

Plans Complete For Safety Day Program Here Next Tuesday

Hundreds Are Expected to See Drivless Car in Operation Here

Hundreds of people from over a wide territory are expected here next Tuesday to observe a "Big Safety Day" program, plans for which were announced complete this morning by Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Fisher, advance representatives of Captain J. J. Lynch, safety crusader, whose control of a drivless car has been a sensation in more than thirty North Carolina cities in recent weeks. The program sponsored by local business firms and individuals, has been acclaimed for its value in promoting safety on streets and highways, and Captain Lynch and his assistants come here with unqualified endorsement for their work by safety leaders, mayors more than 30 North Carolina towns and others.

The program for the day opens with an address by Captain J. J. Lynch to the high school pupils at 8:45 Tuesday morning. At 10:30, the safety crusader and operator of the "Magic" car, will address the grammar grade children. These talks have been endorsed and Captain Lynch has been encouraged in making them by educators who recognize the value they have in training youth against dangers lurking on the streets and highways.

That afternoon at 3:30 o'clock the safety day parade will form on North Watts Street, the "magic" car leading the procession into Main and on up the main thoroughfare to the Central Service Station, corner Main and Washington streets. The "magic" car will be stopped there and Captain Lynch will make a brief talk. The parade will continue from that point to Haughton Street, the "magic" car making a left-hand turn there and continuing to the intersection of Haughton and Washington street. The parade will travel up Washington street to Main and down that street to the county court house.

A new 1938 Chevrolet car, lent by the Roanoke Chevrolet Company, will be used by Captain Lynch, but there'll be no driver for it. Riding in a new 1938 Ford, lent by the Williamson Motor Company, Captain Lynch will operate the lead car by radio control.

The entire day has been proclaimed as "Safety Day" by Mayor John L. Hassell, the members of the highway patrol and police force and heads of civic organizations cooperating in the safety movement.

Boy Scouts will appear as a unit in the parade under the direction of Scoutmaster Horace Ray. The school authorities are making arrangements to enter a special bus in the parade, and other are planning to enter units, it was announced.

Captain and Mrs. Lynch and their young daughter are expected to arrive here during the week-end from Kinston to be ready for the big safety day program on Tuesday.

Town Clock Is Ticking Again After Several Days of Rest

Williamston's thirty-year-old town clock, out of commission for several days, is ticking again, relieving the uncertainty of correct time that has interrupted activity schedules since last Saturday.

Watchmaker Charlie Peel repaired a worn cog yesterday, and the clock was put back to its ticking task yesterday at 11:40 a. m. by its own time.

The clock's strike recalls the campaign conducted for the purchase of the timepiece "a little over thirty years ago. Appealing for the public clock, the late Joe Sitterson who was well advanced in years at that time, went to the authorities. "Gentlemen," the old man according to an accepted story, told the commissioners, "we poor folks who have no clocks or watches will find a public

timepiece convenient and valuable. When one has to get up in the dead hours of the night and give a dose of medicine to a sick member of the family, he can follow the exacting directions of the doctor by the strike of the clock." The old gentleman is said to have mentioned the hour of three o'clock when he addressed his appeal to the authorities.

The argument offered by the citizen is said to have proved successful, and an expensive clock was bought and an arrangement effected to have the timepiece sound the hour by striking a fire bell higher up in the tower.

Its time has varied a few minutes at times, but for thirty years the activities of thousands of people have been scheduled by the hands of the old clock.

KEYNOTER



Lindsay Warren, congressman from this district, has been chosen to deliver the keynote address at the Democratic State Convention in Raleigh on May 19. Mr. Warren accepted Tuesday.

Local Firm Is Conducting Unusual Guessing Contest

Barnhill Brothers and Company are conducting an unusual guessing contest, the expert to receive a pair of shoes June 1 for his good guessing.

A pair of shoes has been wrapped in a large box and placed in the show window. Guess the number of the shoes and you receive a pair free.

Season For Taking Shad Closes Monday, April 25

According to a ruling issued yesterday by the Fisheries Commission, the season for taking shad closes next Monday, April 25.

While the shad have been more numerous this year, the catches have been far from normal.

National Youth Group Holds Exposition Here

Over One Hundred Articles Displayed In Club Hall Here

Exhibits Represent Splendid Work on Part of Youths

An exposition showing the handiwork of members of the National Youth Administration and others outside the organization in the Woman's Club hall here Wednesday and yesterday attracted high praise from those viewing the exhibits. However, few people are said to have visited the exposition, but those finding time to inspect the exhibit displays got a keen insight to the work that is being done by the youths under the direction of Mrs. W. R. Hampton, of Plymouth, and Miss Adelaide Tuttle, of Edenton.

Taking an old barrel, an orange box or most anything at hand, the youths produced many worthwhile articles, the displays by colored youths from Bertie County and by members of Professor Walker's manual arts class in the colored school here attracting unusual attention. Possibly one of the most unique and useful articles in the exposition was a chair made from

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CLEAN UP

Anxious that the people of Williamston will extensively participate in "Clean-up, Paint-up" movement next week, Mayor J. L. Hassell today issued the following proclamation:

"Spring is here and the time to paint houses, plant flowers and clean up back yards, front yards and vacant lots.

"All rubbish, tin cans and junk should be gathered together in piles and the town truck will be around to remove it.

"Let us take the week of April 24-30, and clean up our town and put it on a pedestal for cleanliness and beauty.

Plymouth Exhibition Game Is Called Off

Heavy rains falling at 3 o'clock this afternoon made it necessary for local baseball authorities to call off the exhibition game with Plymouth. Large crowds were expected to witness the game and be on hand for the free car drawing. The car will be given away Sunday regardless of weather conditions, it was announced this afternoon.

Approximately 2,000 tickets combining a free chance on a new automobile had been sold for the game this afternoon.

Few Cases Handled In Superior Court So Far This Week

Much Time Required Hearing Cases Considered of Little Value

The special two-week term of Martin County Superior court convening here last Tuesday morning is making little progress in clearing the calendar, reports from the court room stating that considerable time is being required in the handling of cases that are considered of little importance. Very little attention is being given the court by the general public.

The court, presided over by Judge Clawson Williams, is now completing the case of K. G. Strawbridge against Joe Cherry. The plaintiff alleges that he and the defendant Cherry agreed to purchase a piece of property, that the defendant was to pay for the property and later issue a deed for half interest upon payment of one-half the first purchase price by the plaintiff. Strawbridge further maintains that he had tendered payment for one-half interest in the property, but that defendant refused to issue a deed to him.

In the case of Sam P. Briley against V. L. Roberson, the court, upon motion of the defense, granted a non-suit. The plaintiff was suing to have a deed, allegedly gained through fraud, set aside. No evidence of fraud could be established and the case was non-suited.

E. G. Anderson was granted a \$200 judgment against the Hardaway Contracting Company and the Town of Robersonville for damages alleged to have resulted when the defense removed sand from a certain piece of land in Robersonville.

Considerable time was spent hearing the case of Oscar Jones against T. S. Hadley. The court found that the defendant was due a note in the sum of \$50, and that the plaintiff is entitled to recover \$100 for a lost steer.

In the case of Mattie Perkins against Tim Williams, the court ruled that the plaintiff was entitled to recover \$80.

Tax Listing Nears Close In County

Tax listing in this county is progressing rapidly, but all indications point to a big rush as the period for handling the task comes to a close on Saturday of next week. Tax Supervisor S. H. Grimes announced today. Several of the districts are further advanced with the work than they were last year, but in others it will be almost next to impossible to complete the lists in the allotted time.

Listing of intangible property is said to be causing much confusion. Supervisor Grimes explains that there has been no provision for an extension of time for listing property, that those owners who fail to give in their lists on or before April 30 are subject to penalty of double-listing provided by law.

"Most of the districts are going to show valuation gains," Mr. Grimes said, "but the developments during the next few days will determine the size of the gain," the supervisor added. Jamesville with the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company appearing on the list for the first time, is expected to show a greater gain than all the other districts in the county combined. The property of the pulp plant has not been entered on the tax books, but the owners are preparing a list for submission to the authorities for consideration the early part of next month, it is understood.

Tuberculosis Clinic Will Be Held in This County Next Week

Examinations To Be Made In Robersonville, Oak City and Williamston

Incomplete reports from the Martin County Health Department and private physicians cooperating in the movement indicated today that the special tuberculosis clinics scheduled in this county next week will be largely attended. More than 200 people have been tuberculin tested by the health department alone, a report from Dr. E. W. Furgurson, head of the department, stating that the people throughout the county were taking advantage of the service and that the private practitioners are cooperating splendidly in the movement to check up on a disease that is costing many lives in this county each year.

"Most of those tested so far have come from those homes in which there was a known case of tuberculosis, or those who have been in close contact with the disease," Dr. Furgurson said today.

Continuing, the health officer said:

"The people throughout the county are showing unusual interest in the clinic, and a few of them who have had tuberculosis in their family have walked several miles in order to get the test. We are particularly interested in giving these people the opportunity of being examined because if any of them are found to have tuberculosis in the early stages, they can in almost every case be cured or the disease arrested."

The clinic will be held in Williamston at the grammar school on three days of next week, at Oak City school on Thursday, April 28th, and Robersonville grammar school, Friday, April 29. All those showing a positive tuberculin reaction will be given an x-ray examination of the chest without cost. Appointments for these examinations must be made through your family physician or at the health department.

Schedule for clinic:

Monday, April 25: Williamston grammar school.

Tuesday, April 26: Williamston Grammar school. Examination of colored people on Tuesday.

Wednesday, April 27: Williamston Grammar school.

Thursday, April 28: Oak City school.

Friday, April 29: Robersonville.

Ask Strong Support For Clean-Up Week

Extensive appeals for support of the National Better Homes Week which gets underway next Sunday are being addressed to hundreds of people in Martin County by Miss Lora Sleeper, chairman of the movement in this county.

Sunday school and church leaders have been asked to assist in the program by centering their lesson and sermon topics around the better homes movement. The county chairman points out to the religious leaders that "if some program could be conducted at the beginning of Sunday school hour, I am sure it would be far more reaching as many attend Sunday school and do not attend church."

Merchants are being asked to give the movement their support and make as many improvements in their stores as possible.

In a special letter to a number of county citizens, the chairman said, "Let's put this county on a pedestal. All can help clean up, paint up, plant up and make Martin the most beautiful county in North Carolina. Let's do our part in this county-wide clean-up campaign which begins April 24 and lasts until April 30."

Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne is in Greenville today testifying before the grand jury in a case against Sheriff Whitehurst.

NO RESIGNATIONS

Appointed by the Martin County Board of Elections in regular session here last Saturday, all the precinct officials apparently plan to serve in the coming elections, it was learned from Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the board, last evening. "Not a single one of the appointees has filed his or her resignation," Mr. Peel said.

Mr. Peel is foregoing a picnic dinner at Farm Life today and holding close to his home to receive last-minute candidates.

Horton Re-enters Contest for Seat In General Assembly; Hardison Is Out for Judge of Recorders Court

Record of School Bus Driver Cited by School Authorities

Martin County education authorities cited an unusual bus operating record maintained by the Jones boys during a seven-year period now drawing to a close.

Starting out with a new bus in the fall of 1931, Woodrow Jones, then 19 years old, hauled hundreds of children to the local schools without mishap. Two years later he was followed by his brother, Eustace Jones, who took over the truck two years later when he was 17 years of age.

Today, the seven-year-old truck is in fairly good condition, and the operating record is mighty high perfect, school authorities declare. During the period, the two boys operated the truck 25,500 miles and hauled 45,890 children without injury to a single one. The drivers hauled an

average of 42 children each day during the 1,120 days the truck has been in operation.

In addition to their regular route, the drivers were called upon frequently to haul children in other sections where schedules were delayed by broken-down busses. The two boys valued the safety of their charges, and they rated high as drivers, finding time to look after the truck and help keep it in good repair. On an average they received \$9.50 a month.

Traveling mostly on dirt roads, the truck has been operated at an average cost of five cents a mile, the figure taking into consideration the purchase price.

Jones is scheduled to drive the truck in the "Safety Day" parade here next Tuesday afternoon.

Two Contests Now Scheduled for June Primary in County

No Contests Expected For Several Offices; Two Positions Open

Late developments today altered the color of the forthcoming Democratic primary in this county, the announcement of Attorney Henry D. Hardison for judge of the county recorder's court creating a second contest and Attorney H. G. Horton's decision to re-enter the race for the house adding interest to the political situation.

Early reports today indicated that several candidates would be without opposition, that the office of county commissioner from the Robersonville-Cross Roads district and a seat on the Martin County Board of Education were open. C. Abram Roberson, present commissioner, stated several days ago that he was waiting to see if anyone else wanted to file, intimating that he would not enter the primary against opposition. Now that no one else has filed, Mr. Roberson, according to his statement of last week, is expected to be a candidate to succeed himself. Unofficial reports state that Mr. J. F. Martin, of Jamesville, is not planning to enter the primary, leaving that post open to anyone in the county.

Considerable interest was added to the county's political line-up this morning when Attorney H. G. Horton, at the request of several hundred citizens; reconsidered his action of a few days ago when he announced he would not be a candidate to succeed himself in the legislature, and this morning definitely decided to enter the race against Attorney W. Clarence Griffin and A. Corey, Jamesville man. A second county contest was created when Attorney Henry D. Hardison announced for the judge of the county recorder's court in opposition to Attorney H. O. Peel, incumbent.

"I am enclosing a petition which I circulated among our citizens around here today, asking that you please reconsider and announce your candidacy for House of Representatives," a citizen in Hassell wrote to Mr. Horton this week. Continuing the petition reads: "In doing this we realize the sacrifice you will have to make at the present, but we hope the future might repay you... Hoping to see your answer."

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SCHOOL CLOSING

The schedule of commencement exercises in the local schools was announced today by Principal D. N. Hix, as follows:

Sunday, April 24, 11 A. M. Commencement sermon, "Sowing or Storing Life" by Rev. John Goff. Music by the Choral Club.

Tuesday, April 26, 8 P. M. Class day exercises.

Wednesday, April 27, 8 P. M. Graduation exercises, principal address by Dr. Herbert Roberson, Eastern Carolina Teachers College.

G. T. Johnson Dies Near Robersonville

George T. Johnson, 66, died on Thursday night at 11:20 o'clock at his home near Robersonville.

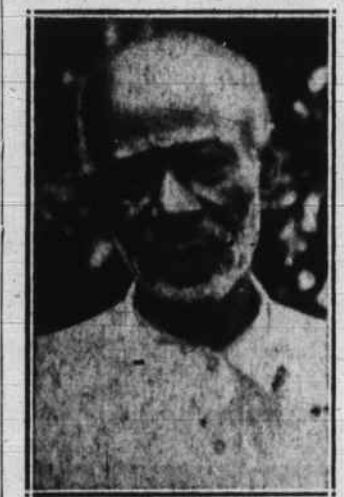
Mr. Johnson, a prominent farmer, was a son of the late Joshua and Martha Johnson of this county.

Funeral services will be conducted from the home Saturday afternoon.

Surviving are his widow and six children: Herbert, Willie, and Louis Johnson, Mrs. Vernon Jenkins, Mrs. Johnnie Edmondson and Miss Beulah Johnson and thirteen grandchildren, all of Robersonville; two brothers, Charlie Johnson, of near Robersonville, and Louis Johnson, of Oak City.

Place Markers on the Martin-Beaufort Line

EX-SLAVE DIES



Pompey Daniel Williams, nearly 94 years old, died suddenly at his home here last night at 10:05 o'clock. Born in slavery near here in November, 1845, the old man was apparently in his usual health when he was taken ill suddenly and died a few minutes later. He was unusually active for his age, and was keen of mind up until the day of his death. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday.

Large crowds were reported at Farm Life and Bear Grass at noon today when picnic dinners were served. Incidentally the closing exercises were well attended, too.

Long Controversy Between Counties Is Finally Settled

No Estimate on Project Costs Available at This Time

The Beaufort-Martin boundary line dispute amicably raged by representatives of the two sub-political divisions for more than a century, is now definitely at end, Surveyor Sylvester Peel stating this week that a definite line has been officially recognized and that marble markers are being placed to guide future generations.

Fourteen marble markers, eight by five inches and five feet long, are being located on the line this week under the direction of Mr. Peel, representing the county, and Mr. Dick Leach, representing Beaufort County. The survey called for only thirteen markers from Welch's Creek to the Pitt-Martin-Beaufort junction in Turkey Swamp, but the surveyors, a bit dubious about the number decided to place two near together at that point where U. S. Highway 17 crosses the boundary line a short distance from the Burras Ward home.

Starting from Welch's Creek, the surveyors are placing the first marker two miles away at the old crossing of the Roanoke Railroad and

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