

Dr. R. W. McDonald Addresses Teachers In Conference Here

Outlines Three Measures for Defending and Promoting Democracy

Addressing a number of northeastern teachers at a dinner meeting held here Wednesday evening under the auspices of the North Carolina Education Association, Dr. Ralph W. McDonald outlined three measures necessary in defending and promoting democracy and stressed the importance of a greater interest in education and a square deal for the more than 24,000 teachers. The former candidate for governor, apparently enjoying good health again, made a stirring talk, admitting the weaknesses in the State's educational system, but proclaiming that while the public school had been deficient it had done a good job. The University of North Carolina Extension Division representative, introduced by Attorney Clarence Griffin, closely linked his preliminary remarks to the crisis now facing this nation and the world.

"Just recently we have learned there has been in our possession for 150 years a way of life that was provided for us as a priceless gift. Today a world crisis threatens that way of life and we are now realizing its true value. The best things in life we take for granted and fail to realize their value until we are about to be deprived of them," Dr. McDonald declared, referring to the air we breathe and the countless opportunities that are ours in the search of freedom and happiness. "Democracy cannot be perpetrated by itself, and we can't remain idle. We must actually defend and promote it," the speaker said.

In listing three measures that are vitally necessary in defending democracy, Dr. McDonald subscribed to the extensive defense program now being advanced and explained he subscribes to the defense measures and urges more speed. "And I am happy to be in a section of the country that is contributing its part," the speaker said, adding that North Carolina had offered more volunteers than any other state in the Union.

As a second measure in defending democracy, the university man said, "We must seek out and root out all those elements in our economic and social fabric not in common with the principles of our way of life. The subversive elements are not dangerous in time of peace. In fact, we can and should appreciate the ideas of those groups in time of peace, but we must root them out now."

The strengthening of our institutions of democracy was listed as the most important measure in defending our way of life, the speaker pointing out that this could best be done in our public schools and through education. "We have not provided adequate training for those who have volunteered. There has been a decided slump in health and

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Health Authorities Begin Program for Draft Registration

Preliminary Physical Tests To Be Made for About 2,900 Men in This County

Tentative plans for certain physical examinations among those young men subject to compulsory military training are being advanced by the Martin County Health Department this week, Dr. John W. Williams, department head, stating today that under the health program launched in the State this week nearly 2,900 Martin County young men would undergo the tests as quickly as possible following their registration on October 16. Dates for the tests will be announced within a short time, Dr. Williams said.

"I am here not only to express a tremendous interest in the work you have been doing, but also to emphasize the importance of the great task to which you are now about to dedicate yourselves," Governor Clyde R. Hoey told health officers from all over North Carolina, assembled at the State Board of Health this week to formulate plans for making the serologic tests among the 404,000 North Carolinians expected to register for the draft, October 16.

"I ask you," he went on, "to envision the beneficial results that will accrue to humanity five, ten, yes even fifty years from now, as the result of the program you are now launching."

The meeting was called by Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer for North Carolina, who is chairman of the sub-committee of the Federal Relations Committee of the State and Territorial Health Officers' Association for securing serologic tests among the approximately sixteen and a half million men who will register throughout the United States.

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Open Registration Books For General Election October 12

With the election just one month away, Chairman Sylvester Peel of the Martin County Board of Election, is making plans for registering citizens. The books will be opened on Saturday of next week, remain open on each of the two succeeding Saturdays. Challenge day is set for November 2, the election following on Tuesday, November 5th.

Those persons already registered do not need to re-register, but the three days give opportunity to those not registered, including those who have moved to the County, those who have come of age, and those who have not exercised their voting privileges in the past. Those having doubt that they are properly registered are invited to make sure by looking at the books at the polling places.

The registration this October will

be the same as in the past, the chief difference in the conduct of election being in the handling of absentee ballots. This class of ballot was abolished last year in the Spring primaries but was retained for the general election. But in the general election certain restrictions were placed on their use.

All absentee ballots now are placed in the sole custody of the county elections chairman, who will give out the application blanks, receive them and make sure that the regulations are adhered to. The prospective absentee voter must either handle the matter with the chairman either personally or by mail, or he may use his wife, husband, mother, father, brother or sister as his agent. No other agents are permissible under the law.

Group To Recommend Draft Board Monday

SPEAKER



Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, of the University of North Carolina Extension Division, addressed a dinner meeting of the North Carolina Education Association here Wednesday in the Woman's Club hall.

Sergeant Jackson Talks To Children

Sergeant L. L. Jackson, of the State Highway Patrol, addressed children of the first, second and third grades at the grammar school this morning on a safety topic. Appearing before the little folk in an assembly program arranged by the third grade the officer discussed safeguards for the playground and city streets. Sergeant Jackson emphasized the need for caution by children in their play on the school ground, in walking to and from school, and in riding on the school buses. Children were also reminded of the dangers of riding bicycles and skating in the streets. Some of the rules given the little folk by the highway patrolman follow:

Never run into a street. Always stop at the curb, looking in all directions, then walk into the street. Never play in and around parked cars or busses. When riding a school bus always obey the driver, observing special care when crossing the highway after leaving the bus. Always watch the road and passing cars when riding bicycles, and never ride a bicycle on Main Street unless it is absolutely necessary. When riding bicycles, never swing on passing cars and trucks. Never skate in the street.

Always pay attention to school bus patrols and to the officers.

Urgent Need For Clothing In The Schools Reported

An urgent need for clothing in the local schools has been reported, and in answer to the call for aid a committee of the local Woman's Club is perfecting plans for relieving the situation as far as it is possible to do so. Mrs. Joel Muse, chairman of the club's American Citizenship and Public Welfare Department, has been named to head the work. She is directing a plea to all local people, urging them to notify her if extra clothing can be spared by them that some unfortunate tot might at least enter the fall months with a few warm clothes.

The first cold days of the current fall found quite a few of the little tots shivering, their badly worn clothes hardly hiding the skin, not to mention the inadequate protection against the cold.

The welfare chairman will collect the clothing and personally effect the distribution. Collections will be made upon the receipt of a call to 360-W.

Special Committee To Make Tentative Selection Saturday

Clerk of Court, Superintendent and Elections Chairman on Committee

Receiving definite instructions from Governor Clyde Hoey this morning, a special committee composed of Clerk of Court L. Bruce Wynne, Superintendent of Schools J. C. Manning, and County Elections Board Chairman Sylvester Peel is expected to recommend three citizens for appointment to the county draft board at a meeting here next Monday. Tentative selections will likely be considered at a preliminary meeting of the committee here tomorrow, but definite recommendations will be delayed until Monday or possibly until Tuesday.

Instructions, received by the clerk of court this morning from Governor Hoey, read, as follows:

"Passage of the Selective Service Act makes it necessary for me to recommend to the President the personnel for the local board for your county. I am asking the clerk of the superior court, the chairman of the county board of elections and the county superintendent of schools to meet together as a committee, at the call of the clerk of the superior court, and select and submit to me, without delay, the names of three men in your county whom your committee is willing to recommend to me for appointment to membership on this board.

It is no doubt needless for me to say, but I do wish to emphasize, that the best men in the community should be selected and no consideration of religion, politics or friendship should enter into the selection of these individuals. However, wherever feasible, it would not be amiss to have the two major parties represented on the board. I may also add that in the counties where there is a large Negro population to be included in the registration you may consider the advisability of giving them representation on the board if there is some outstanding member of that race available. I leave this entirely to your good judgment.

Each local board will consist of three members. They must be over 36 years of age, residents of the county in which they are to serve, and must not be members of any of the armed forces of the nation. Their work will involve final decisions affecting the induction of their fellow citizens into military service. Therefore great care should be used to select men of unimpeachable character, men who may be counted on to do their duty without regard to

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Ten Face Trial In The Federal Court

Judge Isaac M. Meekins, showing leniency in some cases, apparently proved liberal when it came to alleged violators of the liquor laws in Martin County. The jurist dished out sentences totaling 102 months with a few extra days thrown in for good measure.

After sentencing John Wynn and Nathan Bailey to Atlanta for a year and a day, the judge withdrew the judgment and placed the men on probation. It was pointed out that the men had no previous record in the court. They were booked for illegal manufacturing.

Alleged transporters of illegal liquors had a difficult time in the court, six of the defendants, Earl Lewis, Reubin Harrison, Red Rogers, Willie Pierce, William Hassell and Walter Rogers, each drawing 18 months. The other defendants, charged with transporting, were sentenced to the roads for a year and a day.

The case charging Edward E. Asby and W. I. Beddard with violating the liquor laws was continued.

British Renewing Their Confidence In Outcome of War

Hitler and Mussolini Confering; Shift in Scene of War Said Likely

Even though they are being called upon to tighten their belts and make ready for the horrors of war during a long cold winter, the British are renewing their confidence in the final outcome and continuing their preparations to exchange blow for blow with Hitler and his associated barbarians. Chamberlain has retired at long last from the British Cabinet, and Ernest Bevin, a former dock worker, has been elevated to the high government position.

Last night London reported its quietest period in many weeks, the German air raids being described as light.

No attempt to invade England is expected, but Hitler and Mussolini are meeting at Brenner Pass today and no one can tell which way the war will turn. Some think the dictators are worried over their problems and are getting together to try other plans. It has been reported that Hitler and Mussolini have declared strict neutrality for Portugal and have ordered an old castle renovated there possibly for their retreat if and when things go wrong in their own countries.

A shift in the scene of war is expected, some believing that England will be spared invasion attempts while aggression in the Mediterranean area and in Egypt will be pushed. Greece is reported to be moving more men up to the Albanian border, and unrest continues to grow in the Balkans.

Russia said this week that she would enter into no agreement where she would be called upon to stop sending aid to China. That declaration is at variance with any huddle that can be promoted by Hitler with Japan in the center of it. H. G. Wells, noted historian, said yesterday that Russia wants peace and does not want to spend her resources in warfare. However, Hitler and Mussolini are possibly discussing some scheme to bring Russia in with them and at the same time to discuss this country's program of extending aid to England.

The Axis warlords completed their conference this afternoon, but their plotting remains a dark secret. It was intimated however that far-reaching decisions were reached, and that activities against England will be intensified. Hitler and Mussolini, accompanied in the conference by commander and chief of the German armies and their foreign ministers, discussed the problems in their own countries.

Today Japan is making added threats against the United States, but rumors say that the Japanese would consider some kind of agreement with the United States and Russia.

A late report this afternoon stated that England's King George narrowly escaped a bomb by a matter of seconds, that the building he was about to enter was struck by a dive bomber and wrecked.

Scattered raids were resumed over London this morning, and Birmingham was said to have been heavily attacked along with points along the Thames.

Growers Electing Farm Committee In Martin County

Small Numbers Participating In Voting in Several Townships

The annual election of community committeemen for administering the soil conservation program will be completed in this county tonight. Elections have been held in six districts so far this week, the farmers making few changes in the committee personnel.

While two or three communities have reported a lively interest in the election, other sections are having such small numbers that there are hardly enough to select the committeemen.

The following committeemen have been named in six districts: Robertsonville: H. H. Roberson, chairman; J. R. Winslow, vice chairman; Sam Everett, regular member; J. R. Daniel, first, and R. S. Everett, second alternate. Messrs. Roberson and Winslow were named delegate and alternate to the county convention which will convene here tomorrow morning for the election of a county committee. There were eleven present for the meeting.

Goose Nest: L. L. Hassell, H. A. Early, J. F. Crisp, J. W. Belflower and J. L. Halsip. Messrs. Harrell and Early will represent the district at the county meeting tomorrow at 10 o'clock. Twenty-eight farmers attended the meeting.

Bear Grass: T. L. Roberson, Herman Rogerson, H. G. Harrison, Joseph S. Griffin and J. D. Wynne. C. U. Rogers was named delegate and T. L. Roberson, alternate, to the county meeting. Thirty-three farmers were present for the election.

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Tobacco Prices Pointing To A New High Level Here Today As Market Moves To Avoid A Block

Peanut Harvesting in County Reaches A Climax This Week

Peanut harvesting in Martin County is reaching a climax this week, well-founded reports stating that the quality is far better than many expected and considerably improved over that of last season. The quantity, said to be about or almost normal, is much greater than a majority of growers anticipated.

The outlook for the peanut crop is now recognized as one of the bright spots in the farm program this fall. No high prices are anticipated, but with a reasonable production and a quality crop, the lowly goober is certain to figure prominently in the farmer's financial program this season.

Will Maintain Traffic Over River Fill Here

Road Commission Hear Delegation In Raleigh This Week

Not Likely That U. S. Route No. 17 Will Be Changed By Authorities

Appearing before the North Carolina Highway and Public Works Commission in Raleigh Wednesday morning, a delegation of citizens from Ahoskie, Edenton, Windsor, Robersonville and Williamston was assured that traffic would be maintained across Roanoke River at this point while repairs are made to the four-mile long fill damaged by high waters last August. The highway authorities, in special session, stated that the traffic schedule now in effect would remain virtually unchanged, that local traffic up to seven tons would be allowed to travel the road while the damaged fill is repaired and improved.

Rumors, declaring that the commission was planning to close the route to all types of traffic, were virtually proved unfounded, but one report from the meeting stated that cost estimates had been considered for the project with and without a traffic maintenance schedule. It is estimated that it will cost approximately \$35,000 to maintain traffic over the fill while construction work is in progress.

The delegation, numbering well over 100 interested citizens from three counties, was well received by the commission which willingly ironed out rumors and declared the status of the route as to traffic and markings.

While before the meeting, the delegation headed by H. G. Horton, State Senator-elect from this district, asked about reports heard in connection with a movement to change the marking of the north-south route. It was definitely stated that no change is contemplated and

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Kiwanians Observe Ladies' Night Here

Ladies' Night was observed by the Kiwanis Club here Thursday night when more than 50 Kiwanians, their wives and the entire school faculty of the Williamston schools, were treated to a good old-fashioned turkey dinner.

John Bragaw, of Washington, was the speaker of the evening. His talk, as he called it, was full of humor but the speech as a whole was packed with wholesome advice and honest-to-goodness commonsense.

Mr. Bragaw, an after dinner speaker much in demand in North Carolina, counseled his audience to render service, to create and contribute rather than live as a parasite or a lover of the material things of life.

"There was once a farmer in England who called his family to his bedside before he died. He lived to be an old man and in a material way was 'financially fixed.' He told his family they would have nothing to worry about for they were amply cared for. However," the man said, "I wish you would place the following epitaph or inscription on my monument—He was born a Man but died a grocer." This thought was developed by the speaker and he pointed out that to be a man an individual must do things vastly more important than that horde money or material wealth.

Mrs. James Smith, accompanied by Miss Mewborn, sang two numbers before the address by Mr. Bragaw.

Best Quality Leaf Quoted As High As 47 Cents This Week

Prices are expected to hover around the level established by the stabilization cooperatives with the market showing added strength from time to time.

"I believe I have the best crop I have grown in ten years," Farmer J. Rome Corey, of Farm Life, said last evening. There are some farmers, however, who report "spotted" crops but on an average the crop this year is above normal in quality.

With a few exceptions excess production is being hogged down, a report from the agent's office stating that the farmers are working to earn every penny possible under the soil conservation program.

Prices for Medium and Better Grades Show Added Strength

With prices pointing to the highest level of the season, the Williamston Tobacco Market today is reported to be establishing a new record in the successful marketing of the golden leaf for the season to date—Complaints about prices are seldom heard any more, but farmers are talking much about the short crop, some stating that they have already finished marketing their crops, and that well over half and possibly two-thirds of the crop has already moved to market.

A new price range was established here yesterday when quotations included 45- and 47-cent sales for wrapper grades. A \$50 price has been posted for top wrappers by market operators, but those grades are few and far between. "We have the money and the nerve to back our judgment, and a \$50 grade will bring it," a spokesman for one warehouse firm was quoted as saying today.

It is estimated that the market has well over a quarter million pounds of leaf on its floors today, and that the selling organization will have to utilize all available time to avoid a block. "I think we will clear the floors all right, but we'll have little or no time to spare," Sales Supervisor K. B. Crawford said just before the noon hour today.

Farmers, recognized as able judges of tobacco, stated voluntarily this morning that they noticed a strengthening of prices for the medium and better grades. It was also reported that circuit riders ordered new price advances when they appeared on the market this morning.

No unusually large offerings were placed on the floors by any one individual here today, but it is understood that the number of individual farmers is larger today than at any time this season. Farmers from eight counties were marketing their crop here today, and quite a few from a distance were observing the sales. "We will be here Monday with several lots," two farmers were heard to comment to a warehouseman as they registered satisfaction with the sales today.

To date the market has sold approximately three and a quarter million pounds, the price average, boosted by recent sales, ranging well above 16 cents. Sales Supervisor Crawford stated today that the price average today would reach 21 or 22 cents to register the highest peak so far recorded this season. "There is a market competition for all types and grades, and we are pleased with the outlook for the local market," Mr. Crawford added.

Head of Education Group Is Heard By District Teachers

Twelfth in Series of Leaders' Meetings Attended by 200 Wednesday

Launching a new five-point education program, the North Carolina Education Association advanced its plans before nearly 200 teachers here at the twelfth of a series of district conferences last Wednesday afternoon and evening with Dr. Roy Morrison, of the University of North Carolina; G. S. Hawfield, president of the organization, and Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, also of the State University, holding the spotlight in the program.

Mrs. Ruth Vick Everett, field secretary of the association, presided at the sessions, a talk by Mrs. Bill Blythe of the State Highway Safety Division being an added feature to the afternoon program.

In advancing the new five-point program, the first of its kind ever launched in this country according to the popular field secretary, the prominent educators are holding similar meetings in centralized locations over the State. Briefly reviewing the progress marking the other meetings, Mrs. Everett Wednesday evening told about the romantic spirit and leadership developed by Mr. Jule Warren, a prominent figure in the association, and related a few other high spots as they centered around Dr. Morrison, the able leader in State education, and his recent trip to Raleigh.

Introduced by J. C. Manning, Martin County's superintendent of schools, Mr. Hawfield, the association head, reviewed the organization's program as it centers around five points, professional relations, (Continued on page four)

PICKER LICENSES

Finding the sale of marriage licenses in a slump for the present, at least, Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger at the direction of State law, is now offering for sale licenses for peanut-picker operators in this county. It is unlawful for a picker operator to operate his machine without license. The cost is very small, 50 cents, and covers the charge for certain report forms and records.

Approximately 100 licenses were sold last year in the county, and as the picking season is fast approaching, the register is anticipating an increase in business during next week.

Local Lumber Mill Resumes Operation

Out-of-operation since last June when a disastrous fire swept a portion of the town's East Main Street area, the large lumber plant of the Saunders and Cox Company resumed activities this week.

"We are well pleased with our new plant, but a smooth operation schedule will hardly be reached before the middle or latter part of next week," Owner-Manager J. McKimmon Saunders said today. Mr. Saunders added that the boys had been idle so long that it would require a few days for them to readjust themselves and that minor changes and adjustments would have to be done to the machines before production approaching capacity could be expected.

Board Of Education To Meet Here Next Monday

The Martin County Board of Education will meet in regular session here next Monday morning at 10 o'clock, a report from the office of the superintendent today stating that very little business had been scheduled for consideration by the school men. First-month school reports will be reviewed, and it is possible that the board will ask for another teacher in one of the county schools.

Revaluation Time Drawing Near For Taxing Authorities

The task of revaluing all real property in the county is again staring the taxing authorities in the face, a report from the courthouse today stating that the board of commissioners might possibly discuss the problem at the regular meeting of the group here next Monday. Ordinarily it would be a task for the new board to handle, but since the new board does not take office until December it is hardly possible for the officials to make necessary preparations for handling the quadrennial assessments which are slated to get underway as of January 1.

The possibility of delaying the county tax sales was declared remote by reports coming from unofficial but reliable sources today. The list is now being prepared for publication next week preparatory for sale a month later.

Very little business has been placed on the calendar for the commissioners to consider.