

Faculty Positions Just About Filled In Local Schools

Seeking Teachers For Fourth Grade and High School Science

With one or two exceptions all positions in the local school faculty have been filled, Principal B. G. Stewart announced last week-end. The resignation tendered recently by Miss Margaret Elliott left a position vacant in the fourth grade. A music teacher has not been placed under contract and acceptance is pending for a science teacher in the high school, Professor Stewart said.

Quite a few new teachers will appear in the faculty this year, several of the former teachers quitting their posts to enter the matrimonial field or to enjoy retirement. Miss Alice Hardy of Richmond, Miss Lamine Baker of Greenville and Williamston, and Miss Ada Morris of Edenton are returning to the first grade teacher positions. Mrs. Mary Benson Cartstphen and Miss Estelle Crawford will continue in the second grade posts, and Miss Ruth Manning and Mrs. Rosalie I. Froneberger will again be in the third grade rooms. Miss Josephine Everett of Robersonville is succeeding Miss Geraldine Glover of Wilson who recently relinquished one of the fourth grade positions. Miss Frances Jenkins of Robersonville is returning to the fourth grade, leaving to be filled a fourth grade position made vacant by Miss Margaret Elliott's recent resignation. Miss Dora Bailey of Everetts is succeeding Miss Lucille Bell as fifth grade teacher. Miss Bell was recently married. Mrs. Velma H. Coburn is returning to the other fifth grade position.

Miss Mary Ross of Washington and a former teacher in the Lillington schools, is succeeding Mrs. Ruby Malone Rejoney as one of the sixth grade teachers. Mildred Byrum of Edenton is returning to the other sixth grade position.

Mrs. Mary Lee Hassell of Williamston and Miss Mary Whitley of Murfreesboro will resume their work as seventh grade teachers. Two new faculty members, Mrs. Ralph Gorham of Edenton and Miss Hattie J. Bowers of Edenton, will teach the eighth grade.

Three new members, exclusive of the principal, have been added to the high school faculty, and acceptance is pending under a fourth contract. Hubert Sherrill of Statesville has been elected to teach science, but his acceptance is still pending. Principal Stewart said last week-end. Mr. Ralph Gorham, formerly of Statesville but now of Williamston, will teach social sciences. Miss Annabelle Privott of Edenton, a former teacher in the Whiteville schools, will teach

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Funeral On Friday For Edmond Slade

Funeral services were conducted in the Primitive Baptist Church on Riddick Street here last Friday afternoon for Edmond Slade, respected colored citizen, who died at his home here on Elm Street last Monday. A faithful worker and a devoted friend, he was held in high esteem by members of both races with whom he lived at peace. Eighty-six years of age, he had been in declining health for several years, spending the last eighteen months or more in bed. He was employed by the old Anderson and Crawford firm for a long time, and then he went with the Biggs Iron Works and later with the tobacco industry here, holding the respect of his employers and his fellow workers. He had an earnest desire to give full measure for every dollar received. Born in slavery, he climbed in his humble way to rear a fine family of two sons and six daughters, to meet his every obligation and live at peace with his fellow-man. Interment was in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Accident Death Toll Mounts On Highways in The State

While this county was virtually free of accidents last week-end, other sections of North Carolina reported a mounting death and accident toll on its highways during the period. Four deaths were reported in as many counties surrounding Martin last Saturday and Sunday. Complete reports are not available just now for the entire state, but preliminary releases show that possibly fifteen or more were killed on the highways last week, seven of them in a single accident between Durham and Oxford.

Cpl. W. T. Simpson of the highway patrol reported Monday that only one minor accident was reported to him during the past week, that as far as he could learn no one was hurt and damaged.

Oak City Faculty Nearly Completed

With two exceptions the 1946-47 faculty for the Oak City schools is complete, Principal H. M. Ainsley announced last week-end. Late resignations left the first and eighth grade positions vacant, the school man said. Names of the faculty members, their assigned grades and home addresses are as follows:

Three Called For Preinduction Test

Three Martin County young white men were called this week to report for preinduction physical examinations at Fort Bragg. Most of them had made the trip previously. Two of three come from the farm and all are nineteen years of age. Two others were called, but one was ruled out on account of physical disability and a fifth one proved fatherhood to escape the draft. The names of those called and their registration and last-given addresses:

Greatest Toll By TB Among People 15-35 Years Old

Good Health Habits Offer Best Insurance Against The Disease. (The following is one in a series of articles prepared by the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association and sponsored by civic organizations.—ed.) Of all the diseases which afflict man, tuberculosis takes the greatest toll of lives among young people between 15 and 35 years of age. Tuberculosis is no respecter of persons—it strikes young and old, rich and poor. No race is immune to it. Wherever it strikes, it brings suffering. No one can say who suffers most from tuberculosis. It is always tragic for the individual to learn that he has the disease, and it is tragic for his family, whether he is young or whether he has passed the bloom of youth and is approaching middle age. Certainly it is tragic for a young man or woman about to begin a business career or about to be married to be stricken with tuberculosis. The years between 15 and 35 are the years of promise and the years which see the beginning of the fulfillment of the promises of youth.

Predict Decrease In Number Polio Cases In Country

Precautions Outlined By The National Paralysis Foundation. Infantile paralysis still stalks the country in epidemic proportion, but latest figures in Washington last week hopefully indicated a turn for the better. The U. S. Public Health Service reported the national total of new cases for the week ended Aug. 10—except for Rhode Island, Georgia and New Jersey which have not yet reported—was 1543, a percentage increase of 30 over the preceding week. The 1263 cases reported for the week ended Aug. 3 was an increase of 373, or 41 percent over the week before. Infantile paralysis has now been reported in every state, but is most severe in the North Central area, in Texas, Florida and Alabama.

Hold Eye Clinic Here Next Friday

The county welfare department with the cooperation of other agencies is holding an eye clinic in the Woman's Club here on Friday of this week, beginning at 9:00 o'clock. Dr. Hale Thornhill of Raleigh will be in charge of the examinations. Limited to dependent cases, the clinic has already signed twenty-nine for examinations, it was learned. The clinic is open to other dependents and those interested are directed to contact the welfare department at once.

Jewelry Store Window Broken

Using half a brick, a vandal and a potential thief broke the plate glass window in the H. D. Peele Jewelry Company store on Main Street here about 4:00 o'clock last Friday morning. When the burglar alarm in the store sounded it is believed the vandal ran. Police, stationed hardly more than a block away on either side of the store, rushed there but saw no one. R. E. Peele, owner of the store, said that he missed nothing from the window. The brick was thrown with such force that it tore open the latch on the window door and knocked glass almost to the rear of the store. The window was the second one in a jewelry store broken here in recent weeks, vandals having knocked a hole in one of J. Lawrence Peele's store windows not so long ago on Washington Street.

Native Dies In Scotland Neck

Newsome A. Riddick, a native of Williamston, died at his home in Scotland Neck early last Saturday morning following several years of declining health. Funeral services, held in the Scotland Neck Episcopal Church Sunday afternoon, were attended by a throng of friends and relatives from several counties. Following the service conducted by Rev. R. Lansing Hicks, burial was in Trinity Cemetery. Born in Williamston on May 15, 1888, Mr. Riddick moved when quite young to Scotland Neck with his parents, Albert M. and Willie Aillsbrook Riddick. He organized N. A. Riddick Motor Company there in 1912, operating it until 1930. Later he was connected with the Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank and held that position until declining health forced his retirement in 1942. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Louise Josey Riddick, and two daughters, Mrs. Fletcher H. Gregory, Jr., of Weldon, and Willie Marjorie Riddick of Scotland Neck.

Military Draft Is Now Subject To More Changes

New Plan Will Result In Decrease In Number Of Men Drafted. A new plan based on liberalized deferment policies is in the making Selective Service officials disclosed last week-end. One of them told a reporter that latest estimates indicate that the draft can produce only 155,000 men 19-29 years of age by next March 31, "even if the bottom of the barrel is scraped," Maj. Gen. Willard S. Paul, director of personnel, has said that the army needs 185,000. Liberalized rules would make even fewer than 155,000 men available. About the only way to increase the number substantially would be to raise the age limit above 29 years, one Selective Service official said. He added, however, that this is for the army to decide. The War Department specified a few weeks ago that it wanted its men under 29. The law permits the drafting of men up to 44. In addition, 18-year olds must register, but are not subject to call. Some announcement concerning new deferment policies is expected this week, one official said. Nothing is expected to be done for some time to increase the number of men subject to call, as the present supply is sufficient for months. The recalculations of manpower, based on liberalized draft rules, were ordered on the heels of protests from educational and scientific organizations that the proposed rules will permit the drafting of some of the "most promising" young scientists of the country. In addition, the American Council of Education estimated recently that 8,000 professors could be drafted if present rules are enforced rigidly. This, the council estimated, would eliminate educational opportunities for 168,000 war veterans. This estimate is known to have had considerable weight among government officials because Dr. Francis J. Brown, who made it for the council, is a member of the President's Commission on Higher Education. President Truman appointed the commission to help increase educational opportunities for war veterans. Only men "irreplaceable and indispensable to an activity essential to the national existence" are granted deferment for occupational reasons under the present rules. It is up to local boards to decide who are "irreplaceable" and "indispensable."

The Selective Service law and amendments themselves provide exemption for fathers and agricultural workers, ministers and students of theology. Students of medicine, veterinary medicine, osteopathy and dentistry also are eligible for deferment. Selective Service officials also announced that teachers in the physical sciences and certain professional courses, and people en-

Local Merchant On Detour Trip

Returning from the northern markets last Saturday morning, Merchant Samuel Zemon boarded a bus in Rocky Mount at an early hour and slept right on through Tarboro. Learning he was traveling toward Scotland Neck, the merchant got off the bus and oiled up his thumb. The first Good Samaritan was going in the right direction and Sam crawled in. "I am going to Speed," the accommodating one told Sam. "That's all right with me," Sam declared, adding, "I like to speed." "We did not run very fast and then we drove into Speed. You can imagine how I felt when we entered the village. I had never heard of it before." After stopping to check several water pumps, the accommodating mechanic delivered Sam to Bethel where transportation was arranged for the remainder of the trip. Accompanied by the home agent, Miss Elizabeth Parker, Mrs. Lester Bryant and her mother of Bear Grass, left Monday for Raleigh to attend the farm and home week at State College.

Drives Pick Into Spouse's Stomach

Said to have been jealous of her husband, Mildred Daniel, young colored woman, chased him down near the railroad station here last Saturday afternoon and drove an ice pick deep into his stomach. The victim, Octavius Daniel, was removed to a Washington hospital for treatment. He was able to return home Sunday. Called to the scene of the attack, Officers Roebuck and Moore could not find the attacker or the victim. They set a trap for the wife and arrested her later when she started to board a bus to go to Washington to visit her husband. She was placed in the county jail, and bond was later fixed in the sum of \$200. The case is tentatively scheduled for trial in the county court next Monday.

Tobacco Prices Reach All-Time High Figure On First Day Sales Here Yesterday

Eastern Tobacco Markets Average Around 53 Cents

No Marked Variation In Prices Reported By Individual Markets. Opening the 1946 season, Eastern North Carolina tobacco markets during the early sales Monday averaged between fifty and fifty-five cents a pound, according to press reports reaching here in the afternoon. No record-breaking deliveries were reported, but all the markets indicated in their first reports that the growers were apparently well satisfied. With between two and two and one-half million pounds on the floors in Greenville, the Greenville Daily Reflector said that the better grades were selling for from twelve to fifteen cents a pound higher than they did last year, that prices were ranging up to 70 cents. The spokesman pointed out that the top range was no common thing. Tobacco with any color was selling from 60 to 65 cents. It was estimated following a check of three rows sold in one house that the average would range between 51 and 55 cents on the market there. Kinston, with an estimated two and one-half million pounds on the floors, reported an average of 54 cents early Monday. The main price range was from 50 to 67 cents there. Goldsboro reported an average in "excess of 55 cents" with lugs and tips predominating. About half million pounds of tobacco were on the floors there. Rocky Mount reported an average of 55 cents with an estimated one and one-half million pounds on the floors. Wendell claimed a 55-cent average, the report being based on the first two hours of sales. The first 163 piles sold on the Wilson market averaged \$53.17, according to press reports.

Plan Drive For Aid To The Blind

Seeking to raise a total of \$18,000, the North Carolina State Association for the Blind, through the cooperation of the 144 Lions Clubs in this state, will conduct a "white cane" sale in this state from August 26 through 29th. Every member of each Lions Club is being urged to buy a membership in the State Association, which amounts to one dollar per year, and every member of each club is expected to sell at least three dollars worth of "white canes". Of the money received from the sale of the canes, two-thirds will go to the state association, with the remaining third being retained by the local club for use among the blind and visually handicapped in this community. The sale and membership drive in this locality will be handled by the Sight Conservation and Blind Committee of the local Lions Club, with the aid of the other Lions and Lionesses. Lion C. D. Pittman is chairman of this committee. ed unanimously by the recent state convention of Lions held in Raleigh in June. The association, now ten years old, aids in providing eye operations and hospital care for the needy in sight conservation cases, in providing examinations and eye glasses for underprivileged school children, in purchasing supplies for deserving blind persons taking vocational and home handicraft training, and in otherwise lending every aid possible to the more than 7,000 blind persons in North Carolina.

ROUND-UP

Following the delivery and distribution of an unusually large shipment of liquor here, local and county law enforcement officers went into action and by late Sunday they had rounded up and jailed eighteen persons, including ten white men. Eleven of the eighteen were booked for public drunkenness, drunken driving. Six were charged with assaults of varying degrees, and one stands charged with operating a motor vehicle while his driver's license was revoked. The ages of the group ranged from a low of 18 to 46 years.

General Average Of Nearly \$55.00 Reported Monday

First Sales Prices Ranged From About Eight To Seventy-eight Cents. Opening the new marketing season, the Williamston Tobacco Market set an all-time price record during the early hours of the first sale Monday morning when 38,550 pounds of the golden leaf sold for \$21,116.92 or an average of \$54.77 per 100 pounds. The opening-day price figures are a good ten cents above those reported for the first sales last season, and a few cents higher than the record established more than a quarter century ago. While the price average for the first sales stands at a new high peak in the history of the market, it is quite evident that some grades are not selling for as much money as they sold for last year. On the other hand, prices for the better grades have jumped from the forty-cent range to sixty cents and above. However, no extremely low prices were noted during the first two hours of selling Monday morning when a low of eight and one-half cents was reported along with a high of sixty-eight cents. It was fairly apparent that the company had a 65-cent top, but real often the warehouse would go above that figure with the Imperial stepping in every now and then to peg one at 66 cents a pound. Few piles sold below the 30-cent level, the majority of the individual offerings ranging in the fifties. There was more sixty-cent tobacco than was expected. The quality of the leaf does not compare with that reported on opening day last year, but despite quality prices held to the high side and there were no complaints heard. Every now and then a crop could be traced to the "rain belt" and in these cases the individual buyers would groan, but the owners expressed the opinion that their offerings sold for just about as much as they were worth.

Moonshiner Buys Salt For Sugar

Raleigh.—One Southern moonshiner, dreaming of unlimited production, recently awakened to a fearful discovery—and found his tears extremely saline in nature. The story was related by North Carolina OPA Director Theodore S. Johnson, who told of the (South Georgia) moonshiner's delight at making a deal with a black market operator for 8,000 pounds of sea-salt sugar at a price of 30c per pound. According to the tale reaching the OPA official, delivery of the purchase was under cover of darkness. It wasn't until the following morning that the gleeful buyer opened his first sack, to beam at the crystalline whiteness. Unfortunately for his illicit distilling plans, he found himself the sad possessor of 8,000 pounds of very fine table salt.