received by the clerk of the court, but 3 of the owners have passed on to their reward. These checks will be returned.

Checks are being distributed to the following: Mrs. Sarah A. Hoard, Mrs. Virginia Perry, Mrs. Caroline Rogerson, Mrs. Mary Thompson, Mrs. Martha A. White, who receive \$150 each; and to Mrs. Cressy L. Barnhill, Mrs. Winnie Benjamin, Mrs. Katherine Dixon, Mrs. Martha Gurganus, Mrs. Mary Nelson Gurganus, Mrs. Lucy A. Mizelle, Mrs. Martha J. Peel, Mrs. Mary G. Perry, Mrs. Martha E. Philpott, Mrs. Allie Riddick, Mrs. Irene A. Smith, who received \$50 each.