

Preservation Of Forests Stressed At PTA Meeting

Members Hear Panel Discussion and Talk By Robert W. Shaw

The great need of protection and preservation of the forest resources of Martin County, North Carolina, and the nation at large was pointed up by the program of the Parents-Teachers meeting in the Grammar School auditorium here last night when Miss Lissie Pearce led a panel of seventh grade students in telling what they have learned about the forest resources of their county and state and why they have found it so important to know about them.

At the close of the meeting it was announced by President J. C. Eubanks that the next regular session of the P. T. A. will be held in the same auditorium on the evening of December 12 at 7:30 with Mrs. Genevieve Burton of the State Office as the guest speaker.

Rev. E. R. Shuller opened the program for the evening with a brief devotional service during which he emphasized the importance of teaching the child to obey the law, of the need for the teacher to expand the child in growth both in understanding of the law and its observance.

A report from the membership committee revealed that the local P. T. A. is now a standard unit within the framework of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, the total membership having passed the 300 mark.

Miss Pearce opened the program on Today's Education with a brief explanation of how the modern child learns about the people, the forces and things about him and how to get along with these things as he grows to greater usefulness in the world.

Fire Department Gets Volunteers

Its ranks reduced by the recent removal of Jack Edmondson to Snow Hill and the death of Moses Wheeler, the local fire department "signed up" four new recruits last evening. They are W. B. Gayford, Jr., Bill Thayer, G. B. Hildreth and Davis VanNorthwick.

Accident Victim Is Improving In Hospital

Critically shot in a Thanksgiving Day hunting accident, James Herbert Ward, local young man, was reported today to be steadily improving in Duke Hospital. No complications followed the major operation performed to close several punctures in the small intestines, and he is expected to return home possibly sometime next week.

Mr. Ward was wounded when a rifle in the hands of his young son accidentally fired while he was hunting with the youth and several friends near here.

Lays First Brick For Hospital



Mr. Van G. Taylor, one of the main benefactors, is pictured as he prepared to lay the first brick for Williamston's new 44-bed hospital the early part of last week.

With him are his daughter and grandson, Dr. and Mrs. Chas. I. Harris, Jr., and Van Taylor Harris.

A real break came a few days ago for approximately 500 persons who participated in the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company's Christmas Club. Approximately \$28,000 was paid to the club members, the cash serving as a shock absorber to the holiday demand on the pocketbook.

Clear Few Cases From The Docket In Superior Court

Several Cases Continued For Attorneys on Account Of Witness Shortage

For one reason or another the Martin County Superior Court, opening the second of a two-week term Monday for the trial of civil cases only, could not get going, but several cases were cleared from the docket before the tribunal recessed for the day shortly after the noon hour.

A verdict in the damage suit brought by H. P. Mobley against B. F. Perry was all but set aside Monday morning by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, presiding. The jury in awarding the plaintiff a judgment in the sum of \$250, did not write the answer to one of the issues, and a mistrial was in order.

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The aged case of Elizabeth Pierce against Ben D. Biggs was settled by agreement. The case involved a boundary line dispute. Most of the time the court was in session Monday was spent hearing the case of R. S. Critcher against Robert Rogers. The plaintiff was awarded nothing and was taxed with the costs.

Two Marriage Licenses Issued Last Saturday

Two marriage licenses were issued in this county last Saturday: David Verlin Griffin of Griffins Township and Addie Lee Smith of Robersonville; and Harry Lee Hale and Jennie Christine Andrews, both of Tarboro.

Another Series Of Auto Wrecks On County Roads

No One Seriously Hurt When Vehicles Go Out Of Control Recently

No one was seriously injured but the property damage loss mounted in another series of vehicle accidents on the highways in this county last week-end. Dogs, hogs and speed were said to have accounted for at least three of the accidents.

No one was hurt when Lee Williams, young colored man, literally "flew" out of Mobley's filling station in Everetts last Thursday night and tried to climb a telephone pole with his 1939 Chevrolet. Investigating the accident, Patrolman R. P. Narron said that Williams literally jumped across the road to the left, swerved back to the right, and jumped to the left with a certain aim at the pole.

Last Saturday afternoon about 1:10 o'clock David Clifton Robertson, RFD 3, Williamston, was driving his 1949 Ford into Williamston on Highway 125 when James Simon Gurganus, driving north, started to make a left turn into Mr. Daniel Lilley's driveway with his 1947 Chevrolet.

Just recently out of the hospital, J. S. Ayers, chairman of the decoration committee, is stringing lights down each side of the street and will spot several stars on Main and Washington Streets.

Professor Jack Butler and his band will offer a brief Christmas program in front of Attorney H. G. Horton's office a few minutes before Santa arrives, and the kiddies—the old folks, too—are invited to be on hand for a great big time.

The kiddies who have not written their letters to Santa Claus are asked to get busy and have them ready for him Thursday afternoon. The letters should be placed in an envelope, but no postage stamps are necessary, the Boosters stating they'll attend to that for the little folks.

Land Values Hold To High Figures

Land values continue to hold to what is considered high figures in this county, observers stating that the sale of two tracts of land belonging to the Henry D. Peel estate was among the highest ever reported in the county.

Continues Quite Ill In A Washington Hospital

His condition becoming suddenly worse last Saturday afternoon, Mr. Chas. Davenport, well known Jamesville man, removed a short time later to a Washington hospital where his condition was described as serious this morning.

Receives Transfusion In The Hospital Here

Little Miss Nancy Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Harrison of Bear Grass, was given another blood transfusion in the hospital here Sunday, and was reported to have responded splendidly.

Santa Pauses In New York on Way To Williamston

Merry Old Gentleman Will Arrive Here At 4:25 Thursday Afternoon

Santa Claus is coming to town Thursday afternoon, December 1, promptly at 4:25 o'clock, Mr. Homer Barnhill, chairman of the Williamston Boosters committee, announced this morning.

With a bulging pack of sweets and special favors for the kiddies, the Merry Old Gentleman successfully made the first light by plane yesterday from the North Pole to New York where he is adding more to his pack and building up more steam for the last lap of the journey.

Special arrangements are being made to greet the Good Fellow. The decoration committee, changing the pattern followed in past years, is working to have the holiday lights ready to be turned on for the first time this season about the time of Santa's arrival.

Although a number of plans are outlined by the state and national offices of the Christian Rural Overseas Program and some of them were discussed by Rev. S. B. Simms, district chairman, the township leaders and canvassers decided to set up no definite arrangement for the county but to let each township handle the task in a manner best suited to its own situation.

A strong wind sent the fire through the house in a hurry and barn, about 100 yards away, was fired by sparks from the burning house.

Fire Destroys House and Barn

The loss, estimated at between \$5,000 and \$6,000, was not covered by insurance.

Fire Destroys Small Home On Elm Street

The small two-room house owned by James Brown and occupied by Elijah Sheppard, just off Elm Street near the Shiloh Baptist Church, was destroyed by fire last Friday night.

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Farmers Pour Corn Into Friendship Car

Poplar Point Over The Top In First Day Of The Drive

Working To Complete The Canvass By Latter Part Of Week

Fitting their actions to their words the canvassers of the various townships in Martin County went "after the corn" for the CROP Friendship train early yesterday morning and by last night County Chairman Mayo Hardison said that Poplar Point had more than doubled the 50-bushel quota assigned to it last Friday night at a county-wide meeting of workers in the courthouse in Williamston.

Mrs. LeRoy Taylor and Dock Hollis reported as leaders of the drive in Poplar Point. Other reports were being turned in as the hours passed and there appeared no doubt this morning that the county would more than fill its original quota of 750 bushels by Thursday night or Friday noon at the latest, allowing some time for possible resacking and re-handling of some of the corn.

The workers in their meeting Friday night declared they would start early Monday morning and go out to get the corn which they said was available and would be donated. They set up quotas as a minimum figure to hit at for each township.

Although pamphlets and other items explaining the need of the desperate people overseas was offered the leaders in the drive, it was generally agreed that most of the people in the county realized the need for the corn and the use of the literature was to be limited to distribution in the schools of the county.

It was emphasized that the corn would have to be shelled and that burlap or cotton bags should be used. However, the leaders declared, they would not let lack of shelling or packing hold back donation of corn by anyone who could not shell or bag it but was willing to donate it.

Round-Up

Peace and quiet, reigning over the Thanksgiving holiday, was, for the most part, maintained in this area over the week-end. Reports from the office of the sheriff state that only five persons were arrested and detained during the period, two for assault, two for drunkenness and one for breaking and entering.

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Will Mail Cotton Acreage Quota to County's Farmers

Vote on Control Plan For Cotton Crop Thursday, December 15th

TOY COLLECTION

Making ready to provide a real Christmas spirit for the less fortunate little folks of Williamston and community, the local Jaycees will make a canvass of the town next Sunday afternoon for discarded toys it was announced today by Chairman Jesse Sumner.

The Jaycee plan will afford about the spark for a goodly number of little tots this Christmas, it was pointed out, and all are asked to cooperate with the Jaycees in making the movement an enjoyable one.

Joshua Williams Killed In Road Accident Sunday

Young Man's Sister Injured Near Norfolk Early That Morning

Joshua Lawrence (Tinnie) Williams, 24, was killed almost instantly and his sister, Mrs. B. S. Lupton, suffered a leg injury when they were run down on Virginia Beach Boulevard, about five miles out of Norfolk at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

Reporting the accident, James Williams, a brother of Norfolk, said he had stopped their car on the shoulder of the highway near a restaurant, that Joshua and the sister got out and walked around the car, that the driver of the second car seemed to have swerved toward them.

The annual Christmas banquet on December 10 in the Woman's Club and the annual concert and anniversary program tentatively set for next March 10 are the two big items on the agenda of the Green Wave Band of Williamston High School.

Banquet, Concert On Band Agenda

Mr. Butler also showed the band parents three new instruments he had added to the band with the instrument fund recently provided by the business men and citizens of the town Jack Welch, who is playing the instrument.

Surviving besides his parents are two brothers, E. H. Williams of Griffins Township and James Williams of Norfolk; and four sisters, Mrs. Garfield Mobley, Mrs. Ray O'Neal and Miss Louise Williams, all of Jamesville, and Mrs. B. S. Lupton of Norfolk.

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