

Re-Organize Parent-Teacher Association

Over A Hundred Parents-Teachers At Meet Tuesday

New Officers To Appoint Committees and Plan Course Of Action

After operating last year with no direct or official tie between parents and teachers, the local school was assured an aggressive association last Tuesday evening when more than one hundred patrons and teachers, including about forty men, met in the high school auditorium and perfected a strong organization for the current term.

For the first time men were in attendance upon a meeting of the parents and teachers, thanks possibly to interest advanced by the local Lions Club and others interested in the welfare of the school and the children. The men were quick to take an active part in the work. Wheeler Martin, president of the Kiwanis Club, moving to place Hugh G. Horton in nomination for the office of president. Mrs. J. W. Watts was nominated for vice president, Mrs. K. P. Lindley, secretary, and Miss Mary Whitley, treasurer. The elections were unanimous, and the officers were charged with the duty of appointing various committees and mapping plans for a course of action.

The new unit was given a boost when one hundred members were signed by Mrs. Chas. Davenport as they entered the building, the leaders explaining that ten cents of the 25-cent fee would be retained locally and that the remainder would be sent to the state and national organizations.

The meeting was opened with the group singing "America" with Miss Mary Ward, music teacher, at the piano. Invocation was by J. C. Manning, superintendent of county schools, who briefly addressed the group and pointed out that it was the first time on record that men had attended a parent-teacher meeting here as a group.

Principal B. G. Stewart, speaking to the group, declared that he was heartened by the response to the call for a strong parent-teacher unit and a keen interest in the education of children. "I have been greatly impressed by the friendliness of the people here and the earnestness of effort on the part of pupils," the school man said, renewing his appeal for a strong and effective cooperation in opening the school this term.

Mrs. M. M. Levin, past president of the local organization, briefly outlined the aims of the association, and stressed the opportunity the group had in effecting a closer relationship between teachers and parents, creating better conditions in the school and urging a stronger support from the home. "There is no organization more important than an active parent-teacher association, and I hope we will go forward with this one during the new term," Mrs. Levin said.

Those attending the meeting and others who will be asked to join, were urged to respond when called upon by the officers to handle assignments. "The district is school conscious as evidenced by the special tax vote last May, and an active P.-T. A. working with the principal can and

Hayes Swamp To Have Association

Although the membership is limited in number, extensive preparations are being made by the church group at Hayes Swamp and by neighbors and other friends for entertaining the Primitive Baptist Association there on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Advancing the spirit of Christian fellowship, neighbors and other friends were quoted as saying that they would act to help care for the large crowds expected at the three-day meeting. Quite a few visiting ministers are planning to participate in the worship program.

POOR HUNTING

The meat shortage has extended itself to the swamps where Mr. Squirrel is working in close harmony with the powers that be in holding meat for a hungry people. "I have been hunting at the same spot for nearly fifty years, and this week for the first time I did not see a squirrel there," K. B. Crawford said yesterday. Other reports declare there are few squirrels, that if there are any they can't be found. Some hunters believe the little animals have deserted the woods for the fields where they could find something to eat. Anyway, it's poor hunting so far this season in this section.

Twenty Marriage Licenses Issued Here Last Month

Issuance Same As Year Ago But Above Normal For Past Few Years

Twenty marriage licenses were issued in this county last month by the office of register of deeds, the number being the same recorded in September of last year but slightly above normal for the month during recent years.

In the first nine months of this year, 238 marriage licenses were issued as compared with an issuance of 156 during the first nine months of 1945.

Marriage licenses were issued last month to nine white and eleven colored couples, as follows:

White
William E. Williams, RFD 1, Robersonville, and Gladys Peele, RFD 1, Williamston.
Thomas W. Crockett and Julia Watts Ashmore, both of Williams-ton.

Guilford LeRoy Martin of Bethel and Doris Marita Knox of Hassell.

Cecil Brown and Lucile Rogerson, both of Williamston.

Roland B. Leggett, Jr., RFD 1, Windsor, and Rachel Beach of Williamston.

Walter Whitehurst of Greenville and Mrs. Lottie Scott Bowers of Robersonville.

Jimmie L. Bazemore of RFD 1.

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Fire Prevention Week Proclaimed

Fire Prevention Week always comes each year in the month of October with the 9th day in it being the anniversary of the great Chicago Fire.

While some fires are of ordinary origin the great majority of fires are caused by carelessness.

It is alarming that year after year the property loss from fires increases and on an average of 27 persons a day are lost in some fire.

With critical shortages in housing, building materials, clothing, food and the very necessities of life in America it is imperative that the people know the facts and their significance, about the great toll on the national economy because of our national inattention at the moment.

I. J. L. Hassell, Mayor of Williamston do hereby declare the week of October 6th to 12th Fire Prevention Week in Williamston which is sponsored as a public service by the Williamston Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Let every one in Williamston awake to the alarming situation confronting us and every where else in America where more fires occur than in any other nation on earth.

Let the people of this town substitute watchfulness for carelessness, caution for recklessness and the kind of spirit that won the war, in place of the "I don't care attitude" for this widespread national waste is the concern of all the people.

J. L. Hassell, Mayor, Williamston, N. C.

Long Road Terms Imposed By Judge Smith on Monday

Court's Take For The Day Is \$710, Including Forfeitures

Idle for two weeks while the superior tribunal was in session, the Martin County Recorder's Court handled an unusually heavy docket last Monday. Calling thirty cases for trial, Judge J. C. Smith imposed fines amounting to \$310, meted out several long road sentences and ordered bonds amounting to \$400 forfeited.

The session attracted a crowd that almost overflowed the court room, and it was after 5 o'clock that afternoon before the docket was cleared. A few cases were continued, and one or two defendants had some mighty close calls at the bar of justice.

Proceedings:
Charged with larceny by trick, John H. Doyle and Smith Wilson failed to answer when called and the court ordered that each of the \$200 cash bonds be forfeited.

Theodore Wilson, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for four months.

John L. Webb pleaded not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon. Adjudged guilty he was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the term for one year upon the payment of the costs and on further condition that the defendant remain sober, have no intoxicants in his possession and be convicted of no criminal law violations during the period of suspension.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with an assault and being drunk and disorderly, Curtis Little, keeper of the Judge's lawn, was sentenced to the county home for work there for thirty days.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Sam Habit pleaded guilty of simple assault and was fined \$20 and taxed with the cost.

Elmer Bellflower, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was adjudged not guilty.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Fred Lanier failed to answer when called and papers were issued for his arrest.

Roy S. Roberson was found not guilty in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon.

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Recreation Head Names Committees

Rev. John L. Goff who was chosen president of the Williamston Youth Recreation Board announced the appointment of the following steering committee: Mrs. G. G. Woolard, chairman, H. G. Horton, W. H. Griffin, C. B. Clark, Jr., Mrs. J. E. King and Miss Garnette Crocker. The committee has met and is studying applications for director. Due to the inability of the committee to meet before this week, the center will not be opened until the latter part of next week. The furniture purchased by the town when the U. S. O. closed here sometime ago, has been put into the Legion Hut and will be in shape for the opening.

Several committees have been appointed by Mrs. Woolard and all things point to an excellent place for the young people of the community.

The finance committee, of which Wheeler Martin is chairman, is doing a fine job in securing the necessary funds to assure proper leadership and equipment for the center.

Resigns Post Here To Open Store In Mebane

Mr. H. A. Satterfield, popular manager of the Pender store here for the past several years with the exception of some time spent in the armed forces, resigned that position this week and is leaving for Mebane where he will enter business for himself. He plans to move his family to his old home community within the next few days.

Mr. Satterfield is being succeeded here by Mr. Charlie Spain, experienced merchant formerly of Tarboro.

Tobacco Sales Nearing The Eight Million Figure Here

Hampered first by a holiday and then by a limited daily schedule, tobacco sales are rapidly gaining ground during the three and one-half hour selling period each day and prices are zooming upward. Late reports from the market show that sales are nearing the eight million-pound mark with prices breaking all records for the season if not in all the history of the market.

Through yesterday, the market had sold 7,502,712 pounds for \$3,725,887.72 or an average right at \$50.00 per hundred. Sales today will carry the total to approximately seven and three-quarter million pounds, with the total revenue standing just a little short of four million dollars.

Daily sales this week have averaged well above 56 cents, possibly because there was little

Young Farmer and Lumberman Passes At Home Tuesday

Funeral Held Wednesday Afternoon For Lester Gray Ward

Lester Gray Ward, young farmer and lumberman, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burras Ward, between here and Washington last Tuesday morning at 9:40 o'clock following a long period of declining health. A victim of heart trouble and arthritis, he had suffered for a long time and had just returned home a short time ago after receiving treatment in a Washington hospital. Despite his illness, he handled much work on the farm and worked in partnership with his father in the operation of a lumber mill. He was a hard worker and a promising young man.

The young man was injured in a motor vehicle accident some months ago and never fully recovered, and the injury and shock are believed to have hastened the end.

Mr. Ward was born in Martin County on July 31, 1922, the son of Mr. Burras Ward and Agnes Hodges Ward. He lived in this county all his life until the family built a new home and located in Beaufort County just across the boundary line.

Surviving besides the young man's parents are, three sisters, Mrs. Albert Gurkin of Griffins Township, Mrs. William F. Meyer of Elizabeth, New Jersey, and Mrs. Ralph Lee of Washington.

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To Conduct Series Of Services Here

Rev. Newton J. Robinson, pastor of the Hillier Memorial Christian Church, Raleigh, will begin a series of services at the Williamston Christian Church on Monday, October 7th, and continuing through the 18th. Mr. Robinson, a native of Texas, has been pastor at Raleigh for more than ten years, and has been blessed in his ministry both as pastor and evangelist.

Active both in Young People's and Adult Conference work, Mr. Robinson will be glad to greet his many old friends in eastern North Carolina. A medley of the great old hymns will be played each evening, beginning at 7:30. The pastor and congregation extends a most cordial invitation to the people of the community.

County Boy Graduated By Georgia Army School

Pvt. Hubert V. Lilley, RFD No. 1, Williamston, one of the 77 enlisted men especially selected to attend the class in Machine Records, No. 39, graduated on Thursday of this week from the Adjutant General's School, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, Colonel Lathrop B. Clapham, post commandant, announced today.

Pvt. Lilley entered the Army in 1946. Prior to coming to the Adjutant General's School, he completed basic training at Camp Polk, Louisiana. His current military address is Co. "A", 35th Bn. Fort Dix, New Jersey.

damaged leaf and the general quality was better. At the same time there has been some strengthening of prices for many grades with the top move to 67 cents.

Cooler weather this week is believed to have aided the general marketing situation, and although heavy sales are certain next week the congestion has been greatly relieved on local floors. Tobacco was being placed on the floors Wednesday and Thursday of this week for sale next Monday, but it is fairly apparent that the backbone of the glut has been broken and that there'll be ample room to handle the deliveries next week.

Reports from farmers indicate that approximately 75 percent of the crop in this area has been marketed.

HARVEST

Interrupted by rains earlier in the week, peanut digging is expected to get under way throughout the county the early part of next week. The work was delayed in some sections but very little and the harvest is going forward fairly rapidly today in those areas.

Light frosts falling in this area on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday did not hurt peanuts or any other crops, reports say.

Jackson Has Long Criminal Record

James Henry Jackson, the colored man who was arrested by local police a short time ago for obtaining money under false pretense, has a long criminal record, it was learned this week after he was sentenced by Judge J. C. Smith on Monday to serve eighteen months on the roads. Jackson, his crime record dating back to 1915, had obtained money by trick from the Land brothers near here.

Starting out under the name of Andrew Fox, he was charged with grand larceny in Oklahoma and sentenced to serve a year in prison. Five years later he was detained in Denver, Colorado. He was found and charged with larceny in Norfolk seven years later. Moving into North Carolina, he was sentenced to jail for a month for obstructing a sidewalk in Raleigh back in 1935. A year later he was arrested in Durham and charged with robbery. After serving about eighteen months on the roads he returned to Raleigh where he was involved with a deadly weapon attack and after a stay on the roads for that offense he moved into South Carolina where he limited his work to larceny and fraud. Returning to North Carolina he was held for investigation in Raleigh in 1938.

Two years later he was sentenced in New London, Connecticut, for fraud, and returned to this state after serving 90 days in a Connecticut jail. He was picked up for larceny in Raleigh, Wilson, Rocky Mount, Henderson, Farmville, back in Raleigh on two counts and then in Williamston on the 19th of last month. He was arrested a total of 23 times over a period of 31 years.

Father Of Local Man Died Tuesday

W. A. Mahler, 72, died at his home in Wilmington last Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock following a long period of declining health. His condition, however, was not considered critical until just a short time before he was fatally stricken. He and his family had made their home for many years in Wilmington where he was engaged in business until declining health forced his retirement.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Wednesday morning at 11:00 o'clock and interment was in the family plot in the Wilmington cemetery.

Besides his son, George Mahler of Williamston, he is survived by his widow and several children.

Sixteen Cases In Justice's Court In Past Few Days

Total of \$117.50 Collected In Fines And Cost By Judge Hassell

While it did not measure up in size or produce as much money, the docket handled by Justice John L. Hassell in his court this week was unusually large. Judge Hassell imposed fines in the sum of \$30, meted out one or two road sentences, bound a few over to the county court for trial, and assessed costs in the sum of \$87.50.

Samuel David Clemmons was required to pay \$6.50 costs for operating a motor vehicle with improper lights.

Charles Hooker, drunk and down, was fined \$5 and taxed with \$8.50 costs.

Charged with disorderly conduct, Wallace C. Moore was fined \$5 and required to pay \$7.50 costs.

Lollie Williams, drunk and down, was fined \$5 with \$7.50 costs added.

Charged with drunkenness, Chas. Thomas was fined \$5 and required to pay \$8.50 costs.

Johnnie Bell was fined \$5 and taxed with \$8.50 costs for disorderly conduct.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of \$6.50 costs in the case charging Lemmie Bell Pippin with disorderly conduct.

Charged with disorderly conduct, Jimmie Gray was fined \$5 and taxed with \$8.50 costs.

Booked for disorderly conduct, Cecil Pippin was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of the court costs and on the further condition that the defendant stay out of Williamston for twelve months.

Charged with disorderly conduct, Virginia Lloyd, Bill Wright

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Victim Of Bad Affliction Dies

Cleve Parker, victim of a terrible affliction, died in a Washington hospital at 5:00 o'clock Tuesday morning after years of intense but patient suffering. His condition had been critical for several weeks, during which time he underwent treatment in the hospital when he was not confined to his bed in the county home. He was operated upon last Monday in the Washington institution, and doctors declared that he could not live more than a few hours.

Said to have been knocked down by a drunken father, Parker was stamped and permanently injured when he was a child. His condition gradually became worse, but despite his affliction he handled light jobs in and around local homes up until a short time ago. Shunted by relief agencies, he was favored with a meager monthly pension of two or three dollars. Old friends, white and colored, came to his rescue when he passed around his small tin cup, and that help, along with what he could earn he managed to hold body and soul together.

Little is known about his family and as far as it could be learned he leaves no relatives. Parker came to Williamston from Edgecombe County about forty years ago and although he did not know his own age he was believed to have been around 60 years old.

Funeral services were held at the Everett Funeral Home Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock by Rev. Fisher and interment was in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. Anxious to make certain a respectable funeral for himself he carried a small amount of insurance.

Quantity Of Leaf Tobacco Burned

Fire of undetermined origin burned a six-room house and approximately 8,000 pounds of tobacco on the T. B. Slade farm in Poplar Point late Wednesday night. No estimate could be had, but the loss will run into several thousand dollars, it is believed. A small amount of insurance was carried on the property.

According to one report neither the tenant nor the owner had been to the house where the tobacco was stored in several days.

Peanut Seed Quality Discussed at Meeting

COMMISSIONERS

Little business is scheduled for either of the county or local boards of commissioners when they meet next Monday, reports from both stated today.

The county authorities are scheduled to draw jurymen for the special term of superior court convening in November and handle routine matters. The local town board is expected to formally adopt the budget and tax rate for the current fiscal year. No petition has reached the town authorities calling for a change in the budget appropriations and it is fairly certain that the rate will remain unchanged.

Albemarle Union Holds Session In Christian Church

Several Visiting Speakers Address Large Group Here Wednesday

The fourth meeting of the Albemarle Christian Missionary Union was held in the local Christian church Wednesday with one hundred and fifty-one registered for the sessions, though many failed to affix their names on the book. The devotional was conducted by the host pastor, Rev. John L. Goff, after which E. S. Peel, chairman of the local church board, welcomed the convention. Rev. F. A. Lilley of Washington, responded in the absence of D. M. Sawyer of Columbia, who was detained by jury duty. The Rev. M. Elmore Turner of Washington addressed the group on "The Crusade." The challenge of a great Brotherhood enterprise was put effectively upon all hearts.

Miss Gladys Whitley of Panteo, worker in this area, brought a most heartening report in her inimitable way. The Rev. C. A. Jarman of Wilson preached the morning sermon on "Undergirding the Brotherhood." Mr. Jarman stressed the personal participation and practice of one's Christianity as the most effective way to undergird the Brotherhood's vision of service. A feast of good things to eat greeted the members.

Dr. Gregory explained that it would take about five years to complete laboratory tests, that someone must take action immediately if the condition is to be successfully met. It was pointed out that there is a general mixture of peanuts being produced in this section, that the types have deteriorated until the product is running headon into competition with the Spanish and poorer runner types. It was also pointed out that unless this section develops quality and size of its peanuts, Georgia and other areas can and will outsell the farmers here.

Urge Employment For Handicapped

Whereas, Victory in World War II cost us more than 2,000,000 casualties, and whereas, there are many millions of handicapped persons in the United States, many of whom by their efforts were of great aid in manufacturing munitions or providing essential service for the war effort, and whereas, all of these persons including disabled veterans of World Wars I and II deserve self-supporting, self-respecting jobs in which they can make useful contributions to our community, state and nation.

Now, therefore, I, J. L. Hassell, Mayor of Williamston, do set aside the week of October 6th to October 12th as Employ The Physically Handicapped Week, and I call upon all local officials, all local employers, all local civic organizations and all citizens to assist in every way possible to the end that it shall be brought to the attention of all members of our community that disabled veterans and other handicapped civilians are fully capable and are performing efficiently, safely and reliably in thousands of different occupations.

And I further urge all employers to place all their job orders with the United States Employment Service so that disabled veterans and other handicapped workers may be given an opportunity to prove their value in productive and self-respecting jobs.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 2nd day of October, 1946.
J. L. Hassell,
Mayor of Williamston, N. C.

Deterioration Of Seed Regarded As A Major Problem

Representatives of Mills And Scientists Meet Here Wednesday

The serious deterioration of peanuts for seed and the competition an inferior goober will meet in the markets at future dates were discussed for two hours by representatives and scientists from the State Department of Agriculture at a meeting held in the Martin County courthouse last Wednesday morning.

After a lengthy discussion during which the seriousness of the situation was plainly pointed out, the group endorsed a tentative agreement whereby something can be done to improve the lot of the North Carolina peanut grower.

Opening the meeting, H. T. Westcott of the State Department of Agriculture, stressed the imperative need for building up the quality of the peanut crop in this section, and declared that a program must be advanced if north-eastern Carolina farmers are to hold a place in the production and marketing of peanuts.

Dr. Walter Gregory, an authority on peanuts and who is now working on a new strain in the experiment station laboratories, led the discussion. He pointed out that the peanuts grown in the nine major producing counties in this state had deteriorated in size and quality during the war, and advised frankly that something must be done to correct the condition if this section is to maintain its fair share in peanut production and marketing.

Dr. Gregory explained that it would take about five years to complete laboratory tests, that someone must take action immediately if the condition is to be successfully met. It was pointed out that there is a general mixture of peanuts being produced in this section, that the types have deteriorated until the product is running headon into competition with the Spanish and poorer runner types. It was also pointed out that unless this section develops quality and size of its peanuts, Georgia and other areas can and will outsell the farmers here.

During the meeting one of the representatives stated that Congressman Stephen Pace had been wide awake looking after the interests of his farmers in Georgia while we slept. It was indirectly inferred that quotas will be necessary, but that other states are building up claims, that competition will be keen, and that this section's best bet rests in an improved quality peanut.

It is a problem for farmers, millers, the department of agriculture, extension services and others to handle. Dr. Gregory pointed out that support for research work has been assured, "but we must get the cooperation of the producer, cleaner, processor and retailer if we are to advance a successful program."

Convinced that something must be done to remedy the condition, the representatives at the meeting entered into an agreement

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Red Cross Office Serves Veterans

The Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross served 103 servicemen and veterans during the month of September. Most of these cases dealt with veterans who filed application for terminal leave pay, but the office also assisted in the other needs of veterans, such as family counsel, claims service, vocational training, employment, financial assistance, and hospitalization and other medical cases.

The office is on the third floor of the city hall. Mrs. Edna Laughinghouse, executive secretary and home service worker, is there to assist all comers from 9:30 until 3:00 each day except Saturday when the office closes at noon.