

## Names 135 Pupils Appear On Honor Roll Local School

### List of Honor Students Is Largest Reported This Term

The first semester honor roll in the local school carries an unusually large number of names of honor pupils, Principal D. N. Hix announcing this week that 135 pupils met the scholastic requirements to have their names included in the list, as follows:

**First Grade:** Jack Booker, Zach Piephoff, Bob Taylor, Sallie Bet Harrison, Louise Cherry, Dolly Harrison, Edith Harris, Sallie Robertson, Dorothea Rogers, Shirley Taylor, Shelton Bailey, John Cherry, Herbert Coltraine, Francis Howard, Wayne Manning, Harmon Roberson, Bennie Williams, Billy Wobblenton.

**Second Grade:** Mary Lou Coltrain, Betty Sue Clark, Caroline Dixon, Barbara Margolis, Gertrude McLawhorn, Laura Frances Peele, Lucy Robertson, John Gurkins, Mac Manning, Blanche Bowen, Nellie Faye Bunch, Mary Louise Pate.

**Third Grade:** Dan Bowen, Hugh Horton, Jr., Lucy Andrews, Suzanne Griffin, Elizabeth Hopkins, Lela Harris, Kathrine Moseley, Jeanette Myers, Elizabeth Manning, Melba Revels, Elizabeth Taylor, Gloria Hayman, Elizabeth Parker, Cathrine Lilley, Letitia Maxwell, Herbert Harrison, Clarence Moore.

**Fourth Grade:** Dolly Bowen, Sylvia Green, Frances Griffin, Dora Twiddy, John Daniel, Jessie Gurganus, Wilber Jackson, Billy Myers, Erwood Old, Ida Gray Cherry, Joseph Coltraine, Luther Nicholson, Leila Wynne, Shirley Cowen.

**Fifth Grade:** Curtis Hopkins, Zack Mobley, David Roberson, Lee Thomas, Fred Wheeler, Violet Phelps, Betty D. Rogers, Isabelle Anderson, Frances Booth, Jane Goff, Alberta Knox, Anne Meador, Albert Swain, Lillian Maxwell, Estelle Corey, Mildred Lassiter, Susie Revels, Annie Chesson, Sam Whichard, J. D. Lilley.

**Sixth Grade:** Susie Wobblenton, Julia Clyde Waters, Nancy Mercer, Lenora Nelson, Fred Harrison, J. D. Woolard, Jr., Jerry Raynor, Bill Peele, Richard Margolis, John L. Goff, Conrad Getsinger, Wendell Gardner, James Harden, Nina Bunch, Marie Harrison.

**Seventh Grade:** Joseph Gurganus, Theron Gurganus, Millie Biggs, Shirley Booth, Madelyn Taylor, Patsy King, Emma Belle Ward.

**Eighth Grade:** Bill Bowen, S. C. Griffin, Billy Mercer, Susie Griffin, Mary Charles Godwin, Elizabeth Parker, Daisy Peaks, Garland Wynne.

**Ninth Grade:** J. E. Boykin, Nancy Biggs, Marjorie Dunn, Carolyn Lindsey, Katherine Manning.

**Tenth Grade:** Dorris Moore, Mary Revels, Martha Rhodes Ward, Reid White, Virgil Ward, Susie Whitley, Bill Ballard, Jerry Clarke, Dorothy Manning, Louise Nelson, Doleta Gardner, Delsie Godard, Sallie Grey Gurkin.

**Eleventh Grade:** Wilbur Culppeper, Reg Manning, Grace Barnhill, Thelma Griffin, Kathreen Mobley.

## Newspaper Group In Meeting Here

The regular monthly meeting of the Roanoke-Chowan Newspaper Association was held here last Saturday evening with Miss Addie Mae Cooke, of the Gates County Index, in charge of the business program.

Dinner was served the group in the Hotel George Reynolds dining room, and the business meeting was held in the Enterprise office.

Out-of-town guests were Miss Cooke, of Gatesville; Mrs. Cowen and Mr. Jas. Bateman, of the Hertford County Herald; Ahoskie; J. Ed. Win Buffal, editor, Chowan Herald, Edenton, and C. C. Greer, Bertie Ledger-Advance editor, of Windsor.

The next meeting of the group will be held in Windsor on February 12.

Divide Double-header In Aulander Friday Night

## Plans Now Being Considered To Promote Baseball Here

While they have no assurance Williamston will want and support a baseball club this coming season, several interested followers of the sports are feeling out the public pulse in an effort to decide whether to make plans for continuing in the Coastal Plain loop or forfeiting the club franchise. A meeting of local fans has been called, and some decision is expected tomorrow evening, according to a reliable report heard here this morning.

Tonight, Messrs. R. H. Goodman, L. T. Fowden, G. H. Harrison and N. C. Green are planning to attend a league meeting in Snow Hill. Plans for operating the league during the coming season will be discussed at that time, and it is likely that each club will be required to pledge a \$500 guarantee or surrender its franchise within the next few days.

Very little has been said about baseball locally during the past few months. It is generally believed, however, that the public wants the sport continued, but the question is, will the public support a club?

No working agreement has been effected with any of the major league teams, and while there is very little likelihood that one will be efforts are still being made to establish a connection. If no agreement can be effected, it is believed that a weekly supplement of about \$200 to the gate receipts will be necessary to operate the club.

## Parmeles Vacant House Wrecked by Dynamite

### SCOUTS

Following the recent appointment of Horace Ray as Scoutmaster, considerable interest has been shown in the scouting movement by youths in this community. The boys are planning a big year, and calls are being issued for new members.

An application form appears in this issue, and all boys twelve years old or older are urged to fill in the form and forward it to Scoutmaster Ray. After February 1 only those boys becoming 12 years of age will be admitted for membership before next summer.

"We have a program planned that is certain to develop a real scout troop," Scoutmaster Ray said.

## Spend \$12,000,000,000 For Liquor In Nation

During the past four years more than twelve billion dollars have been spent in this country for intoxicants, according to Senator Lynn J. Frazier. The nation's drink bill last year was estimated at three and three-quarter billions of dollars.

According to the senator, the traffic paid the Federal government in taxes less than 16 cents and to state and local governments, on an average, less than nine cents additional, out of every dollar gross intake of the drink trade.

A startling feature in Senator Frazier's report was that several hundred million dollars were paid out for intoxicants by depression victims while on government, state and local relief rolls.

## Officers Capture Two Distilleries

The law enforcement group of the Martin County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board has just about wiped out the illicit liquor manufacturing business in this county, according to reliable reports coming from over the county and from the officers themselves. Manufacturing units are certain to spring up again, no doubt, but just now there aren't more than one or two plants running, and officers are continuing their plans to wipe them out.

So far this month, Special Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck and his assistants have wrecked seven or eight plants in the county.

Last Friday, the enforcement officer with Deputy Bill Haislip and Warren Roebuck destroyed two steam plants in Bear Grass Township. Both of the plants were cold. The officers turned out 1,000 gallons of beer at one plant and six hundred gallons at the second plant. A number of tubs, buckets, kegs and an axe were found at the plants.

Federal Agents Arrest Two Bertie County Men

## Youths On Rampage In the County Early Part Of This Week

A vacant house in Parmele was wrecked, windows were broken and clocks were stopped when two young men came into this county from Pitt early last Sunday morning and went on a rampage with dynamite that chased hundreds from their homes in the upper part of the county, and in Robersonville and Bear Grass communities. Warrants were issued yesterday by the sheriff's office here for the arrest of Francis Carson, 21, and Roy Bowers, Jr., 16. The youths, following their dangerous escapade in this county, are said to have packed their clothes and left their homes some time early Monday morning, presumably for a trip to Florida. They had not been heard from at noon today.

A motive for their wrecking expedition unknown, the two boys are alleged to have started blasting shortly after midnight yesterday morning. Two charges of dynamite were fired near Parmele, and with a third charge they wrecked the vacant house belonging to Penina Nelson, colored woman, in Parmele. Reports were heard as far away as Robersonville, but residents there paid little attention to them. A few minutes later, however, the entire town was awakened by a blast on Roberson Street in the town of Robersonville. A second blast was heard on the town's south main street. At least one window was broken in the Mullen home and the works in a big clock in the John Whichard home were jarred to a stop. A final blast was heard just east of the town.

From Robersonville, the boys, riding in a Ford car with silver-painted wheels, invaded Bear Grass between four and five o'clock. Attaching a charge of dynamite to sign posts in the heart of the little town, the boys blew to splinters the wooden posts and disturbed the peace of the entire community. Two other charges were set off there, and it is thought that an attempt was made to blow up a saw mill in the little town. Reports reaching here stated that the blasts were even louder than the report accompanying the explosion of a saw mill boiler in Bear Grass several months ago.

Other than the damage done to the house in Parmele and the breaking of a few windows, the property loss from the blasts was negligible. The invaders caused much excitement in the three communities, however, reports stating that some believed the Japs were bringing war to their very doors.

Resort To Criminal Action To Collect Back Dog Taxes

Warrants are being drawn here today by Justice A. Corey at the direction of Special Tax Collector S. H. Grimes against 38 owners who have not paid dog taxes in Jamesville Township. The warrants are returnable before Justice Corey, but no date has been set for the hearing.

Criminal action will be brought soon against others who have not paid their dog taxes, it was understood.

Improving

Mr. A. Hassell is getting along unusually well following a major operation in a Washington hospital last Friday.

## Information Sought On Irish Potato Crop

In an effort to establish state, county and individual production goals for this year, department of agriculture authorities are asking for information on Irish potato plantings and production for the years 1936 and 1937.

Questionnaires are being mailed to approximately 200 potato growers in this county this week, and the county agent's office is anxious that the questions be answered and returned at the earliest possible moment.

The questionnaire is being addressed to those farmers growing potatoes on a commercial scale, and if any commercial grower does not receive one of the cards, he is earnestly asked to get in touch with the agent's office.

This information will not be used in making individual allotments, but the facts will prove helpful in establishing state and county goals, it was pointed out.

## Revoke 14,853 Drivers' Licenses In This State

Since the automobile drivers' license law went into effect back in 1935, the licenses of 14,853 drivers have been revoked in this State. Most of the licenses were revoked on the grounds of alleged drunken driving.

Suffers Broken Arm

Mr. John Enright suffered a broken arm while skating near his home last Sunday.

## BANK HOLIDAY

The local banks will observe tomorrow, January 19, Robert E. Lee's birthday, as a holiday, it was announced by the management of the two institutions today. The day, while ranked as a holiday throughout the South, is observed as such only on a small scale in this section. Other than the banks, all business houses here will be open as usual tomorrow.

## First Checks Will Be Delivered by State Commission Jan. 31

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—First checks for unemployment benefits in North Carolina will be delivered on Monday, January 31, just four weeks from the first Monday in January when claims were filed by unemployed workers, according to the present schedule. These four weeks include the two weeks of waiting required by the law, the third week for the benefits to accrue, and another week for reports to be examined, checks to be written and returned, and delivered to the worker.

The unemployment compensation division will deliver every check due workers during the week beginning January 31. Three machines have been installed in the office in Raleigh for writing checks. Approximately 30,000 workers filed claims the first week, but there is no way to tell how many of these are eligible for benefits, or how many will be back at work before the waiting period and third week have expired. One-half, two-thirds, three-fourths, or any other part of the 30,000 may be eligible finally.

The state unemployment fund collected in contributions of employers for 1936 and 1937 reached almost \$9,400,000 by the end of last week, and E. W. Price, director of the division, estimates that the fund will be \$10,000,000 before the first check is delivered to the unemployed worker. The December contributions are due January 25, and fully \$500,000 is expected to be paid by employers before the end of this month. Also the commission has secured \$300,000 from its fund in the U. S. Treasury and deposited it in Raleigh to meet the first benefit payments. Other amounts as needed will be drawn from the fund.

The commission has been advised that \$123,392.82 has been placed to the credit of the North Carolina fund in interest earned during the four quarters of 1937. The amount for the fourth quarter, notice of which has just been received, was \$51,068.91.

"We now have our forces in both divisions of the commission filled and will not be able to add any others, except in case of vacancies that have to be filled, until the next budget is approved in Washington for the second quarter, beginning April 1," said Chairman Charles G. Powell. The unemployment compensation division has about 450 workers, nearly 300 in the Raleigh office and about 150 in the field, and the employment service division has about 380 workers in the Raleigh and field offices.

## Outline Objectives of County Health Office

Plans for inaugurating a full-time health service in this county the early part of next month are now rapidly taking shape, a report from Dr. E. W. Furguson, recently appointed to head the newly created department, stating that he was making every effort to open the offices as early in February as possible.

Appointed a committee to locate the department, Messrs. J. L. Haswell and J. E. Pope stated today that arrangements had not been effected for borrowing three rooms from the Works Progress Administration in Williamston's town hall. Such arrangements are believed possible, and it is almost certain that the new department will be located there.

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The primary objective of the new program to be inaugurated February 1st by the Martin County Health department will be to prevent illness and untimely deaths.

The purpose of the Martin County health department will be to supply to the citizens of the county the essential services listed below:

1. Immunization service will be offered by the county health department, providing for the control of smallpox, diphtheria and typhoid fever.

2. School health supervision, including physical examination of children for defects.

3. The perfection of an organization for the correction of physical defects, such physical defects to be corrected by competent physicians of the county.

4. The department will conduct an organized program to reduce maternal and infant deaths.

5. An adequate tuberculosis and venereal disease program will be carried out with the cooperation of the local medical profession.

6. The health department will conduct an educational and supervisory program toward the correction of sanitation, with particular emphasis on safe excreta disposal, malaria control, providing pure and wholesome water supplies, a pure milk supply, and pure food within the county.

7. The department will conduct epidemiological investigations and institute measures for the prevention of the spread of communicable diseases.

8. The public health nurses will visit homes of school children who are absent because of communicable diseases and in whom physical defects may be found, take such steps as may be necessary to prevent the spread of disease, and encourage the correction of physical defects. The nurses will also visit homes in the interest of expectant mothers in prenatal care, encouraging physical examinations, and securing the services of regular licensed physicians for the period of confinement.

9. The health department will supervise midwives, instructing them in elementary hygiene, and enjoin them from engaging in such practices for which they are not qualified, and which, in turn, are dangerous.

## Schedule Is Announced for Poultry Loadings in County

Arrangements were completed today for moving the first cooperative shipment of poultry out of the county next week, County Agent T. B. Brandon stating that other shipments would depend upon the success of the undertaking next week.

First loadings will be made at Jamesville on Wednesday, January 26. The car will be moved into Williamston for loadings on Thursday and at Robersonville on Friday. A last stop will be made at Oak City on Saturday, January 29.

Prices this year are slightly higher than they were last season, Agent Brandon stating that colored hens are quoted at 17 cents against 16 a year ago, that the price of Leghorn hens is three cents above quotations last season. Complete reports are

not available, but the price quotations for the cooperative shipments are said to be slightly higher than the local market, the prices ranging from one to three cents higher than those quoted locally today.

A definite schedule as to hours could not be had today, but it is hoped that arrangements can be made to provide for full-day loadings at Williamston and Robersonville.

Considerable poultry has been moved out of this county cooperatively during the past ten years or more, and prices have been fairly well stabilized, it was pointed out.

No report on the amount of poultry in the county is available at this time, but it is believed that production is little greater, if any, than it was a year ago.

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## File Suits Result Of Series Of Auto Wrecks In County

Five damage suits have been filed in the Martin County Superior court recently as a result of a series of automobile wrecks in the county last month. The five plaintiffs are asking a total of \$4,950 from the three defendants. The accidents were not serious, and the amounts asked in the suits are not considered large.

Tom Alexander, Williamston colored man, is suing Bennie Griffin, young Martin county white man, for \$1,600 as a result of injuries received in an automobile wreck on Highway 17, near Williamston, early in the evening of December 5.

J. D. Gray, colored man, also of Williamston, is suing Griffin for \$150 car damages, \$200 hospital bill and \$2,000 personal, for injuries alleged to have been sustained in the same wreck in which Alexander was alleged to have been hurt.

J. O. Bland, young white man living in Poplar Point Township, is suing Jas. Roy Moore, colored, for \$300 damages alleged to have been sustained in a wreck near the Everett farm on the Hamilton road on December 24.

J. D. Riddick, young colored man who was knocked unconscious when the car he was riding in was struck by a bakery truck on the Washington highway, near Williamston, on December 27, is asking \$500 damages of the Daylite Bakery, of Rocky Mount, and the truck driver, Geo. Jackson. J. D. Riddick, owner of the car struck by the bakery truck, is asking \$200 damages.

It is possible some of the suits will be placed on the calendar for trial in the superior court next March.

There were several other wrecks during the same period, but reports maintain that damages were awarded in most of them without suits having been brought in the county.

## Bicycle Thefts Are Complicated

The theft of two bicycles and subsequent trading offered Judge Peel a complicated problem in the county court Monday. Last reports stating that the owners of the stolen wheels were gradually determining ownership.

Willis Nicholson, young white boy, was arrested here last Saturday for the alleged theft of a bicycle from "Tootie" Roberson and one from C. T. Roberson. The wheels were stolen from the school gymnasium week before last, and nothing was heard from them until last Saturday. During the meantime, Nicholson is said to have torn the bicycles apart and traded some of the parts to another boy, apparently thinking the change would make identification difficult.

As an added precaution against identification, the boy is said to have painted the bicycles.

The attempt to disfigure the wheels failed, and the owners spotted one of them in front of a local theatre Saturday afternoon. The other one was found in the backlot. The Roberson boys aided by the Anderson twins, "Boog" Williams and one or two others waited for some one to claim the bicycles and when Nicholson showed up, they marched him to the police station.

Nicholson maintained in court that he bought the wheels in Washington. Judge Peel gave him a six months suspended road sentence.

## Eight Persons Arrested In County During Week-end

Eight persons were arrested and jailed in this county last week-end by county officers. Seven of those arrested were charged with being drunk and disorderly and one with larceny.

All of the eight were released yesterday after answering to the courts.

## Eight Reportable Disease Cases Reported In County

Eight communicable disease cases were reported in this county last month by the office of Dr. J. H. Saunders, part-time health officer.

There were two cases of scarlet fever, five of diphtheria and one chickenpox. All of the cases were reported in Williamston Township except one diphtheria and the chickenpox case which were in Cross Roads.

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## Farmers Attending Meeting In County

Farmers in fairly large numbers are attending a series of meetings that are being held in the county this week to acquaint growers with the 1938 soil conservation program.

The schedule of meetings was interrupted last week when the farm agents were called to Raleigh. One meeting was held in Farm Life, and last evening thirty-five or more farmers were present for the session in the county agricultural building. The facts explained by the agents are proving very interesting and valuable and large crowds are urged to attend other meetings to be held in the county.

Tonight, a meeting is being held at Godard Brothers' filling station in Williams Township. Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, a meeting will be held in the Robersonville grammar school building. The program will be explained at Bear Grass on Thursday evening at the same hour, and Friday a meeting will be held in Oak City. The schedule for other meetings next week will be announced later.

## Parents-Teachers To Meet Here Tomorrow Afternoon

The regular monthly meeting of the Williamston Parents-Teachers Association will be held in the grammar school building tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Superintendent of Instruction Clyde A. Erwin who was scheduled to address the meeting will not be able to attend on account of ill health, but the committee is planning an interesting program. Mr. Erwin is expected here for the March or April meeting, it was stated.

## Fire Destroys Car Near Farm Life Last Saturday

The Ford sedan belonging to Coy Lamm and driven by Carl Mobley was destroyed by fire a few miles west of Farm Life last Saturday night. The loss was only partially covered by insurance.

A short time before the car was burned, Russell Jones was driving it and turned the machine over, near Farm Life. Mobley went to get the car, and it is believed the leaking gas and oil caught fire as the exhaust pipe got hot.

Improving

Miss Eva Peel who has been confined to her home on Haughton street here during the past four weeks is improving.