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Maysville PTA Planning Fall Festival and Work On School Landscaping

A called meeting of the Maysville Elementary school PTA was held Wednesday afternoon with a large representation of the parents present. In the absence of the president, Mrs. C. D. Smith, the Vice-president, Mrs. J. C. Budd Jr. presided over the meeting.

Mrs. W. F. Little gave the devotional which was taken from the First Psalm. During the business meeting the Fall Carnival was discussed and the following Chairmen appointed: Mrs. Sam Pruitt, chairman, Mrs. Robert Hay Co-chairman. Food table, Mrs. Bill Henderson, Parade and Advertising—Mrs. Ward Parker, Fish Pond—Mrs. Irene Oliver, Donuts and Coffee—Mrs. Clyde Carr, Country Store—Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, Bingo—Mrs. John Holden, Cake Walk—Mrs. Bill Caldwell, Decorations, Clinton Philyaw.

A shrubbery day was discussed and will be held later in the fall; at that time the parents will add shrubbery to the school yard. It was also decided that the PTA would have a booth at the county fair.

After adjournment the hostesses Mrs. John Holden and Mrs. Robert Hay served Cokes.

Taxpayers Asking Questions But Getting No Answers on Hospital Deficit and Service

Recent events in Lenoir County have once more brought the county-owned Lenoir Memorial Hospital into sharp controversy. A wave of public resentment that came after a badly injured accident victim had spent several hours in the hospital without being seen by a doctor has led to wide comment on the hospital both from standpoints of medical service and financial management.

In 1950 the voters of the county accepted as an outright gift the old Memorial General Hospital which had been operated for many years by a private non-stock, non-profit corporation.

During that period of private ownership the hospital had gone through a series of expansion and renovation programs, all of which had been paid for from operating revenues of the hospital.

Even the investments of those six doctors who built and staffed the original 25-bed hospital were repaid during this 20-odd year period of private ownership and management.

Community leaders and every publicity media strongly urged the people of the county to accept the hospital and to vote the \$465,000 needed to renovate and expand it to 125-bed capacity. In the heated campaign which came before the vote on that bond issue the people were repeatedly told by this paper, and every other communications media that the hospital was a "going concern, with money in the bank and operating at a small annual profit."

The public was further told by every possible means that a larger hospital with more modern equipment and more efficient design and with the same fine medical staff could be expected to "do even better."

But as a "precautionary" mea-

Trenton Rotarians to Sponsor Fund Dinner, Beauty Pageant Entry

The Trenton Rotary Club held its regular meeting Tuesday night in the Agriculture building. Jim Allen, president, presided over the meeting and the minutes were read by Dan Vernelson, secretary. Nick Noble was named to the Agricultural Committee to investigate new sources of farm income, in place of the late V. L. Pollock. Other business discussed was the selling of tickets for the Scholarship Loan Fund dinner. Price of the tickets was set at \$2.50 each and each member was asked to try to sell 10 tickets. The dinner will be held October 28.

The club also voted to sponsor Lana Bonner in the Miss Jones County beauty contest to be held during the fair week. After other business items, the meeting was adjourned.

ANNUAL PHOTOS TAKEN

Pictures were taken of the students at Jones Central High School September 4. These pictures will be used in the yearbook, "The Rocket."

Beef Experiment

The Agriculture Department of Jones Central High School is in the process of preparing land and pens in back of the school to handle beef cattle as an agricultural experiment. A number of cattle are being donated for this project under the leadership of John Hughes Pollock.

Good Samaritan is Robbed by Negroes

Charlie Williams of Chinquapin was visiting in Kinston last Wednesday night, and possibly exposing some tobacco money to the greedy gaze of envious town negroes.

He was approached by one such character who told Williams his nephew was passed out drunk at the ball park back of Adkin High School. The Duplin County tenant farmer went along to "help out".

When he got to the darkened ball park he was tackled by the informant, whom he alleges was William Gibbs of 521 Fields Street, and another unrecognized negro.

The aged Williams was robbed of between \$75 and \$80 in cash and bruised slightly in the felonious attack.

Mike Taylor Unhurt But Frightened When Chased into Accident

Grocer Mike Taylor of Kinston was clucking along peacefully last Thursday afternoon in a 1938 Chevrolet just north of Kinston on the Snow Hill highway.

Three negro men sped past him, then swerved suddenly in upon Taylor and he jerked his car to the right, piling up in a ditch and then rolling over to come to a stop with the car sprawled on its left side; half on the road and half on the shoulder.

One badly dented Chevy, one frightened Taylor, one maliciously reckless driver escaped.

the taxpayers' inflated little dollars.

In the interim the county's valuation had climbed to \$83.5 million, making the 10 cent levy account for \$83,500.

But comes 1958-59 budget making and assorted authorities tell the commissioners that they are no longer bound by what the people said when they voted in 1950.

Without any further vote by the people, the commissioners now were told that they were not limited to that 10 cent maximum tax levy for hospital operation. So armed with this information they pulled their finger out of the dike and spilled out \$95,000 to be given to the hospital between July 1, 1958 and June 30, 1959.

Assorted taxpayers, big and little faced with empty rental property and shrinking incomes from other taxable sources began to growl on corners, around filling stations and over cocktails.

The growling was increased when the public found that even after such a lavish use of their money the hospital still—after repeated requests—was not offering 24-hour medical care to the taxpayers who might come in need of such services.

People are asking, and demanding to know why X-ray and laboratory revenues to the hospital have dropped to a trickle, while those facilities in the clinic owned by the doctors continues to rise higher and higher.

People who have to borrow mon-

Free Will Baptists to Hold State Convention 17th and 18th

The North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Churches will hold its annual convention at the Orphanage Memorial Chapel near Middlesex on September 17 and 18, Michael Pelt, secretary of the convention announced today. The forthcoming meeting will be the forty-sixth annual session of this state-wide body. A special session was held on January 31 of this year at Mount Olive Junior College to give particular attention to the present and future needs of this institution of higher education, which is operated by the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists.

The regular session which meets on September 17 and 18 will feature reports from the various institutions and boards that operate under the sponsorship of the convention. These include the children's Home at Middlesex, Mount Olive Junior College at Mount Olive, and Cragmont Assembly near Black Mountain. There will also be reports from the Board of Missions, the Board of Superannuation for Ministers, and the Board of Christian Education.

Key speakers at this annual convention will include the Reverend Wilbert Everton of Snow Hill and the Reverend Robert Crawford of Greenville. Other program personalities are the Reverend R. H. Jackson of Pine Level, the Reverend Ronald Creech of Durham, and the Reverend Clyde Clearman of Smithfield. The Reverend N.

JV Rockets are Preparing for First Tangle on Sept. 24

Coach Ben Hester's Junior Varsity football team started practicing August 27. He has 28 boys out.

This is the greatest number of freshman boys that has ever been out.

The first game is scheduled for September 24 with Wallace and the Rocket JV's first home game is October 1, with Pamlico.

Bruce Barrow, president of the convention, will deliver his message to the convention on the first day.

The Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden, North Carolina, publisher for the denomination, will be represented at the convention by the editor, the Reverend J. O. Fort, who will give a progress report of the work being done by the Press in the area of denominational publications.

North Carolina Free Will Baptist have almost four hundred churches in the state with a total membership of more than forty thousand. The annual meeting, at which there are usually around three or four hundred ministers and delegates registered, is the most important meeting of this organization of churches within the state.

Rockets First Home Game At 8 Friday With La Grange

The Jones Central Rockets played the Grainger High Red Devils last Friday and Kinston won 26-0.

Jones Central's next game is with LaGrange which will be played Friday, September 12, on the Jones Central athletic field.

Coach Williams thinks this will be a rough game. He says LaGrange's team is bigger and faster than Kinston's.

Coach Williams commenting on the Jones Central-Kinston game said Kinston's first string boys were better than his first string; he also said losses from last year's team hurt his team much worse than Kinston's losses hurt them.

Virgil Eubanks, left end, will not be able to play for the next three weeks, because of a minor shoulder injury.

Moss Hill Clubwoman Conference Delegate

Among the thousands of delegates to the 13th Annual National Conference on Citizenship in Washington, D. C., September 16-19, will be 12 North Carolina home demonstration club women who have been chosen the official representatives of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

The delegates, as announced by Miss Ruth Current, assistant director, in charge of home economics work for the Agricultural Extension Service, included Mrs. Willard Rouse of Moss Hill in Lenoir

County. They are to keep from having their home or farm sold at the court house door, who have never used, and never intend to use the facilities of the hospital demand to know why they should underwrite a facility for men whose incomes range from \$30,000 to \$75,000 per year.

They have not been supplied with the answers, but there are many signs that clearly indicate this growling will grow louder until the county commissioners accept their responsibilities in this field and make public the explanations, if any exist for this sudden reversal from profits to huge deficits.

Lyman Grant Charged With Receiving Six Cases Stolen Snuff

Lyman Grant of 1112 Morning-side Drive, operator of a grocery store on East Bright Street, was indicted last Thursday night on charge of receiving six cases of snuff stolen from Gray & Oglesby Wholesale Company.

Officers had been watching the wholesale house for several weeks, suspecting that someone was looting it and disposing of the stolen property locally. The six cases of snuff were found in a box beside the establishment Thursday afternoon so special markings were placed on the six cases and the officers sat back to wait for developments.

Employees of the concern were left in an adjoining box car to watch the stolen snuff while Detective Leslie Gay went to get a search warrant that would permit legal entry into Grant's store. The thief came and got the snuff while Gay was gone and in the dark area along the railroad siding the watchers could not positively say who the thief was.

When the officers arrived at Grant's store they found the specially marked cases of snuff, and parts of the case that had the name of Gray & Oglesby on them had been torn off and were found in a trash basket in the store.

Grant is also under indictment in Duplin County for receiving cigarettes stolen from a Wallace wholesale house, but has not been tried on that charge after having been under indictment for more than three years.

County. The national conference operates under a charter granted by the Congress of the United States in 1953, though the conference has been in existence since 1946, at which time it was under the sponsorship of the Department of Justice and the National Education Association. Since 1946, more than 1,200 organizations and agencies have participated.