

Announce Faculty In Local Schools For The New Term

Eight New Teachers Included In Local List, Principal Stewart Says

Principal B. G. Stewart, beginning his fourth term here, today announced faculty appointments complete and plans shaping up rapidly for the opening of the schools here on Wednesday of next week. Eight new members are included in the faculty this year, the principal stated.

In the list of new teachers are: Miss Margaret McDaniel of Woodland who entered upon her duties as head of the home economics department the middle of last month. Miss McDaniel, a graduate of East Carolina Teachers College, taught in the South Edgemore School last term.

Miss Leona Peterson, French-English teacher, comes here from Delco, N. C. She taught last year at Meadows High School in Johnston County, and did advanced work at Wake Forest this summer.

A. J. Abdalla, holder of a master's degree, from East Carolina Teachers College, comes here from Selma. This is his first year in the profession, having spent much time in school after completing four years in the armed forces. He is from Selma and will teach science.

G. C. Wood, Jr., brother of Mr. T. P. Wood of Williamston, is a graduate of East Carolina Teachers College and this is his first year in the profession. Accompanying her husband to the county, Mrs. Wood will teach at Farm Life. They are from Silverdale, N. C.

Entering the profession this year, Miss Anne F. Carson of near Bethel will teach one of the eighth grades. She is a graduate of East Carolina Teachers College.

Mrs. Claribel G. Mayo, wife of a marine lieutenant who is stationed at the Edenton base, joins the faculty from Minnesota. Holding an AB degree and certificates in elementary education and music, Mrs. Mayo taught two years in the Minnesota schools and is now at home in West End. She is to teach one of the fourth grades.

Mrs. D. W. Brady of West End joins the local faculty for the first time, after having taught at Everetts.

Mrs. Mildred Crawford of Williamston is returning to the local school to teach one of the seventh grades. She was a member of the faculty here several years ago and more recently taught at Farm Life.

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Town Native Dies In Elizabeth City

Mrs. Maggie Simmons Harris, native of Williamston, died in Elizabeth City last Wednesday and was buried there the following day. She was the widow of Dr. Marion Harris of Elizabeth City.

The daughter of the late Daniel and Jesse Stubbs Simmons, she was born in the home now occupied by the W. K. Parkers on Main and Watts Streets here 60 years ago. When quite young she moved to Raleigh, but had made her home in Elizabeth City for a number of years. She was a niece of the late H. W. Stubbs and great-niece of Dennis Simmons. Three children survive.

SLIGHT DAMAGE

The hurricane, leaving damage estimated at \$40 million in its sweep over Florida, was felt here in subdued force Sunday evening between 6:00 and 10:00 o'clock. Other than blowing down a few trees and slightly battering field crops, the storm did little damage in this county. Very little rain accompanied the blow. Other parts of North Carolina reported fairly heavy losses in the blow.

Veterans Rush To Prepare Insurance Dividend Claims

Martin County World War II veterans started a little rush yesterday to prepare their claims for National Service Life Insurance dividends. No record of the number of claims filed could be had for the county, but the Red Cross and Veterans Service office in Williamston combined handled between 150 and 200 applications and prepared individual surveys for that many individuals.

The work was handled very smoothly despite a long line that formed early in the day. The rush was soon over and the office handled the applicants without very much delay.

Everyone of the applicants except one knew his serial number and all the pertinent facts, Veterans Service Officer Edgar Gurganus said. Most of them even

knew their insurance policy numbers. The office will be open on the third floor of the town hall each day from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m. except on Saturdays when it will be open from 9 a. m. until 1:00 p. m. Veterans have several months to file claims for the insurance dividend, but the veterans officer is anxious to get all the claims in without delay.

Commenting on the individual veteran's survey, Mr. Gurganus said that several cases had already been uncovered where the veteran had not received his full benefits. Several had never received their terminal leave pay, and others were entitled to benefits but had not received them because they did not know they were eligible for them.

CLOSING

The community summer recreation program here will close tomorrow night, it was announced today by John L. Goff, director.

The program embraces activities at the swimming pool and youth center. Plans for the fall and winter program at the youth center have not been worked out, it was stated. The summer program, especially at the swimming pool has been a successful one.

Mrs. J. E. Bufflap Dies In Edenton

Mrs. J. Edwin Bufflap, 57, died at her home in Edenton Sunday evening at 8:20 o'clock after an illness of several months.

She was a native of York, Pennsylvania, but had made her home in North Carolina for more than a quarter of a century, locating in Edenton about sixteen years ago after a few years spent in Rocky Mount and Elizabeth City. She visited Williamston occasionally while her late son, Floyd E. Bufflap, made his home here.

Surviving besides Mr. Bufflap are two children, Lance Bufflap of Wallace, and Miss Dorothy Bufflap of Edenton; several brothers and sisters, and a granddaughter, Miss Sondra Bufflap, of Williamston.

Funeral services are being conducted in the Edenton Methodist Church this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock and burial will follow in Beaver Hill Cemetery there.

Two Cars Burn In County Recently

Two automobiles, one belonging to Lester Meeks and the other to a farmer living near Robersonville, were damaged by fire during the past few days, Patrolman B. W. Parker reported this week.

Meeks' car, a 1941 Buick, was gutted by fire starting near the dome light, the officer said. The owner was operating the car near his home not far from Point at the time.

Late Saturday night fire started in the dash board and destroyed the farmer's 1938 Chevrolet on a dirt road about three miles from Robersonville near the House farm.

Insurance was carried on both vehicles, according to the officer.

Plan Pasture Demonstration

A special pasture demonstration will be held in Washington County at the Experiment Station on Friday of this week at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, it was announced this week. A group, planning to attend the demonstration, will leave the county agricultural building about 12 o'clock that day.

The demonstration will show proper land preparation and seeding of a permanent pasture, and should prove valuable to Martin farmers who are interested in more and better pastures.

Drainage Project Will Be Examined In Superior Court

Detailed Survey of Lands In Two Townships To Be Made Shortly

A plan to drain several thousand acres of land in Bear Grass and Cross Roads Townships was advanced another notch last Saturday at a hearing held before Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne in the county courtroom.

Pending the completion of a detailed survey of the district, known as Martin County Drainage District No. 1, expert testimony could not be offered in behalf of the petitioners' side. Most of the respondents, speaking from their own personal knowledge, denied they could receive any benefit from the project, and they were excluded by the court clerk. Notice of appeal was given and the project is tentatively scheduled to be aired at the special term of superior court opening in November.

During the meantime, the petitioners are going ahead with a survey, and the findings of that survey will help determine the course of the project. It is understood that the survey will reveal how much each landowner will profit from the project and about how much his assessments or special drainage district taxes will be.

Several of the respondents at the hearing last Saturday stated possibly they would be benefitted by the project, but explained that they wanted to know more about the benefit and cost before signing (Continued on page five)

Local Firemen Get Two Calls

Local volunteer firemen were called out twice last week-end, first when fire threatened the Richard Raynor home in Hamilton early Friday afternoon, and again Saturday morning when the brakes on an automobile caught fire on Washington Street.

Said to have started from a stove in the kitchen, the fire was gaining much headway in the Hamilton home and threatening several near-by buildings when it was brought under control. Robersonville's fire department answered the call with the community's new truck. Right much damage was done by smoke and some furniture was broken when neighbors and other friends carried it from the house.

The automobile fire here did not amount to much.

PLAN TO REOPEN

According to unofficial information reaching here, the Wells-Oates Lumber Company plans to reopen its large plant on East Main Street within the next month or two. It was reported that the company will install two new boilers and some new machinery. The plant has been idle for about a year.

County Young Man Is To Be Buried In National Cemetery

Body of Jimmy Burnette Just Recently Identified In European Theater

The body of S/Sgt. William James (Jimmie) Burnette is on its way home from Europe for reburial in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia, according to information reaching here last week-end. Dates for the funeral and recommitment rites have not been determined.

A native of Jamesville, the young man was reported missing in action over Italy on February 28, 1945. A year later he was presumed dead. Nothing more was heard about the 19-year-old tail gunner on a U. S. Army Air Force bomber until a few days ago when his father in Norfolk was advised that the body had been identified by Graves Registration section. The War Department explained that the body was first buried in the civilian cemetery at San Pietro DiLaion, Italy. It was disinterred by the graves registration personnel and reburied in the United States Military Cemetery at Mirandola, Italy, after being properly identified.

The son of George H. Burnette of Norfolk and the late Mrs. Ethel Byrd Martin Burnette, he was born and reared in Jamesville. Following the death of his mother when he was about three years old he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer J. Holliday in Jamesville. After his graduation from the Jamesville High School in 1943, he volunteered when he was nineteen years old in November of that year for service in the Air Corps.

Surviving besides his father are a half-sister, Mrs. Tommie Martin Steckel of Fort Knox, Kentucky, and his step-mother.

Suffers Broken Leg In Mill Yard Accident

Philip Strickland, G. and H. Builders Supply Company employe, suffered a broken leg in a mill yard accident there yesterday morning. He was removed to the local hospital in a Big ambulance for treatment and is reported to be getting along very well.

The man's leg, one report stated, was caught under a vehicle operating in the mill yard.

POTATO MACHINE

Machines and other equipment for the proper grading, cleaning and waxing of sweet potatoes have been ordered and will be made ready for operation within the next few weeks, M. M. Levin, secretary of the Martin County Yam Growers Association, announced following a recent meeting of the directors.

The secretary said that the outlook for sweet potatoes is fairly promising, that with proper care, grading and handling farmers should receive a fair price. The proper procedure is being stressed as an important feature in building up a dependable market, he added.

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Open War on County Punch Boards And Slot Machines

After due warning that they would not be tolerated, Sheriff M. W. Holloman last week formally declared war on the use of slot machines, punch boards and other gaming devices in this county.

Few of the machines found their way into the open during the terms Sheriff C. B. Roebuck served, and apparently the owners were making a test case under the new sheriff. Very few of the machines have been placed in operation, as far as it could be learned, and it is fairly certain now that they will not be tolerated.

In addition to the gaming machines, parading under the disguise of skill or whatnot, Sheriff

Upward Trend Is Noted In Tobacco Prices Yesterday

More Than Two and One-Third Million Pounds Sold on Market Here

After following a downward trend, gradual one to be sure, tobacco prices on the local market yesterday stiffened, and farmers declared the sale to be the second best of the season. Prices for the inferior grades appeared to be stronger while the prices for the better quality offerings held their own.

Through yesterday the market had sold more than two and one-third million pounds at an average slightly above 44 cents a pound. Sales today will carry the poundage over the two and one-half million mark by a good margin. So far the market has sold more than a million pounds in excess of the sales for the corresponding period in 1948, but the average price is trailing by about six cents a pound this year.

A government report, covering activities in the entire belt through last Friday, follows:

Grade averages were lower in most instances on the Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco markets opening week of the 1949 season as compared with the first week last year. Volume of offerings was extremely heavy with a large quantity of inferior tobacco appearing.

According to the Federal-State Market News Service leaf grades were from \$4.00 to \$9.00 per hundred below averages established opening week last year. Smoking leaf, cutters, and better lugs ranged \$1.00 to \$2.00 lower while green lugs and nondescript lost \$2.00 to \$6.00 generally. Most decreases were from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Low to good lemon and orange lugs and primings were the only grades showing increases. These grades, used principally by domestic companies for cigarette manufacture, were steady to \$3.00 higher. The bulk of the baskets brought from around \$20.00 to \$60.00. By the end of the week the practical top price had moved up to \$66.00. All grades average above their respective low values with the exception of best cutters and lugs and a few lower green lugs and primings.

Gross sales for the week totaled 55,497,851 pounds and averaged \$44.05 per hundred. This average was \$675 below that of the first sales week in 1948 which consisted of two days. Sales for the first six days amounted to 69,501,331 pounds averaging \$44.53. In individual market averages ranged from a low of \$38.80 to \$48.47. Last year in a comparable period 39,681,451 pounds were sold for an average of \$49.30 with individual market averages from \$41.37 to \$54.93.

The general quality of the offerings was lower than early sales last year as the tobacco did not grade out as well as expected. There were more primings, lower leaf grades, and nondescript on the markets with the shift from lugs, leaf, lugs, and primings were the principal offerings. Low to good qualities predominated. Marketings were in good condition.

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Committee Proposes A Stabilization Plan For County's Roads

Officers To Carry Proposals Before District Official

Tentative Program Would Stabilize About a Third Of The Roads

Holding its second meeting since it was created about two weeks ago, the Martin County Road Committee, composed of representatives from each of the ten townships, last Saturday morning during a three-hour session in the courthouse proposed a secondary stabilization road program, embracing approximately eighty miles of rural roads.

While the action has no official recognition and is not final by any means, the program was advanced on the basis of need, uses as school and mail bus routes and does not jeopardize upkeep on those roads that fall into a bad state of repair in spots during bad weather.

No action was taken on the 65-mile black top road program advanced by the Highway Commission itself and placed before the county commissioners in a special meeting on August 8. Representatives from Williamston Township suggested that possibly the surfacing of the Wildecat or old Everetts Road would serve more people than the road from Everetts to Spring Green, the committee pointing out that seven school buses travel the old Everetts road along with mail carriers. Members of the county committee expressed the opinion that the Everetts-Spring Green Route was preferable, and it is possible a compromise will follow with the provision that the old Everetts road will be given preference in the next black top program.

It is now quite likely that the black top program will gain final approval, leaving about 25 miles to the county's credit for surfacing after the initial program is completed.

The county is being allotted sufficient funds to stabilize approximately 262 miles of other secondary roads, and the county is recommending about 80 miles for first attention. The stabilization work will be extended to other roads as rapidly as possible, provided of course, the present proposed program gains official recognition.

It is again pointed out that the action of the committee is not official, that individual citizens are to be given every opportunity to present their cases.

The stabilization program as proposed at the last Saturday meeting was balked in some instances when members of the committee pointed out that some property owners did not want improved roads. "They," members of the committee declared, do not want to read any more about widening. It has been pointed out that not damages will be allowed for widening except in ex-

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Rocky Mount To Hold Dairy Show

The Third Northeastern District Junior Dairy Cattle Show will be held at Worsley's Stock Yard in Rocky Mount on Thursday. The following Negro 4-H Club members will enter calves in the show: Leroy Little, John D. Andrews, Jessie Overton, Haywood Brown, Sherman Slade, Melvin Chance and Clarence Cherry.

The show is sponsored by the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce, Nash County Board of Commissioners and Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners. Its purpose is to stimulate a greater interest for dairy cattle among rural youth of Eastern North Carolina. The show will start at 10 a. m.

COURT CHANGE

A change in the county court schedule was ordered this week by Judge Chas. H. Manning to avoid a conflict. It was stated that several county attorneys and the judge himself are slated to be in the Pitt County court on Monday, September 12. No session of the county court will be held that day, but a session will be held on Wednesday, September 14, it was announced.

The court will not observe Labor Day next Monday as a holiday. Only cases set up to the county court by justices of the peace should not be scheduled for trial on the 12th but rather on the 14th.

Call For Bids On Street Surfacing Project In Towns

Sizable Projects Considered For Several Of The Adjoining Areas

Thought to have been already let, a contract will be entered into, providing the terms are right, on or about September 1 for the resurfacing of highways within the towns of Windsor and Williamston. The combined projects cover a distance of 3.55 miles. It was understood that a contract had been let to a Durham firm some weeks ago and that work was tentatively scheduled to get underway in early August. The Williamston project, it was first announced, was to include resurfacing on U. S. 17 from a point near the river to Sunny Side and on U. S. 64 from the Haughton Street intersection to the western town limits and the two streets near the high school. The street project here was to have cost about \$18,000.

The Highway Commission is opening the bids on 235 miles of construction and betterment work in 28 counties. Aside from the 3.55 miles in the Martin-Bertie combination, there are 231.45 miles for 26 counties, including long mileage in nearly all the other surrounding counties to be let to contract. Edgecombe is to get 8.51 miles, Edgecombe-Halifax is to get 14.9 miles, and Halifax is to get 14.54 miles, a total of 37.95 miles in the two counties. Beaufort is to get 20.35 miles, and 12.47 miles have been tentatively allotted for September contract to Beaufort and Pamlico counties, or 32.82 miles for the two.

During the meantime the commission has received a low bid of (Continued on Page Five)

Take Gradual Step Still In The County

After reporting little activity on the illicit manufacturing front during most of August, ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck stated yesterday that business showed a remarkable comeback during the past few days.

Raiding in Goose Nest Township about three miles north of Oak City last Saturday afternoon, the officer, assisted by Deputies Raymond Rawls, Roy Peel and Officer Wiley Craft, found and captured a grand-daddy still. Made of copper and having a capacity of 150 gallons, the still resembled the type found in the Free Union Section over a period of years. Whether the Free Union operators are branching out or their patents are being infringed upon, the officer could not say. The officers wrecked eight 50-gallon capacity fermenters and poured out 400 gallons of sugar mash. The plant had been set up at the location only a short time.

County Facilities Listed This Week For New Term

Twenty-five of 127 Teachers Are New To Positions This Year

With two exceptions — public school music places in Oak City and Jamesville—all teacher positions in the county white schools have been filled, the office of the superintendent announced today. The faculties include 127 white teachers, 25 of whom are new to their respective assignments.

The list of teachers follows with the assigned subjects or grades and home addresses:

Robersonville
Charles B. Martin, principal, Robersonville; Ila Warren, English, Newton Grove, N. C.; Kelly Abeyounis, history, Bethel; Jessie E. Richardson, library, Kinston; Beatrice S. Mullen, French-English, Robersonville; Ellen Riddick, commerce, Hobbsville; Jerold H. Dixon, agriculture, Robersonville; Queenie McG. Warren, home economics, Robersonville; James Wallace, physics and mathematics, Robersonville; Adrian Brown, science, Greenville; S. Jack Scott, mathematics and science, Greenville; Sophia Webb Critcher, public school music, Williamston; Ruth E. Hollowell, eighth grade, Hertford; Irene J. Roberson, eighth grade, Robersonville; Marvin M. Everett, seventh grade, Robersonville; Evelyn B. Cherry, seventh grade, Stokes; Hilda L. Sumrell, sixth grade, Ayden; Annie P. Roberson, fifth and sixth grades, Robersonville; Doris E. Roebuck, fifth grade, Robersonville; Millie J. Roebuck, fourth grade, Robersonville; Alida S. Tyler, third and fourth grades, Robersonville; Emma Lou Taylor, third grade, RFD 3, Williamston; Louise Dixon, second grade, Elm City; Carrie R. Martin, first and second grades, Robersonville; Minnie Cochran, first grade, Robersonville.

Everetts
George S. McRorie, principal, Robersonville; Marjorie B. James, sixth grade, Everetts; Beatrice W. James fifth grade, Everetts; Josephine E. Bullock, fourth grade, Robersonville; Grace R. Ayers, third grade, Everetts; Allice Roebuck James, RFD 3, Williamston; Margaret R. Roberson, first grade, Robersonville.

Oak City
B. F. Sloan, principal, Whiteville; Lucy M. Wossley, English-French, Oak City; Katherine Gibson, history, Wilmington; H. J. McCracken, science, Oak City; Alma English, home economics, Oak City; John Leary Hassell, agriculture, Oak City; Marie B. Harrell, commerce, Palmyra; Katie Speer Copeland, eighth grade, Oak City; Rachel Rawls High, (Continued on page five)

Greets Husband With Baby Bottle

Returning to his home in Hamilton last Saturday evening after working away for several days, Bynum, 34, was greeted with a baby bottle when the damag. was surveyed it was found necessary to take seventeen stitches to close the wound in his forehead.

Bynum, said to have been drinking, started a fuss, allegedly, and his wife planted the bottle on his forehead. Charged with an assault, he was given medical treatment and placed in the county jail. In court Monday he was fined \$25.

ROUND-UP

Law enforcement officers reported a comparatively quiet week-end in the county. There were no wrecks reported and only five persons were arrested and detained in the county jail during the period. One each was charged with larceny, drunkenness, assault, drunken driving and violating the liquor laws. Four of the five were white men, their ages ranging from 20 to 31 years.