

Superintendent Of Schools Discusses Teacher Problems

One Out of Five Teachers In School Five Years Are Still at Posts

Speaking to the Kiwanis Club last Thursday County Superintendent of Schools James C. Manning revealed that the odds against a teacher in the white schools of this county in 1941-42 returning for the 1946-47 term were four to one. The turnover in teacher personnel during these years has been such that only 20 percent of those on the job in 1941 will be working at the profession in the county this fall.

Discussing the problems of the schools at the present time, he called attention to three difficulties: Turnover in personnel, textbook checking and accounting and lunchroom supervision and operation.

One hundred and ten white teachers began work with the opening of the school term in 1941 but with the opening of the schools this year only twenty two of that number are reporting for work. Teachers are quitting the profession in some instances, retiring from all active work in others, and moving to other schools. But, according to Mr. Manning, one of the definite trends has been toward getting closer home. Living conditions being what they are here, and in other places, too, many of the teachers like to be where they can get home for week-ends at least, so they can enjoy some comforts of home. This has been a factor in securing new teachers here as well as in losing some of the veterans.

Asking the Kiwanians what the town had done to make the work and living conditions of teachers here more pleasant, the speaker called attention to the fact that there is no place in the town for a teacher who does not have a regular rooming and boarding place to eat on Sundays. This could have been remedied only by the citizens of the town inviting these teachers to have meals at their individual homes during week-ends. He expressed the belief that more attention to the personal comforts and welfare of the teachers would have given the town a better reputation as a place in which to practice the teaching profession. This question, he indicated, is one to be answered personally and individually rather than officially.

One of the problems which takes a great deal of time as far as the administration of the schools is concerned is that of checking and accounting for each and every one of 60,000 textbooks used in the county schools each year. Mr. Manning did not say they had to be fingerprinted but he did say that at least three times each year his office has to

Red Cross Meeting To Be Held Here On August 14th

Holding their annual meeting in the courthouse here Wednesday evening, August 14, at 8:00 o'clock, members of the Red Cross, Martin County chapter, will elect officers and handle other business. Chapter Chairman Jas. C. Manning announced today. A general invitation is being extended the public to attend the meeting and participate in the business.

The chapter is comprised of Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass and Williamston Townships.

Miss Janet Cox, district supervisor, will attend the meeting, it was learned, and possibly area officials for the Red Cross will have parts on the program.

Unusually active during the re-

cent war years, the chapter is planning to recognize all those who contributed as many as 200 hours of their time to the organization in the promotion of its work. It was pointed out that a goodly number in the chapter has given that much of their time in soliciting funds, making bandages and working in the production or sewing room. The national organization is anxious to get a complete list of all who gave that much time in the work, and they are asked to submit their names and their service records. National recognition is expected in all such cases, it was pointed out.

With the war program virtually complete, the organization is planning for peace-time activities, and that change will be discussed at the meeting.

Alfred Whitmore Former Resident Dies In Virginia

Funeral Friday For Former Editor Of Local Newspaper

Alfred Eugene Whitmore, former Williamston citizen and for several years editor of The Enterprise here, died in the Arlington County Hospital in Virginia last Wednesday, friends and acquaintances of the former local newspaperman were advised here last week-end. He had been in declining health for some months.

Funeral services were conducted in the cemetery there.

The son of the late Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Whitmore, he was born in Ettrick, Virginia, seventy years ago. Shortly after the turn of the century, Mr. Whitmore located in Williamston, purchasing and editing The Enterprise for several years or until 1908 when he sold the property to W. C. Manning, late of Williamston. He was an able editor and worked hard for his adopted community until he found it necessary to change. After leaving here Mr. Whitmore worked on newspapers in Norfolk, going with the Washington Evening Star in the nation's capital in 1923, a position he held until ill health forced his retirement.

While working with the Washington newspaper he made his home at 842 North Abingdon Street, Arlington, Va.

Mr. Whitmore was a member of Columbia Typographical Union, No. 101, the Babcock Lodge of Masons of Highland Springs, Virginia, and the Methodist Church. Funeral services took place on Friday in Norfolk.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Edith M. Whitmore; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Davis and Mrs. Alice Moore, both of Norfolk, Virginia; three brothers, J. Harry and Reginald R. Whitmore of Jacksonville, Florida, and Benjamin A. Whitmore, Nashville, Tenn.; and six sisters, Mrs. J. H. Bradshaw and Mrs. Herbert Wright of Cambridge, Md.; Mrs. A. O. Hancock, Richmond; Mrs. Edward J. Walthall, Crewe, Virginia; Mrs. W. M. Treadway, Jr., Chatham, Virginia, and the former Mrs. Nan Thaup, Portsmouth, Virginia.

Polio Cases Are More Numerous In Late Summer

No Known Cure But Simple Rules Should Be Carefully Observed

(The following is one in a series of articles prepared by the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association and sponsored by civic organizations.—ed.)

During the late summer, parents are apt to think, with fear in their hearts, of infantile paralysis or, as it is often called, polio. Epidemics of the disease are most apt to break out from June to September. In this country, the disease reaches its peak in the latter month.

Infantile paralysis is feared, not only because of the deaths it causes—many other diseases take more lives—but because it so frequently leaves its victims crippled for life and because little is known about the virus which causes this disease. Therefore, few preventive measures can be taken against it.

Infantile paralysis is caused by a virus so small it cannot be seen through the most powerful microscope. As yet no means of prevention or cure has been discovered. There have, however, been advances in treatment. This, with the creation of additional facilities for aiding the victim's recovery, has done much to allay fear of the disease.

Although its name would seem to indicate that infantile paralysis strikes only young children, this is by no means true. It may attack older age groups, even adults, and may cripple them as well as young children.

Panic never cured a disease or prevented its spread. If there is danger of a polio epidemic in the community, parents and public officials should keep calm. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, through its national office in New York and through county chapters, is ready to assist communities where outbreaks occur and to help individuals who get the disease.

The Foundation emphasizes that, although there is no known cure for polio, quick action may prevent crippling and urges that medical advice be sought immediately if polio is suspected. The first symptoms are often a headache, unexplained fever, a cold or an upset stomach. If any of these symptoms appear, a doctor should be called.

People who are very tired are more apt to get the disease than those who get sufficient rest. Chills may weaken resistance to the disease—so do not stay in cold water too long. And do not swim in water polluted by sewage or other filth.

Since waste and uncovered garbage may be sources of infection, the community should be kept clean and every effort should be made to protect food from flies and other insects.

The Foundation warns against having tonsils or adenoids removed during the polio epidemic season, since it is believed that children are more susceptible to polio infection after these operations.

Further information about infantile paralysis and its treatment may be obtained from local chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis or by writing the national office, 120 Broadway, New York 5, N. Y.

In the next article, understanding the TB patient will be discussed.

Tax Rate Of \$1.05 Adopted By County

Commissioners In Regular Meeting Monday Morning Recommend Surfacing Of Road From Everetts To Spring Green

A tax rate of \$1.05 per \$100 assessed property valuation was formally adopted for the county by the board of commissioners in regular session on Monday of this week. The rate had been tentatively fixed at a previous meeting. Immediately following the rate adoption, county employees started making ready to prepare the tax receipts with the view of getting the books into the hands of the collector within the next two or three weeks. In addition to the county-wide rate of \$1.05, the board adopted a 20-cent levy for schools in Jamesville, Williamston and Robersonville districts, a 45-cent road levy in Cross Roads, a 30-cent road levy for Hamilton and a 25-cent road levy for Goose Nest. The poll tax was fixed at \$2.

With very little new business on their calendar, the commissioners completed their work and adjourned before lunch.

At the request of Williamston's fire chief, G. P. Hall, the department was excused of the payment of county license tax on a carnival to play this section soon.

The \$2,350 appropriation for forest fire work in the county was increased to \$2,600.

The board recommended that the road from Everetts to Spring Green, a distance of about four and one-half miles, be improved and surfaced.

Tax relief orders were granted as follows:

R. B. Glisson land in Williamston, listed in error for the years 1931 and 1932, was relieved of \$81.06 taxes.

W. A. Roberson, Williamston Township, \$58.84 taxes listed in error from 1929 through 1939.

Levi Aushorn, five acres of Gasikin land, listed in error in Jamesville Township from 1936 through 1945, \$27.86.

G. N. Cowin, Hamilton filling station, listed for \$7.23 tax in error.

MINISTER



Rev. Charlie Rhodes Harrison, son of Mrs. Charlie Ayers of this county, is now serving the Second Christian Church in Bloomington, Illinois. He is a graduate of A. C. College, Wilson, and holds the bachelor of divinity degree from Vanderbilt University.

Prominent Citizen Died On Thursday In Robersonville

Funeral Services Conducted For R. L. Smith Last Saturday Afternoon

R. L. Smith, prominent and well-known citizen of this county and an outstanding business leader in this section of North Carolina, died at his home in Robersonville last Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock following months of declining health.

Suffering a cerebral hemorrhage last January 29, Mr. Smith partially recovered from the attack, but his condition had been critical for several weeks before the end. Pneumonia and a heart attack were given as the immediate causes of his death.

The son of the late Mack Gilbert and Susan Smith, he was born in this county near Robersonville on October 22, 1876. When a young man he was married to Miss Sallie Grimes who died on February 26, 1944. In 1901 he formed a mercantile partnership with his brother, the late W. J. Smith, and A. O. Roberson, and operated under the firm name of R. L. Smith and Company until 1938 when the partnership was dissolved and a new business under the name of R. L. Smith and Sons was created. Mr. Smith, leading figure in this section's business field, figured in nearly every phase of community life. He was a member of the Junior Order, Rotary Club and served as town commissioner for a number of terms. He was also a dependable member of the Robersonville Christian Church for a quarter of a century, giving liberally of his means in its support.

While he never sought the public spotlight, Mr. Smith had the interest of his town and county at heart, working diligently for their interest and progress. He lived at peace with his fellowmen. During his long years as a business leader he seldom found it necessary to resort to court action to protect his inherent rights, for he played fair and square with all men. A capable business man and able counsellor, Mr. Smith placed honor and principle above material profit and few men ever held greater admiration and a larger circle of friends than he among the people of this entire section.

Surviving are two sons, Irving L. and Gilbert Smith and one grandson, Irving, Jr., all of Robersonville.

Funeral services were conducted in the Robersonville Christian Church last Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. J. M. Perry. Interment was in the Robersonville cemetery.

FOREIGN TROUBLE

Most of the trouble experienced recently on the highways in the county between school buses and motorists has involved foreign, or out-of-state drivers, many of whom assert that in their particular state the motorist has the right-of-way instead of the school bus which has the right-of-way in North Carolina. In two neighboring counties children have been killed by motorists passing school buses illegally.

In order to prevent, as far as possible, this trouble, bus drivers have been repeatedly cautioned to show their "Stop" signs some distance ahead of a stop, at least 30 yards as designated by State law. School officials, along with many motorists, would like to see traffic regulations put on a national, uniform basis.

Tobacco Prices Continue Upward On Border Belt

First Sales Last Week Said To Have Averaged Almost \$53

After holding to an average of about \$48 for the first few hours last Thursday, tobacco prices continued to climb on the border markets to average \$52.64 at the close of the first marketing week. Prices were described as having reached an all-time high, and farmers in this belt are anxiously awaiting the market opening here on Monday, August 19.

Practically all the better quality of grades of tobacco was up from \$3 to \$18 per hundred over the first three days of last recorded year, the Marketing Service pointed out.

Most of the inferior leaf showed losses of from \$1 to \$23.75. Gains of the choice leaf ranged from \$11 to \$16 per hundred, the service figures showed. Choice orange lugs were up \$18, but the lower quality grades dropped from \$1 for fair orange to \$23.75 for best thin nondescript.

Since there was an unusually small proportion of the inferior tobacco offered and since there were much higher prices offered for the better type leaf, the general average for the first two days of sales set an all-time record high average of \$52.64 for the 12,361,715 pounds sold on the nine South Carolina and eight North Carolina markets.

This was an increase of \$8.60 over last season's first three days of sales when 19,690,193 pounds were marketed for an average of

Lions Are To Give Away Automobile

The Local Lions Club Is Planning To Give Away A Brand New Ford Tudor Sedan To The Holder Of The Lucky Number At The Drawing To Be Held On The Last Night Of Their Harvest Festival Here The Week Of September 16th-21st.

The committee in charge of this event recently put the names of the local automobile dealers on slips of paper and then had Mayor J. L. Hassell draw one of the slips from a hat, with the understanding that the dealer whose name was drawn would furnish a new car to be sold to the Lions Club to be given away. It so happened that the slip drawn was the one of the Williamston Motor Company, local Ford dealers.

Tickets are already on sale by the members of the club, and all profits on the subject will go to the Scout Hat Fund.

Canada Lowering Its Income Taxes

Canadian Income Taxes Were Reduced On June 27. The Government Announced That The Reductions Will Free About One-Quarter Of The Present Taxpayers And Cut The Rates For The Majority From 10 To 15 Percent. The New Program, Effective Next January 1, Will Raise The Exemption Level For Single Persons From \$660 To \$750, And For Married Persons Without Dependents From \$1,200 To \$1,500. This Would Release Between 550,000 And 600,000 Persons Now Paying Taxes. Also Effective January 1 Flat Rate Taxes On Corporate Incomes Will Be Reduced From 40 Percent To 30 Percent. The Excess Profits Tax Is To Remain In Effect, But On January 1 It Will Be Reduced From 20 Percent To 15 Percent, And Sole Proprietors And Partnerships Will Be Exempt.

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Bar Members Hold Meeting Saturday

Members Of The Second Judicial Bar Association Held Their Annual Meeting In The Courthouse Here Last Saturday Morning When Matters Of Interest To The Profession Were Discussed. Judge Walter J. Bone Of Nashville, Ed Cannon, Secretary Of The North Carolina Bar Association Of Raleigh And Frank Winslow, Rocky Mount Attorney, Addressed The Group.

O. B. Moss, Spring Hope attorney, was elected president, succeeding Wheeler Martin as president of the district group. Blount Rodman of Plymouth was elected vice president, and Clarence W. Griffin, local attorney, was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the organization. Every county was represented except Wilson.

Following the business session, the group was served a barbecue dinner at the Woman's Club.

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Bookmobile Now On Summer Run

The Bookmobile Comes To Martin County Again Next Week. An Effort Has Been Made To Bring To The Attention Of The Citizens Of The County The True Value Of The Service Being Rendered By The Beaufort, Hyde, Martin Regional Library. Officials Feel That Money Was Never More Wisely Invested Than That Which The Commissioners Of This County Appropriate For Library Service.

In this connection recently compiled Bookmobile statistics reveal that Martin County now owns 4,799 volumes of fiction, non-fiction and reference material. These books are available to every man, woman and child in this county. When the Bookmobile toured the county during a week of July 8 to July 12 Martin County readers borrowed 1,948 books.

If you are interested in borrowing a book see the appended schedule and meet the BHM Bookmobile at the location most convenient to you.

Tuesday, August 6
Hassell, 10; Edmondson Service Station, 11:30; Oak City, Barrett's Drug Store, 1; Smith's Store on Palmyra Road, 2:30.

Wednesday, August 7
Everetts, Ayers' Store, 9:15; Cross Roads Church, 12:15; House Community, 2; and Parme, Chesson's Station, 3.

Thursday, August 8
Griffin's Service Station, 9:15; Farm Life, Manning and Gurkin Store, 10; Smithwick's Creek Community, 11; Corey's Cross Roads, 12; Bear Grass, Terry Bros. Store, 1:15; Wynne's Service Station, 2:30.

Friday, August 9
Dardens, Jordan's Store, 9:30; Browning's Store, 10:45; Ange Town, 11:45; Popular Chapel Church, 1; and Jamesville, 2.

This schedule will be followed throughout the summer months. Many stops will be made between those listed above. If you cannot meet the bookmobile at the stop in your community, please flag the truck as it passes your house or write to the Librarian, Regional Library, Box 65, Washington, North Carolina.

Transportation Is Still A Problem

Having experienced some difficulty with drivers and buses last year, County Superintendent James C. Manning reports that the situation is well in hand this year as far as drivers and general mechanical maintenance is concerned. The fact that there were virtually no graduations in the county last year has left those drivers on hand for the same job this school term.

There is, however, still the old problem of satisfying everyone as far as the distance children have to walk to get to the school buses is concerned.

New equipment is the major problem at the present time. It was originally expected that eleven new buses would be delivered to county schools during this year but they are no longer anticipated because of strikes, first in the automobile industry and later in the plants of the body manufacturers.

The state had been promised 800 new busses during June, July and August but they are only now beginning to come in at the rate of ten per day, chassis only. The strike at the Thomas Car Works in High Point is the major difficulty now as this was one of the largest sources of supply of school bus bodies in this state.

Transporting its school children at a cost of five cents per child this year, operating more school buses and hauling more children than any other in the union, has an operating expense less than half of the national average.

Loose Mules Hit On Road By Auto

Two loose mules were hit by automobiles on Highway 64 between Parme and Robersonville last Saturday night at 10:00 o'clock. One of the animals was badly cut, but the other was only slightly bruised. Patrolman W. E. Saunders said following an investigation. A third animal was almost struck by a large bus.

Aaron Andrews and W. C. Taylor were driving the cars, one reporting that the vehicles were damaged to the extent of about \$50 each.

The mules belonged to Farmer George James.

An unofficial report heard here yesterday stated that a mule was killed on the highway near Beaver Dam bridge a short distance east of Everetts early last Sunday morning. No details could be learned.

Two Curing Barns Burned In County

Two more curing barns were reported last week to have been destroyed by fire in this county. Hubert Harris lost a barn week before last in Griffins Township. It was the first barn lost by fire in that district this season. Tobe Jones, Cross Roads Township farmer, lost a barn last Friday.

So far this season approximately 27 curing barns have been destroyed by fire in the county.

The curing season is rapidly drawing to a close, a goodly number of farmers having already completed the leaf harvest.

ROUND-UP

Seven persons were arrested and placed in the county jail last week-end, the number falling slightly below the figure reported for the previous week.

Five of the seven were charged with public drunkenness, one with disorderly conduct and another with an assault.

Three of the seven were white men, and the ages of the group ranged from 29 to 41 years.

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Kansas Minister To Preach In The County Sunday

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. Richard Gardner of Liberty, Kansas, who is home visiting his parents, will preach at Christian Chapel Church of Christ, August 11.

The public is invited to attend both the morning and evening worship services.

Population Gains In Recent Years

The population of the United States was 140,386,509 on January 1, 1946, an increase of 6.6 percent since the 1940 census, the Census Bureau estimated on July 10. The nation's birth rate, which soared in the early years of the war, has declined somewhat since 1943, but has not yet dropped to its prewar level. The "natural increase" in population—the excess of births over deaths—reached a peak of 939,000 in the last half of 1942, but declined to about 720,000 in the last half of 1945. The increase in population in the six years since the last census was estimated at 8,700,000, only slightly less than the 8,900,000 gain recorded in the entire ten-year census period preceding April 1, 1940. The civilian population increased more than six million in the last half of 1945 because of the rapid return of servicemen from foreign theaters.

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