

CONCRETE POURING COMPLETED ON THE WASHINGTON ROAD

MARTIN AND BEAUFORT STATIONS THEIR PAWS THIS MORNING

A Long Hoped For Project Nearing Completion At Last

Although the opening of the Washington-Williamston road is yet about two weeks off, concrete connects the two towns. Why, only a few years ago a trip to Washington required an entire day, but now the two young cities are within three hours and a yell of each other, and a trip requires only a few minutes.

This morning at nine-twenty the big concrete mixer ceased to turn, not on account of the lack of rocks or gravel (a wonder, too) but because the last bag of cement was mixed and poured. (By the way, we welcome the mixer to our city, for the cement to harden, and to make the laying of asphalt about two weeks was fortunate enough may call on our neighbors without getting their feet muddy.

As for a picnic, celebrating the building and completion of the road, it seems that it will be about the same time as when the German war debt is settled. As to our view of such a project we consider it to be one of the greatest goods that this section of the state has ever witnessed, and to allow it to pass without a picnic or something, is little less than murder. The construction of this road means very much for both towns, as well as for the whole of Eastern Carolina. There is not the least doubt that an enormous crowd would attend such a celebration, but a crowd is unable to handle the situation, danger especially. Why can't the Washington and Williamston chambers of commerce act? There are only a few days left in which to do, and it is do now or never.

LARGE AUDIENCE ADDRESS-ED BY JUDGE HARRISON

Judge William Harrison, the colored orator addressed a large assembly at the courthouse, Friday night. Most of the audience were colored, however quite a number of white folks were there.

The subject of his speech might have been boiled down to the one word, "Service". It was about as well filled, with good points and about as clear of bad points as any speech to which we have listened.

The entire speech seemed to be emphasized with the spirit of love. Harrison was born on a Mississippi farm and raised as an orphan. He has made a wonderful record as a citizen, once serving as a Judge in Alabama, he now lives in Chicago.

LITTLE CHARLES SUMMER-LIN DIED LAST NIGHT

The little six year old son, Char Alton, of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Summerlin died at the home of his parents on Main street last night after an acute illness of tuberculosis of the spine which lasted for three weeks. He was in good health until he had measles during the epidemic in January, from which he never fully recovered and the attack was the result of the former sickness.

The funeral was conducted by M. A. J. Manning at three o'clock and interment took place at the Baptist cemetery.

The parents of the child have the sympathy of the community.

HAMILTON TO HAVE 3RD QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The third Quarterly Conference of the Williamston and Hamilton charge, M. E. Church, South, will be held in an all-day session at Hamilton next Tuesday, July 24. A well arranged program has been provided, covering various phases of church work. This will be a home-coming day for the entire charge, and the speakers, for the most part, will be visiting preachers from over the district. Services will begin at 10 a. m. and continue throughout the day with dinner served on the grounds. Let officials and members from the different churches be on hand. Others especially invited.

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3 AUTO ACCIDENTS IN NEW BERN IN SINGLE DAY

Edgar Weaver is Slightly Injured When Big Car Raced Into Auto in Which He Was Riding

New Bern, July 18.—New Bern and its share of automobile accidents yesterday. Three occurred, with seven people involved, but despite the fact that two of them were under dangerous circumstances, there was only one casualty. One man sustained bruises about the head.

The first smash-up occurred at the street crossing near St. Luke's hospital when a heavy touring car, driven by W. P. Dickinson, white, crashed broadside into a lighter machine driven by Glen Hasket, white, who was accompanied on the driver's seat by Edgar S. Weaver, white, and knocked it across the street, smashing down one wheel and the top, injuring Mr. Weaver slightly.

The second accident occurred when two when a light roadster, driven by Miss Margaret Hurr, got away from her at the curb in front of a 5 and 10 cent store, plunged across the sidewalk, breaking a plate glass window, and was hurled back where it struck a brick wall. It was the busy hour for shoppers, but no one seemed to be in front of the car when it made the plunge. M. Hurr was unhurt.

Dr. W. L. Hand and his small son and a Mr. Simpson, employed by a local engineering company, narrowly escaped a plunge into Treat river from the state highway bridge between here and James City just after 7 o'clock. Dr. Hand was en route to New Bern, and had barely crossed the draw, which is wide enough for only one vehicle, when Mr. Simpson, approached around the curve in the road. The car-keeper's house. He had not seen the other car, and when he attempted to stop, his machine skidded, the front of it striking the rear of Dr. Hand's car. Both were thrown back against the railings and missed going overboard by a few inches. No one was injured, only slight damage being done to the automobiles.

THE AULANDER ADVANCE IN ITS ISSUE OF JULY 5TH CARRIES SEVERE STRUCTURES

The Aulander Advance in its issue of July 5th contains very severe and unwarranted structures on Martin county folks which should not and shall not pass unnoticed by us.

The charge made against our people is that some of them have been, and others will go to Bertie county and buy up votes in the approaching primary. Of course that carries with it the corresponding charge which that paper boldly proclaims, that voters in Bertie county are for sale. We do not know the owners or the Editor of that article, but we do know the people of Martin county and we do know the people of Bertie county. They are neither bribe givers, nor bribe takers. No two counties in North Carolina mingle more freely than these two counties. No two counties in the State have closer business relations. No people from anywhere receive warmer greetings to our county than do the noble people of Bertie county.

We are amazed that any person holding a responsible position of editor of a North Carolina newspaper should make such reckless charges and make them all we verily believe without foundation.

Hardly a day passes that some one from Martin is not in Bertie. Our tobacco warehouses are now especially active, and so are our retail stores. Are they to quit because of unfounded charges against them, for fear their characters may be traduced? It is clear that the Editor is mad because some body is for Allsbrook for Congress. But that does not justify a slander of Martin county.

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CO-OPS. GET MONEY ON 1923 TOBACCO

ORGANIZED GROWERS RECEIVE CASH ON 1923 TOBACCO CROP

Opening in South Carolina Greatly Celebrated in South Carolina

All the markets of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association in the entire South Carolina Belt opened this week to receive the 1923 crop.

July 17, two weeks in advance of the date announced for the opening of the auction warehouses in the Palmetto State.

The organized tobacco growers of South Carolina who are generally conceded to have set the price for tobacco in their state, which almost doubled in value within twelve months, a year at the date of opening. From present indications the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association will receive a majority of the crop in South Carolina. The membership of the association in the Palmetto State has been increased during the past twelve months by 1600 new contracts, amounting to 7,000,000 pounds of tobacco.

Other members of the party who might be regarded as reflecting the views of the executive were inclined to the view that Governor Preuss brought about the present situation through his refusal to make an appointment of a senator.

Mrs. Harding's condition was said by attending physicians today to be improved after a rest yesterday and a comfortable night on the train. No medicine is being given her, the doctors being careful only that she remained on the train this morning when the party had breakfast at the Curry hotel. It was held to be inadvisable that she make the 300-mile automobile trip from Fairbanks to the Richardson trail because of her condition of fatigue and in view of her need of rest in order to prepare her for a strenuous program on the return to the states.

There is no indication, the doctors say, that her condition will interfere with the program of the party or that the tour through the states, the Panama canal and Porto Rico would be shortened on her account.

RAY'S CAMP

A visit to Ray's Camp will give one a clear insight to some of the primitive habits of our country. This property belongs to Mr. J. D. Ray of Scotland Neck, who bought a small tract of land on the south bank of Gardner's creek on the Jamesville-Williamston road eight miles east of here. Mr. Ray first built a camp, or club house, where he would entertain fishing parties from many sections of this part of the state.

The demand for more accommodations grew and Mr. Ray has built about eight houses in one of which a well kept kitchen and dining room is to be found, another there is a store-house and besides these are sun porches and log cabins. One of the log cabins is known as the woman's building and serves as their sleeping quarters. There is a cave house which is well ventilated and furnishes good quarters for two campers. There is also an up to date bath house where plenty of suits are to had and water at the front door ranging in depth from ankle deep to forty feet deep.

Many relics of the Civil war and the Indian tribes that once occupied this identical spot as camping and fishing grounds. The old stone tommy-hawks and arrows are to be seen just as the red men had them long before Tar Landing received the foot print of a white man.

An interesting feature of the ground is the Civil war trenches dug to serve as a breastwork for the Confederate soldiers in the Civil war where several scouting parties from the Yankee army stationed at Plymouth were repulsed and several Yankee soldiers were killed.

Mr. Ray says inexperienced fishermen generally don't have good luck fishing in the old historic creek, but good fishermen usually get them in abundance.

The camp is equipped with modern ranges, cook stoves, old time open fire with the pot and pot hooks, and the outdoor furnace with the long handle grand mother frying pan.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. M. E. Chambers, Pastor Sunday school 9:45 a. m., Mr. J. F. Pope, Superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor and at 8:15 p. m. by Rev. S. E. Mercer, Presiding Elder of the Weldon District. Epworth League, Monday, 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 p. m. subject: "The Dispersion of the Jews, or the Period Between the Testaments."

THREE ACCUSED FLOGGERS SEEK TO SET UP AN ALIBI IN THE LUMBERTON TRIAL

Defendant Swears He Wasn't in Mol. And Has Never Belonged To The Ku Klux

Lumberton, July 18.—Testimony of witnesses, offered to establish alibi for Johnson Hedgepeth and Jule Brogden, two of the three alleged Ku Klux klansmen indicted in connection with the whipping of two women near Pretorville April 14, marked the progress of the Robeson county flogging trial here today.

The two men together with Mike Lawson, chief of police of Fairmont, are under indictment for first degree burglary, secret assault, kidnapping, and assault with a deadly weapon and are being tried on the last three charges. Solicitor McNeil, preferring to try the major charge later.

Brogden took the stand shortly before the noon recess and made a full denial of participation in the alleged whipping and declared that he never had been connected with the K. Klux Klan. Under relentless questioning by Stephen McIntyre, volunteer assistant to the prosecuting attorney, he admitted that his wife had a living and unmarried husband at the time he married her. He denied that A. C. Godwin, first husband of his wife, and who was said to have since divorced her, had ever shot at him. Brogden admitted that he had once been fined for using profanity.

"FOLLIES OF 1923" AND THE MINSTREL REVUE ENJOYED VERY MUCH ENJOYED

Acting In Many Instances Superior To That of The Trained Type

"The Follies of 1923" and Minstrel Revue staged last Tuesday night by the people of the town was a marked success in every particular except that of attendance. The program was interesting from beginning to end, there being not one dull moment. Special mention is really due every member of the cast; for, it seems that each one was suitably fitted for his or her part. Jokers, just from the fun foundry, more than justified the price of admission, not even mentioning the comical appearance and shining wit of the four comedians. Well as a whole, it was the best show staged by home talent since the one given back in 1913 in our estimation.

We can't help but say that those who failed to attend on account of the fact that they were afraid of being disappointed are "cedar birds". Credit is due and should be given Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr. and Mr. Baker for their untiring efforts in order to make the affair a success.

HISTORIC OLD STORE TAKE ON A VERY DIFFERENT APPEARANCE

Lean-to Which Has Blocked Sun For Ages Passed Away Yesterday

The store of C. D. Carstarphen and Company, which was one of the first stores ever erected in Williamston, since the site of the town was changed, and which was built and occupied by Mr. William Carstarphen, father of Mr. C. D. Carstarphen, presents a very different appearance since the shed has been torn away. It is understood that Mr. Carstarphen contemplates painting the store in the near future and it being a very large one will be much improved in its looks.

We are with the city fathers when they say that the sheds shall be torn down for the appearance of the town but there are a few of us who do enjoy getting in their shade when the sun is shining and under their roof when it is raining.

IMPROVED COTTON INCREASES

The proportion of cotton of improved varieties grown in North Carolina has increased 50 per cent within the past eight years, according to reports to the United States Department of Agriculture. Community crop improvement work with cotton was begun in the State by Agricultural experiment station and extension workers eight years ago. The plan followed has been to establish community test farms throughout the State to demonstrate the best variety of cotton in the locality and the value of the use of selected seed. Efforts are made to secure the growing of this variety alone in the community. When the work was begun, it was estimated that 90 per cent of North Carolina cotton was produced from seed of low yield and mixed, small boll varieties.

Mrs. J. Herbert Ward left this morning for Norfolk where they will visit Mrs. Ward's brother for several days.

A MARTIN LADY WAS OCTOGAN ORIGINATOR

WORLD FAMOUS SOAP WAS FIRST MANUFACTURED IN MARTIN COUNTY

Idea Originated in Griffins Township, About Forty Years Ago

The World famous "Octagon Soap" was first manufactured in Martin county about forty years ago in Diamond City, which was at that time the headquarters of the old Jamesville and Washington railroad.

Mrs. Elkington, who invented the soap, received her ideas of soap making from some of the older women of Griffins township and while she kept her residence in that community she made soap for herself and a few friends. When she moved back to Philadelphia, her old home, she continued the making of this special soap for her own use and that of her neighbors, all of whom found it to be a remarkable grade of soap.

A Mr. Hanes was attracted by the merits of the soap and he proceeded to get a patent and to establish the brand. It was given the name "Octagon" on account of its shape, which for a number of years was one of its most widely advertised features. It was claimed that the soap was easier to hold than the square shaped bar of the "Old Monday" and other popular brands of that day.

Today we find Octagon soap used universally and is as popular as any article on the market at present. It has well-proven its merits to many millions.

The wealth from the manufacture and sale of this soap has reached throngs of people, but it has not gone to the community from which the recipe came nor to Mrs. Elkington who carried it to Philadelphia, but to those who grasped the "big idea".

SUMMER SCHOOL COMES TO A CLOSE AFTER SIX WEEKS OF REMARKABLE WORK

The Summer School which has been in session for the past six weeks came to a close today.

In spite of the extremely warm weather the pupils, as well as the teachers have done splendid work. Every student seems to be well pleased with the training that they have received while here. The school just ending can rightfully said to be one of the best ever held in Martin county.

The different pupils and teachers leave for their homes today, and it is with much regret that we see them depart from our midst. We trust that their success will be great in their future fields of teaching.

MISSSES LEON DAVENPORT, CARRI SEXTON AND FANNIE MARTIN RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES TODAY IN JAMESVILLE AFTER ATTENDING THE SUMMER SCHOOL HERE.

Mrs. J. W. Andrews, Miss Vella Andrews and Mr. F. E. Wynn motored to Greenville Thursday evening.

Mrs. C. L. Hunt of Bushnell, Fla. is the guest of Mrs. L. B. Wynn here for a while.

Historic Faneuil Hall, the "Cradle of Liberty," in Boston, will not be defiled by the installation of a modern elevator. The hall is to be renovated in the near future and the city council has appropriated \$200,000 to the end. All floors, walls and ceilings are to be covered with fireproof metal and wooden awning supports will be replaced with fireproof construction. But patriots threaten to seek a grand jury indictment against anyone who would attempt to install an elevator. The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company will continue to walk up stairs to their meetings.

Radio talks on the prevention of forest fires are being broadcast every two weeks from the Portland, reg. office of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture through an arrangement with the Portland Oregonian. Definite dates have been fixed for these talks which, according to estimates, reach from 10,000 to 15,000 people. A radio release on some phase of the work of the Forest Service is also broadcast once a month from Washington.

Mrs. J. B. Webster and daughter, Miss Elizabeth and son, J. B. Jr., of Greensboro are visiting Mrs. Webster's brother, Mr. Harry Meador and Mrs. Meador in New Town.

Miss Elizabeth spent last night in town with relatives. She left this morning for Seima, where she will visit Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Gordy for several weeks.

FILL IT AT DUNN'S

PRESIDENT HARDING IS DISAPPOINTED BY VOTE

It Is Obvious That He Is Greatly Affected By News From Minnesota Election.

Curry, Alaska, July 18.—News of the election of Magnus Johnson, farmer-laborite candidate to the senate from Minnesota over Governor Preuss was received by President Harding yesterday when his special train on the Alaskan railroad was stopped here for breakfast.

The chief executive read the Associated Press dispatches saying Governor Preuss had conceded his defeat and giving returns from about half the state, but he would make no comment on the grounds that the voters had spoken and any statement from the President would be unseemly.

It was obvious the President was greatly disappointed. The cooperative growers are bringing well-graded tobacco to the association floors, due to the fact that more than 150 locals have held demonstrations in sorting and bundling during the last ten days.

Great mass meetings to celebrate the success of the cooperative association and the opening of its second year are taking place this week at Kingstree where U. S. Senator E. D. Smith, noted farm bloc leader, is scheduled to address tobacco farmers at a great barbecue.

T. C. Watkins, manager of warehouses, defines the policy of the association as it enters its second year of marketing in the following words contained in a letter mailed to every warehouse employee of the South Carolina Belt:

"Our first duty is to serve the farmer, who is our employer, a fact that we should never lose sight of. Your work is not finished when you have completed your routine duties. It is up to you to live and talk cooperative marketing. Our membership is looking to its employees and is judging our organization by their conduct."—S. D. Frissell.

ILLITERACY RATE IS CHIEF CAUSE OF SHAME

Thoroughly Enforced Compulsory School Law Chief Remedy

By Mrs. Palmer Jerman To club women, North Carolina's high rating of literacy is our chief educational shame. Much is being done to reduce this, but it can never be wiped out until our compulsory school law has back of it an aroused public opinion that will make its enforcement obligatory.

Approaching the subject from the adult illiteracy standpoint will always be, to a large extent, patch work. This is true notwithstanding the great good that has been done through the agencies set up to relieve a bad situation, but youth is the time for the school room, and all the youth of North Carolina in the school room from seven to fourteen years could, in a decade, bring us out of our place near the foot of the list.

In view of the fact that the United States remains tenth in literacy among the nations of the world, the General Federation has adopted as its educational slogan, "No illiteracy in the United States in 1930."

If we are to make that come true in North Carolina our imperative need is a crusade to arouse public opinion. Additional legislation is not needed—we have it on the statute books now—but the driving force of an informed, statewide sentiment that knows our hope in the body politic is to bring up the general average of education in North Carolina.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A. J. Manning, Pastor Sunday school 9:45 a. m., W. C. Manning, supt. Morning services 11 a. m., second and fourth Sundays. Evening services 7:30 p. m., Christian Endeavor 6:45 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend all these services.

Mrs. Lizzie Woodhouse left this morning for Norfolk to visit her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Lindamood.

Mrs. Fannie S. Biggs, Mrs. A. T. Crawford and Miss Frances Williams left Wednesday for Virginia Beach where they will spend several months.

We are indeed grateful to Mr. Moore, Superintendent of water and lights of the town, for furnishing us current this morning. There are several transfers to be made on Main street because the light poles have heretofore infringed on the street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hassell are spending some time at Virginia Beach.

THE ROANOKE FAIR PROGRAM BEST IN THIS ENTIRE SECTION

REMARKABLE RACE PROGRAM FOR ROANOKE FAIR NOV. 13-16

High Class Free Acts, Band Fireworks Band, Managerie, Etc. Will Be Present

The second Annual Roanoke Fair Williamston, N. C. Nov. 13th to 16th, 1923 announces its racing program which will be of interest to horse lovers of this section.

Never before have such purses been offered by county fairs, but this year the North Carolina Grand Circuit has set the pace in the South by opening a way to bring fast horses from the northern and western tracks to this section when they start to Cuba and Mexico for the winter races which gives them a break in the long trip to the south.

Roanoke Fair will run on Tuesday the Bertie stake purse 1000 dollars. This will be a 2:20 trot in addition to this race the 2:18 pace will be run, purse 400 dollars.

Wednesday the Washington Beaufort stake, purse 1000 dollars. This will be a 2:17 pace and additional races the 2:12 trot and 2:06 pace will be run, purses 400 dollars each.

Thursday the Williamston stake, a 2:14 trot and the Hertford Pamlico stake, a 2:11 pace will be run, purses 1000 dollars each, and of course, an open race, purse, 400 dollars the 2:17 trot.

On Friday the 2:22 trot and 2:14 pace will be run.

This is the best racing program and the highest purses ever the people of this section have had an opportunity to witness. Horses have been entered from the greatest stables.

Between each heat there will be the highest class free acts on the stage in front of the grand stand. Acts for young and old, comedy classical and educational.

Of course there will be the band to make things lively and at night the free acts will appear again and the greatest program of fireworks ever put on in this section.

The premium books will soon be ready, and anyone desiring one may apply to H. M. Poe, Rocky Mount, N. C. or J. G. Staton, Williamston, N. C. The premium list edition of The Enterprise will be printed shortly.

The Great Sheesley Shows have been secured to hold forth on the midway. This is the largest, cleanest and strictly moral show that will appear in the East this year. It will require a train of thirty five cars to transport the show.

This show features its own managerie of trained wild animals embracing every know specie and carries the newest and most novel amusements of all kinds. Only legitimate shows are in the Sheesley organization.

MANNING—WHITE

Miss Madge White, of Columbia, and Mr. S. E. Manning, of Griffins township were quietly married at the home of Miss White's brother in Columbia, Saturday morning. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Walters of that place. Only a few relatives and friends attended the ceremony.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Manning accompanied by Messrs. Daniel Peel and Joseph Corey and Misses Hilda and Melissa Peel and Dorcas Corey went to the home of the groom's mother where a beautiful wedding table laden with all kinds of cakes and fruits awaited them. The party with a large number of invited guests enjoyed the feast very much.

Mrs. Manning was very popular and had host of friends in Columbia. Mr. Manning is a very progressive farmer and a leading citizen in his community. They will make their home for the present at the home of the groom's mother.

SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

A. V. Joyner, pastor Sunday school 9:45 a. m., J. C. Anderson, superintendent. Sermon by the pastor 11 a. m. Subject: "Called for a Purpose." B. Y. P. U. at 7:15 p. m. Sermon by the pastor at 8:00 p. m. All services for the present are being held in the high school auditorium. A cordial invitation is extended to every one to worship with us in all the services of this church.

Mrs Sarah Harrell left this morning for Chapel Hill where she will visit college acquaintances. While away she will visit friends in High Point and Greensboro for several weeks. When she returns she will be accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Hickerson.

Mr. Lee Hardison of Williams township was in town yesterday.