

Edmondson Named Of Education Board

James C. Manning Re-Elected Head Of County Schools

Portion of the Williamston District Annexed To Bear Grass

A young group of men took over full responsibilities as members of the Martin County Board of Education Monday morning when J. D. Wooldard of Williamston and Geo. C. Griffin of Griffiths completed long years of tenure and quietly withdrew from the education scene. The board, as it is now constituted, is about the youngest to head up the most important business in the county, that of educating and training between seven and eight thousand youths.

Urban Rogers, Williamston man, and LeRoy Harrison, of Bear Grass, joined the board as new members in accordance with the last county primary vote and the appointment by the legislature a few days ago. They accepted the oath of office along with Board Member Cecil Powell of Robersonville who is completing four years on the board. The oath was administered by Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne. Ernest Edmondson, of Hassell, and Howard Gaylord, of Jamesville, are now in the middle of four-year terms, Edmondson having completed seven years and Gaylord having served two years as members of the board.

Before the old board turned over the reins to the new body, part of the Williamston School District was lopped off and annexed to Bear Grass, the area being between Old Mill Inn and Corey's Cross Roads and along the Price Mill Road. Approximately forty pupils are affected by the change, including eight in the high school and 32 in the elementary grades. The survey was made some time ago, and opposition to the change was voiced in only four cases, it was learned. It was pointed out that the move will strengthen the Bear Grass School position.

Taking over the duties of office the newly constituted board immediately perfected its organization. On a motion made by member Gaylord and seconded by Cecil Powell, Ernest Edmondson was elected chairman of the board. Mr. Edmondson, expressing his appreciation for the nomination and second, explained that it would be more convenient if the chairmanship were in Williamston, and suggested that his nomination be withdrawn in favor of Urban Rogers. LeRoy Harrison expressed the same opinion, but after discussing the issue, Mr. Gaylord suggested that the chairmanship be allowed to go to Hassell and if it is found inconvenient there it could be returned to Williamston. Mr. Rogers was named vice chairman.

Committees were named for most of the districts, but delayed until a special meeting is held within the next week or two.

James C. Manning was unanimously re-elected superintendent of the county-school system. It is his twelfth term in that position.

Working well past the lunch hour, the board recessed for a short time and returned to the task of acquainting the new board members with procedure and duties.

There was every evidence that the board as now constituted is extremely interested in the schools—all the schools—and that its every member is determined to struggle for the advancement of education.

Church Group In District Meeting

More than fifty ministers and officers of the Presbyterian Church are in a district meeting here today. Following the morning session, the visitors will be served lunch in the church dining room.

Prominent churches are leading the sessions for members of the Albemarle Presbytery which comprises that territory from Wilson and Wayne Counties northeastward to the coast.

School Committees Changed But Little By County Board

Appointments Are Delayed In Bear Grass, Farm Life And Williamston

In one of its first acts the newly constituted Martin County Board of Education Monday discussed local school committee appointments in the several districts. Personnel was named in all but three of the districts, and few changes were made.

Appointments were delayed in Williamston, Bear Grass and Farm Life districts, the board members explaining that they wanted to contact some of the committee members. It was pointed out that the status of the districts is pending, that it is not certain about consolidation and annexation plans centered in the three districts. Committees will be named in the three districts when the county board meets in special session within the next week or two, it was learned.

Member Howard Gaylord offered the same members of the Jamesville committee for re-appointment, including Arthur Modlin, Wendell Griffin and C. A. Askew.

Robersonville is retaining its old committee at the suggestion of Board Member Cecil Powell, the group including S. L. Roberson, Chas. Forbes, Eugene Roberson, Oscar Ayers and J. M. Kilpatrick. A sub-committee for the Everetts school in the Robersonville district was renamed as follows: Garland Forbes, Alton Keel and Oscar Ayers.

Upon the motion of County Board Chairman Ernest Edmondson were re-elected to committee posts in the Oak City district, and R. A. Haislip, Jr., was named to fill the position made vacant by the death of Mr. N. M. Worsley. A sub-committee for the Hamilton school was renamed as follows: (Continued on Page Seven)

Officers Strike Liquor Dealers

After scoring heavily on the illicit manufacturers, County ABC officers last week-end switched to the retail end of the illicit liquor business and scored two runs.

"We got a bum steer in another case," one of the officers explained, adding that in another transporter unloaded his cargo before they could overtake him.

Visiting in the Stingy Point-Hassell area last Saturday afternoon Officers Cecil Bullock, Wiley Craft, Garland Bunting and Roy Peel visited a retail outlet and found two freshly emptied jugs. No charge was made.

Saturday evening Officers Bullock, Peel and Craft accompanied by Deputy Dallas Holliday invaded Jamesville Township and searched the Leon Rhodes home where they found three quarts of white liquor. Three customers were found there.

Going from there to the Hoover James home in the Free Union area, the officers found three pints of illicit liquor and two carloads of alleged customers. An automobile horn was sounded, and the James woman hid the liquor under the bed and between the mattress and springs. The alleged violators in the two cases are scheduled to appear before Judge H. O. Peele in the county court next Monday.

A third raid in that section of the county did not "pay off", the officers said.

Returning Home From Korean War

With the 25th Infantry Div. in Korea.—Pfc. William E. Roebuck, son of Leonon Roebuck of Route 3, Williamston, N. C., is returning to the U. S. from Korea under the Army's rotation program.

He served in the 25th Infantry Division, now the senior American division on the peninsula. It landed in July 1950, shortly after the Communists attacked the Republic of South Korea.

Private First Class Roebuck was a cook in the 65th Engineer Combat Battalion.

He entered the Army in September 1951.

Education Board Members



Messrs. Urban Rogers of Williamston and LeRoy Harrison of Bear Grass entered upon their duties as new members of the Martin County Board of Education Monday morning when they subscribed to the oath of office before Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne. Accepting the oath of office, the two young men settled right down to work, it being generally agreed that they with others have a difficult row to hoe.

ROUND-UP

Activity on the crime front in this county was held to a low point last week-end when only three persons were arrested and detained in the county jail. Two others were booked for liquor law violations, but they were not jailed.

Two were charged with drunkenness, and one with an assault. One of the three was white and the ages of the group ranged from 25 to 44 years.

Speech Specialist Talks To Kiwanis

The story of a progressive movement in the education of physically handicapped children in the Martin County School System was told by Miss Addie Lee Meador to the local Kiwanis Club at its meeting last Thursday evening. Miss Meador, who specializes in corrective speech training, is working with 138 children of all age groups during the current school year.

Miss Meador explained that there are 150 special teachers in 67 administrative units throughout the State, who are engaged in working with physically handicapped children. These teachers work with children with speech, sight and hearing defects, with cerebral palsy patients, with slow learners and with children who are home bound by illness.

Miss Meador described the various types of defective speech cases that she was working with, and she concluded her talk by emphasizing three points to be considered by parents with such handicapped children. First, she stressed the importance of securing professional help. She then pointed out the value of encouragement to the handicapped child. Lastly, she emphasized the need for keeping the handicapped child in good physical condition.

Miss Meador, whose talk was well received by the club, was introduced by L. Bruce Wynne.

Directly preceding the address, several guests were recognized, as was Russell Roberson, the high school senior "Kiwanian of the Month." The guests were presented as follows: Dr. Robert Sheridan by Herbert Taylor; Allen S. Hadfield by George Mahler and W. B. Pugh by Dave Davis.

President R. Vernon Bunting presided over the meeting.

Bear Grass Pupils Make Inspections

Accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Mary Warren, and school principals, members of the Bear Grass third grade visited the town in a group and inspected several places last Friday. The youngsters gracefully overlooked a dirty fire station and centered their attention on the two fire wagons. Following a visit to the radio station, the group visited The Enterprise office where the little folks grasped a general idea of printing as they watched the newspaper press in operation.

The girls and boys may not have gained all the fundamentals but they showed a keen interest in all the things they saw.

Brief Summary Of Activities In The State's Legislature

Assembly Has Appropriated \$630,895,873 So Far For State Services

Ten more days of concentrated work should bring adjournment for a weary General Assembly which bore down to reach major policy decisions in this fifteenth week of continuous session. While much important work remains to be done, the foundation has been laid for speedy action on measures remaining before each house.

Appropriations

Few if any persons suspected on Tuesday that the biennial appropriations bill to be reported out from subcommittee would pass both houses last week, and yet today the Senate has but to concur in a House amendment before ratification. Just one issue slowed this rapid action. On Tuesday the joint committee approved over \$4,000,000 for an annual additional increase of 2.5 percent in teachers' pay after having refused to vote for a 5 per cent increase. This amendment threw the recommended budget out of balance, and on the following day the Governor's legislative counsel, Frank Taylor, reported that the Governor wanted the pay increase but also wanted a balanced budget.

By a close vote in which almost unanimous action by the Senate members was decisive, the 2.5 percent increase was withdrawn and the budget balanced.

On Thursday the scene moved to the Senate chamber where, under suspension of rules, both the appropriations and permanent improvement bills were passed and sent to the House for action on Friday. Then, before debate began on the House Floor, the pay issue underwent a subtle change. A motion to remove HB 391, which revises the \$15 sales tax limit, from the unfavorable calendar on the ground that, if passed, it would produce enough revenue to grant teacher salary increases failed to secure the necessary two-thirds majority. Perhaps because the House had refused to supply these revenues, the forthcoming amendment to add funds for the 2.5 percent increase for teachers failed passage by twelve votes following a protracted debate full of conflicting and confusing statistical arguments.

By late Friday afternoon a compromise bill was introduced. (Continued From Page Six)

Native Of County Died Last Friday

Mrs. Jennie Bullock Everett, a native of this county, died at the home of her son, Louis Everett, near Belvoir in Pitt County last Friday evening at 6:00 o'clock. She had been in declining health for several years and critically ill a week.

Mrs. Everett was born in Bear Grass Township, this county, 69 years ago. In early life she was married to Joseph T. Everett and located in Pitt County about fifty years ago.

Mrs. Everett was a member of Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church in Pitt County.

Surviving are her husband; six sons, Horace Everett of Tarboro, Louis Everett of Belvoir, Leslie and Obie Everett of Faulkland, Arthur Everett of Old Sparta and Roy Everett of Greenville; six daughters, Mrs. C. A. Peeden, Mrs. Thomas Hathaway, Mrs. J. L. Moore and Mrs. Ray Nichols of near Greenville, Mrs. J. A. Bobbitt of Norfolk and Mrs. Royston Jones of Baltimore; forty-two grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Gus Hardison of near Williamston, and Mrs. George Hoell of Williamston; a brother, Joe Bullock of near Greenville.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at the home by the Rev. D. W. Alexander, Free Will Baptist minister of Bethel. Burial was in the Bullock cemetery in Pitt County.

M. H. Savage Has Great Attendance Record At Lodges

Oak City Man Attended 144 Meetings During The Past Year

Mr. Mack Henry Savage, Oak City man, last year built an attendance record for others to shoot at, and it is fairly certain there'll be a great deal of shooting before the record falls. The story of the record as it appeared in a recent issue of the Orphans' Friend and Masonic Journal, follows:

We have often heard the remark that a certain person was a "joiner," meaning that he belonged to, just about everything under the sun. While we do not know just how many people are in this classification, it's a sure thing that there are many of them.

Brother Mack Henry Savage, from down Oak City way, some time ago showed the writer a most interesting record which prompts us to create a new title, and call him the champion "attender" of this Grand Jurisdiction. It is our opinion that he richly deserves this title, and herewith so name him. Of course, there may be other brethren in North Carolina who can beat this record, but until we hear from them, we'll call Brother Mack the "champ."

Before going into the matter of explaining why we have thus designated our good friend and brother, it might be well to give our readers a brief biographical sketch of this fine fellow.

Brother Mack Henry Savage obtained employment with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad as agent-telegrapher on January 10, 1910, and was quite an expert in both the Continental and Morse Codes of Telegraphy. He continued working in that capacity until reaching the retirement age on February 1, 1947.

Since his retirement Brother Mack has had considerable leisure time, being another of those individuals known as bachelors, with no family responsibilities. He is a most friendly person who likes people, and he is intensely interested in Masonry in all its phases. Many years ago he made up his mind to attend meetings and enjoy the fellowship of the brethren as often as possible, and launched out into the business of expanding his association with the members of the Craft and attending meetings whenever possible to do so.

We have never seen a man who loves to mingle with members of our ancient Fraternity as does Brother Mack. It was our pleasure a little more than a year ago to meet him in two district meetings in three days. He would have (Continued on Page Eight)

Start Transplanting Tobacco In County

TO SPEAK HERE

Brandon Hodges, North Carolina State Treasurer, will address the annual meeting of the Williamston Boosters here on the evening of May 4. It was announced this week by Al Sweatt, executive manager of the organization.

A special program is being planned for the event, and members will be notified of the hour and place, Mr. Sweatt said.

Food Handlers School To Open

A food handlers school opens at the Martin County Health Center, corner of Harrell and Ray Streets tomorrow morning at 9:30, the first portion closing at 11:00 a. m. From 2:30 to 4:00 p. m., the same program will be carried out so that persons attending one of the sessions each day will get the full benefit of the program, enabling food handling establishments to send part of their personnel in the morning and the others in the afternoon.

Wednesday's program includes remarks on the purpose of the school by Dr. John W. Williams, Bacteriology discussion by W. C. Lacey, presentation of a film, Stoway No. 1, and a question and discussion period.

The same hours will be observed Thursday and Friday as on Wednesday. Thursday, W. A. Broadway will discuss Methods in Food Handling and there will be a film: "Hashling to Food-handling," followed by another question and discussion period.

What the customer expects will be discussed by M. M. Melvin on the Friday program and a film: "Company Is Coming," will be shown. Questions and discussions will close this program also.

Wednesday's theme is: "Good Sanitation Is Good Business," on Thursday it will be: "Good Methods Assure Safe Food" and on Friday, "Your Health and Your Customers."

Certificates will be awarded to those persons who attend one session each day. Each establishment will be awarded a 100 Per Cent Certificate for their compliance in the school.

W. B. Gaylord, Jr., county sanitarian says the school is aimed at showing that:

"Sanitation is a way of life. It is the quality of being that is expressed in the clean home, the clean farm, the clean business and industry, the clean neighborhood, the clean community."

"Being a way of life it must come from within the people, it is nourished by knowledge and grows as an obligation and an ideal in human relations."

Minor Accident On County Roads

No one was injured and only limited property damage resulted in a lone automobile accident reported on the roads of this county last week-end, according to incomplete reports coming from police departments and the office of the highway patrol in this county.

Willie Lee Rogers, colored, was driving his 1951 Ford on a dirt road near the Claude Smith farm in Robersonville Township shortly before noon last Saturday and buried part of the front end in an embankment, according to Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation. Rogers apparently overran an intersection across the way after skidding about thirty-two yards. Damage to his car was estimated at \$100.

Continues Quite Ill In A Local Hospital

Suffering a heart attack last Friday morning, Mr. James E. Harrison, Sr., continues seriously ill in a local hospital. He was reported to be holding his own this morning, however.

Mr. Harrison, 83, entered the hospital Friday morning after spending a restless Thursday night, it was reported.

Fate Of The Early Transplantings Is Not Very Certain

Most Farmers In This Area Are Fumigating Soil For Nematodes

Acting to save their advanced plants and gambling on weather conditions, quite a few Martin County farmers started transplanting tobacco last week, and several of the early planters declared yesterday they were of the opinion that more would have been accomplished if the large plants had been pulled up and thrown away.

The Griffiths boys out in Griffiths Township are reported to have been the first to start the task this year, one report saying they transplanted a portion of their crop early in the week. Sam Reason on the Jordan farm at Dardens started transplanting in a big way a week ago, completing seven acres in a short time. He had planned to wind up the task today, but the cold snap is believed to have delayed his schedule a bit.

Farmer Haywood Rogers, between Williamston and Everetts, put out a few plants last week, along with Farmers Amos Perry, Daney Taylor and Edmond Harris in Bear Grass Township. Farmer Gurganus transplanted a limited acreage last Friday on the Clark farm between Everetts and Williamston, and other farmers in various parts of the county started the work the latter part of the week.

A report that a small acreage had been planted to the crop on the 8th of this month could not be verified.

Reports heard during the week-end indicated that possibly twenty-five percent of the farmers in this county have already started preparing their ground for transplanting, that most of them are fumigating their soil against nematodes. Most of the farmers are employing the row system, it was stated.

The mercury, after running wild in the low places during the week-end and yesterday morning, is gradually climbing today, and transplanting is expected to be fairly well advanced by the latter part of this week. However, it was learned that a few farmers are pulling up and throwing away their advanced plants, deciding to gamble on a supply of plants rather than the weather.

Detailed reports on the condition of the early transplantings could not be had from all the growers. Farmer Connie B. Clark declared that the wind whipped his plants badly, that the rains came along and beat them down Sunday morning and the freezing weather Monday morning left them in a pitiful condition. All the early transplanters are watching their crops closely with the

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Group Discusses Plans for League

Meeting in the courthouse last Thursday evening, representatives from several towns in the county discussed plans for organizing a county-wide little league baseball league.

No definite action was taken at that time, but final plans for the circuit will be formulated at another meeting to be held in the near future, according to R. H. Cowen who heads up the league as it is now constituted.

Wallace Reid Bullock and R. B. Lee represented Robersonville at the meeting, Mr. Bullock explaining that his community was definitely interested. Everetts, while not represented at the meeting, advised Mayor Cowen that to enter a team, Hamilton is debating plans for entering a team, and a definite decision is expected shortly. Bear Grass is also considering entering a team in the league. Other communities interested in the league are invited to contact Williamston's mayor, Robt. H. Cowen.