

Faculty Positions Filled By Local School Committee

Believe It Or Not, House Is Found For Teacher And His Family

Losing no time to fill all faculty positions in the local schools, the committee, Messrs. R. L. Coburn, chairman, and C. B. Clark and R. H. Goodmon, members, last Saturday elected Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Gorham to places in the high school. And, believe it or not, a home has been found for Professor and Mrs. Gorham and their six-year-old child.

Mr. Gorham, a graduate of the University of North Carolina and a native of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. Gorham, a native of Wilmington, have taught in the Wilson County schools for several years, and come to their new duties here highly recommended, reports declaring that the Stantonburg committee accepted their resignations with great reluctance.

Mr. Gorham will teach science in the high school and Mrs. Gorham is being assigned the eighth grade to succeed Miss Patsy King, resigned. Professor Gorham is succeeding Sam Edwards who recently accepted a position as principal of the LaGrange schools.

A sister of Mrs. Gorham's, Miss Mary Taylor, member of the Martin County Health Department until she resigned to enter the Army Nurse Corps, applied several years ago for the home occupied by the Banks on Warren Street, and she plans to return here and be at home with her sister. The Banks plan to move to their apartment in West End.

Professor and Mrs. Gorham plan to move here about the tenth of June. He will be with the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the summer working in beetle control.

The election of a principal was delayed, a member of the committee explaining that several applications were before the group, and that more interviews would be held before final action is taken.

Jack Butler, former teacher and band instructor in the high school here and who is soldiering out in Oklahoma, talked with local school officials last week-end and was quoted as saying that he was anxious to return to Williamston.

Miss Kathryn Mewborn, former music teacher in the local schools until she entered Red Cross work, is also interested in returning to head the music department, it was learned.

There are quite a few faculty positions vacant in various schools in the county at the present time, and reports state that few applications have been received.

Candidate Speaks To Kiwanis Club

"America made a tremendous sacrifice and accomplished a most difficult task in winning the war but has made a miserable failure in winning the peace," Congressman Herbert C. Bonner said last Thursday night in a speech to members of the local Kiwanis Club. "It takes equally as much determination and courage to maintain and win a permanent peace as it does to win a war."

Congressman Bonner, candidate to succeed himself in the lower branch of the Congress, reviewed briefly the current and recent legislation and amendments that he supported. He pointed out the defects of the OPA and gave facts and evidence to substantiate his vote to continue its operation for an indefinite period. "Although it has its imperfections I am in favor of continuing with the OPA for a short time," he said.

The representative stated that he was in favor of unions but pointed out the necessity of curbing the powers of the leaders and placing them under some government regulation.

Marriage License Issued In County

A marriage license was issued in this county last Saturday by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getzinger to Kader E. Gardner and Mina Lendora Gibson, both of Williamston.

CANDIDATES FOR THE STATE SENATE



Even though it has been battered and knocked into a secondary position of interest by the Congressional contest, the race for State Senator is almost certain to attract, in the seven counties of the district, a comparable vote. The three candidates, seeking the two seats allowed the Second State Senatorial District, are pictured, left to right: Hugh G. Horton of Williamston, Roy Hampton of Plymouth, and John C. Rodman of Washington.

Annual Awards Presented In School Here Last Friday

One of the main features marking the close of the local high school this year was the presentation of awards by Principal Sam D. Bundy last Friday. The ceremony was brief and marked by simplicity. Professor Bundy said.

The W. C. Manning valedictorian cup was not presented this year because there was no graduating class in the transition period from an eleventh to a twelfth-grade school. Earl Moore, winner of the cup last year, will retain it until 1947.

For outstanding work in home economics, Lucy Andrews, tenth grade student, won the Sarah M. Manning home economics cup.

The Woman's Club civic cup, offered to the group or department making the most commendable record during the school year, was awarded to the Beta Club.

The Goodman athletic trophy was won by Tom Brandon, Jr., best all-round athlete.

Making the highest scholastic average in the eighth grade, Elizabeth Muse was awarded the Junior Woman's Club cup.

A member of the class of 1945, William E. Old, Jr., received his diploma at the informal exercises held at chapel period that morning.

To Present Piano Pupils In Recital

Mrs. W. K. Parker will present her piano students in a Piano Ensemble Recital in the auditorium of the Williamston High School on Friday evening, May 24th at 8 o'clock.

The following will take part in the program: Judy Ayers, Sophia Beacham, Rachel Chesson, Bobby Clayton, Louise Corey, Frankie Everett, Elizabeth Griffin, Marie Griffin, Sybil Godard, Anne Gresham, Barbara Gurganus, Jackie Harris, Julia Harrison, Betsy Horton, Mary Carolyn Leggett, Mary Neal Lindsley, Mary Ola Lilley, Janice Manning, Leda Faye Manning, Joyce Manning, Mary Anne Mannig, Sarah Manning, Jean Mizelle, Betty Helen Mobley, Jean Mobley, Lilybet Muse, Anne Peele, Harriett Peele, Hilton Peele, Lola Peele, Marie Peele, Rhoda Faye Peele, Sallie Roberson, Gloria Taylor, Ernest Taylor, Patricia Taylor, Harriett Ward and Burnell White.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Returns Home From Hospital In Durham

After undergoing eye treatment in a Durham hospital, Elder B. S. Cowin returned to his home in Bear Grass last week-end, and is getting along fairly well, it was reported yesterday.

Farm Labor Shortage Not To End Soon

Farm labor needs will not be adequately met in this state this year.

New Registration Unchallenged In County Saturday

Voting strength estimated at 6,667 in thirteen precincts.

As far as it could be learned all registrations handled in the thirteen political precincts in this county during the past three weeks were acceptable, incomplete reports indicating that not a single one was challenged. Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections, said a short time ago that he did not know of a single instance where a single registration had been challenged during the eighteen years he had served in that capacity.

It is fairly certain that some names are illegally registered, but apparently neither side is certain of the owners' political leanings and no one has chosen to complain.

According to a complete survey just completed, 264 new names were added to the registration books in the thirteen precincts since April 25. The new registration is slightly larger than it was two years ago, indicating that the primary this week is likely to attract an increased vote. The voting strength was boosted by the new registration to 6,667 in this county, the figures below showing, by precincts, the old, the new and the total registration.

Just a little over one-third of the voting strength was asserted at the polls two years ago when 2,375 votes were cast in the race for county representative in the North Carolina General Assembly.

The registration review follows:

Precinct	Old	New	Total
Jamesville	649	31	680
Williams	270	6	276
Griffins	460	17	477
Bear Grass	450	10	460
Williamston No. 1	767	41	808
Williamston No. 2	964	43	947
Cross Roads	426	6	432
Robersonville	1108	51	1159
Gold Point	164	12	176
Poplar Point	198	11	209
Hassell	196	13	209
Hamilton	283	14	297
Goose Nest	528	9	537
Total	6403	264	6667

Clubs To Collect Cloth For Needy

As a part of a nation-wide movement to clothe 30,000 ill-clad orphan children in Greece, members of Williamston's Woman's Club are being asked to contribute to "The Mound of Cloth" when they attend the regular meeting of the club Tuesday night in the club building. Those who will find it impossible to attend the meeting are asked by the president, Mrs. P. B. Cone, to forward their piece of cloth.

Minor Accident Last Thursday

No one was badly hurt, but property damage estimated at about \$200 resulted when two cars crashed at the corner of Watts Street and Marshall Avenue here last Thursday evening about 6:30 o'clock.

Respected Citizen Died In Hospital Monday Morning

Funeral Tuesday At 4 P. M. In Local Church For Mrs. Griffin

Mrs. Agatha Elizabeth Griffin, highly respected local citizen, died in the local hospital Monday morning at 10:50 o'clock following a long period of declining health. During the past twenty years she had received hospital treatment on several occasions, and had been a semi-invalid for about ten years. She was taken critically ill last Tuesday and was removed to the hospital. Death was attributable to uremia and heart trouble.

The daughter of the late Rev. James W. and Emily Manning Hardison, Mrs. Griffin was born in the Fairview Community of Williams Township 79 years ago on August 4, 1866. In early womanhood she was married to William E. Griffin and located in the Smithwick's Creek Community of Griffins Township. Mr. Griffin died there in April, 1902, but she continued to make her home there until about 1920 when she moved to Williamston to spend most of the time with her children.

For nearly sixty years Mrs. Griffin was a member of the church at Fairview, attending its services regularly down through the years, and leading a life truly characteristic of a devoted and humble Christian. Fine ideals and noble deeds were exemplified in her daily walk through life, the goodness of her being impressing itself upon loved ones and all those whose privilege it was to have known her.

Surviving are four sons, Messrs. T. C. Griffin of the old home community and Roy T. W. O. and James E. Griffin, and a daughter, Mrs. D. M. Roberson, all of Williamston. She was also the last one of four children, a sister, Miss Martha Ann Hardison, preceding her in death only last November. She also leaves eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Williamston Christian Church Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. John L. Goff, assisted by Rev. W. H. Harrington, county Baptist minister and a friend of the family. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Funeral Sunday For Mrs. Woolard

Funeral services were held at the home in the Batts Cross Roads Community last Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Mrs. Minnie Woolard who died suddenly there the morning before while sitting in a chair on the porch talking to members of her family. Although she had been in declining health for some weeks, she was apparently getting along very well until she was stricken and died a few minutes later at 11:00 o'clock.

The daughter of the late Simon and Emily Harris Woolard she was born in Beaufort County 68 years ago. She was married forty-five years ago to Kelly Woolard and he survives with six daughters, Mrs. J. A. Crisp, Mrs. Johnnie Griffin and Misses Katie and Minnie Pearl Woolard of RFD 3, Washington, Mrs. B. G. Griffin, RFD 1, Blounts Creek, and Mrs. Githa Ingalls, RFD 5, Greenville; one son, Chester Woolard, RFD 3, Washington; one sister, Mrs. Laura Langley, RFD 3, Washington; twenty-six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Receives Degree In Connecticut

Rev. J. W. McGinnis, pastor of the local Presbyterian church, is receiving his master's degree at a divinity school in Hartford, Connecticut, this week. He completed his course of study some time ago, and has prepared his thesis entitling him to the scholastic award.

Brief Review Of Senatorial Vote

A fairly close vote was cast in the race for State Senator in this, the second district, two years ago. E. A. Daniel, of Washington, led the ticket with 5,118 votes. Roy Hampton, of Plymouth who is a candidate to succeed himself and who, according to a "gentlemen's agreement" between the seven counties in the district is entitled to re-nomination, was second with 4,456 votes, leaving Z. V. Norman, also of Plymouth, with 4,036 votes.

Battle of the Ballots Centered In County

Turn Full Steam On In The Heated Race for Congress

Reports of Truth Stretching Leaking Out In Parts Of The District

With both sides claiming gains, full steam is being turned on in the First Congressional District race in preparation for the big showdown in the fourteen counties on Saturday of this week.

Already reports of truth stretching and unfounded claims are leaking out in various parts of the district, and the waters have become so muddied that no one seems to know about where either of the candidates stand. One thing has been quite evident in the campaign to date, and that is a follower will make a fantastic claim and then resume his vote searching just as if a lone vote will spell victory or defeat.

There has been a great deal of show and talk on the surface, but the "silent" vote remains a fairly dark secret, and that is causing a great deal of guessing.

The contest last week-end attracted state-wide attention and is now pushing the Fifth District for top interest. Even political writers in Washington have commented. "Under the Dome" in last Saturday's News and Observer, pointed out that the battle of the ballots in the district is centering in Martin County. Other reports maintain that the race has been hot and is getting hotter in most of the other thirteen counties, including parts of Pitt and Beaufort, home counties of the two candidates.

It was reported last week-end that Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren is returning to the district on another fishing trip on Thursday of this week, and his presence is, according to some, expected to add interest to the race.

Robt. Erwin, Washington political writer, dismisses the contest, in so many words, as a one-sided contest, with Congressman Bonner in the lead.

Nearer home, the State press says: "What at first was generally looked upon as a pretty unexciting race has developed into one of the liveliest Congressional fights in the entire State.

"Even supporters of Congressman Herbert Bonner of the First District admit that the race in which he is opposed by Robert Lee Humber of Greenville is far from a one-sided affair. Both candidates are fighting tooth and nail through the mediums of full-page advertisements in newspapers in their districts, big political rallies, and general tours in rural areas.

"Martin County, which adjoins Bonner's home county of Beaufort and Humber's home county of Pitt, is one of the chief centers of political activity on behalf of both candidates. One of the top events of the campaign will be a free barbecue to be held near Robersonville on May 21 by Bonner supporters.

"A week-end 'fishing-trip' talk" (Continued on page eight)

Draft Muddied By Legislative Acts In The Past Few Days

Presidential Order Would Include Childless Men 26-29 Years Old

Characteristic of the muddling antics traceable to the Congress of the United States, Selective Service is now flopping around like a picked chicken as a result of a haphazard legislative act passed at the last minute last week.

Teen-agers have been eliminated from the draft. But men in service now will, it is now certain, have to make up the difference by remaining at their posts longer. Now, by Presidential authorization, childless men 26 to 29 years, inclusive, are now subject to the draft.

Conscription of men in that age group was stopped by the President shortly after the fall of Japan. Mr. Truman announced in a news conference statement that he was authorizing the War and Navy secretaries to call upon Selective Service for the induction of such men.

The President repeated his criticism, made Tuesday night when he signed the 45-day draft extension law which stopped the induction of teen-age boys and fathers, that it was "bad legislation." Under the draft extension act and Mr. Truman's authorization today, all men except fathers, between 20 and 30 years of age are subject to induction call.

"It is to be hoped," he said, "that before July first, when the present extension expires, the Congress will extend Selective Service for a year in a form that will meet the nation's requirements."

To illustrate his assertion that the extension law was "loosely drafted," the President said it provided that men up to 35 years, seven months of age could be drafted, although "seemingly it was the intent of Congress to include only those now under 30."

He said there also was nothing in the law to prevent the reinduction of men already discharged.

The War Department does not want men over 30 years of age, he said, and men over that age will not be reclassified.

Mr. Truman said Selective Service Director Hershey had reported that 80,000 acceptable 18- and 19-year old high school students were "lost to the armed forces" because of Congress action. The exemption of that age group will cut down the number of men under 26 who can be inducted each month from 35,000 to 5,000, the President said he had been informed.

The Army has estimated that there are only about 15,000 eligible men in the 26-29 group whose induction is again authorized.

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Parole Revoked For Young Man

Sentenced to prison by Judge John J. Burney in the Martin County Superior Court last September for aiding and abetting in the larceny of an automobile in Robersonville about two years ago, Tom Dew, 18-year-old Tarboro white boy, was delivered to the prison in Raleigh last Friday by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck.

Possibly because of his tender years, the youth was paroled by Judge Burney with the understanding that the defendant refrain from the use of intoxicating liquors. He fell victim of strong drink and was arrested, and Judge Walter Bone, resident jurist, revoked the parole.

Will Open Social Security Station

Marshall H. Barney, manager of the Social Security Board Field Office at Rocky Mount, announced today that he is planning to hold a regular monthly itinerant station here in Williamston. A representative of that office will be at the Employment Service Office here in Williamston on the last Wednesday of each month beginning May 29. He will be at the Employment Service Office at 11 o'clock on that day.

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Mr. Barney said further that 121 people in Martin County are now receiving monthly benefit checks from the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance provisions of the Social Security Act. These are divided into 21 retired workers over 65 years old, 9 wives, 64 children, 2 aged widows, and 24 current widows with minor children in their care. Besides monthly payments, lump-sums are paid in case where an insured wage earner dies but no one survives him who is entitled to monthly insurance benefits.

All-Year Honor Roll Announced In Local Schools

Eighty-five Pupils Made A's On All Subjects Every Month During Term

Making A's on all subjects every month, eighty-five pupils in the local schools had their names appear on the honor roll for the school year just ended, Principal Sam D. Bundy announced last week-end. Eleven of the honor pupils were in the high school.

Names of the group appear, by grades:

First Grade: Henry Handy, Joe Murphy, Floyd Thomas, Peggy Moore Godard, Ann Harrison, Mary Jean Hunt, Blanche Manning, Tommy Phillips, Billy Thornton, Nancy Britton, Mary Martin, Jane Peele, Gene Copeland, Charles Edwards, James Hardison, Mary Lee Cox, Ann Grey Darden, Priscilla Gurganus.

Second Grade: Iverson Skinner, Rudy Ward, Gerald White, Rodney Pittman, Betty Fagan Carstarphen, Sandra Margolis, Faye Peele, Joseph Clayton, Ann Holliday, Phyllis Jones, Ed Laughinghouse, Vivian Peele and Herbert Ward.

Third Grade: Sondra Bufflap, Jean Coltrain, Edward Rogerson, James Pittman, Bobby Manning, Robert Weston, Frankie Everett, Joyce Manning, Janice Rogers, Doris Rogers, Melva Lee Wynn, Mary Britton, Patricia Harrison, John Dunn, Barbara Cherry, and Barbara Everette.

Fourth Grade: Ralph Parker, Lee Handy, Betty Mobley, Janice (Continued on page eight)

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