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LARGE AMOUNT OF DRAIN TILE IS USED IN COUNTY

Martin Has Used More than Any Other County in Past Few Years

8 CARS LAST YEAR
County Agent Expects To Have Seven Or Eight Cars Shipped Here Again This Year

"During the past several years, farmers in Martin county have put in more drain tile than those of any other county," T. B. Brandon, county agent, stated yesterday while talking about the wet weather and its effects upon farming in this section.

"Those farmers who have drained their lands will be repaid this season since this is one of the wettest years in several," the agent stated. Their lands will be in better shape and the farmers will be able to start spring plowing several days before those who are able to start operations where the land has not been drained, the agent continued. This does not mean that the farmer who has land naturally drained will suffer the same handicap as the farmer who has poorly drained land; he is just fortunate in that instance.

Hundreds of farmers in this county will be able to go into their fields to start their early plowing with a short period of time after the weather clears, but a goodly number of them will be forced to plow under water soaked bottoms or turn in midfield to avoid them, it was stated. In such cases drain tile has proved its worth many times, and where these conditions prevail, tiling is advised by all means.

Last year there were eight cars of drain tile shipped into this county, and placed in various sections. Previously, there had been 40 or 50 cars of the tile shipped in and this year at least seven or eight will be used by the farmers, Mr. Brandon stated.

While the county has done a splendid work in draining and improving its lands, the farmers should not revert back to a period of normalcy, but if possible, they should continue their efforts in the work until they have completed the important task of properly draining their lands.

Proper drainage is said to be one of the most important steps in putting land in shape, and although the weather has retarded the work this season to a great extent, the agent is urging every farmer, who possibly can do so, to make arrangements to drain and improve his land.

So far this year, one car of tile has been unloaded in Robersonville and two here. Orders are being received by the agent for additional shipments, and it is thought that at least three or four more cars will be used in the county this year.

Mrs. W. L. Johnson Dies At Oak City Sunday

Mrs. W. L. Johnson, aged Oak City citizen, died at her home there Sunday following a several months' illness. She leaves a widower and one child.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence by Elder Grimes, of the Primitive Baptist Church. Interment was made in the family burying ground.

Everetts Eliminated in Championship Tourney

By a very close score, Everetts was eliminated by Fuquay Springs last Friday in the North Carolina Gold Medal, Amateur Independent Basketball Championship tournament, sponsored by the Rocky Mount Y. M. C. A. The county boys lost by only two points, Fuquay Springs winning 24 to 22.

WATTS THEATRE

Wednesday March 6
KEN MAYNARD
in
"CHEYENNE"
ALSO COMEDY

Thursday-Friday March 7-8
LON CHANEY
in
"WHILE THE CITY SLEEPS"
M. G. M. NEWS
AND COMEDY

Shows at 7:15 and 9 P. M. Daily
MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE

Says Health Nurse Would Not Cost County Any More

By LOUIE P. MARTIN

According to the books of the register of deeds, Martin County spent, or has appropriated, \$7,569.60 for public health purposes during the years 1927, 1928, and 1929, an average of \$2,523.20 per year. This expenditure includes the salary of a part-time health officer, fees to doctors of the county for conducting vaccination campaigns, gathering and transmitting vital statistics to the State departments, and fees to quarantine officers. This money was spent without the direction of any particular head, excepting the director of necessity, which demands some things to be done, and the efforts of a county health department, whose head is only a part-time official. Dr. Warren, the directing officer, is paid only a small sum, as compared with the cost of running a home. He must give his best time to his practice.

There are several means by which the annual expenditure of this sum of \$2,523.20 may be for some specifically designated purpose under the direction of an officer appointed by the State department of health, and whose work will be supervised by the same State department. The first, as most frequently used method, is the organization of a full-time county health department with a trained medical doctor at its head. The second, and rather recent in its adoption in several of the poorer counties, is a department of health headed by an all-time trained nurse appointed by the State department of health.

The first of these means, that of the full-time physician, would relieve the county of all health activities and expense of such work except as it came out of the budget provided by the State and county for health purposes. All clinics, vaccination campaigns, institutional cases such as may happen to be in the jail and county home, maternity work and school programs and planning would be looked after directly by this doctor and such assistants as he might employ and pay out of this budget, which would comprise all county expenses for health purposes. The budget that the State requires the county to set up is one of

\$5,000; one-half of which is paid by the State, the county pays the other \$2,500. This amounts to \$23.20 less than Martin County has spent per year for the past three years without this active, purposeful, and serviceable work of an ordinary health department.

The organization head by the trained nurse, to receive State aid, would have to set up a minimum budget of \$2,500, the State paying one-half; as in the other type of organization. The trained nurse would take over all vaccination campaigns, maternity work, school visitation, children's clinics, and quarantine work. Much of the nurse's time would be spent in the schools; also the doctor would be a constant visitor in the schools making plans and carrying out programs of health training. The expense of doing only poorly these duties for the past three years in Martin County amounted to \$1,027.75 for quarantining and 3,431.95 for vaccination work. This includes only the fees paid to doctors and officers whose places would be filled by the all-time health officer, whether physician or nurse. This is an average over the three years of \$1,486.40. One-half of the budget for the department headed by the nurse amounts to \$1,250, a difference of \$236.40.

According to figures from the register of deeds office and those given out by Dr. C. N. Sisk of the State department of health, at Raleigh, Martin County is actually paying out more money for health purposes without the organized department and trained officers than she would have to pay on either of the two budgets mentioned above, for it is a certainty that these budgets take care of all expenditures for health work of all kinds: Salaries of officers, road expense, office supplies, records, vaccines, etc.

Martin County can secure this expert service that is so much needed if the citizens urge upon the county commissioners the adoption of such a plan at their next regular meeting, at which time this question will be put before them. Examine the figures and see to it that the commissioners of Martin County adopt one of these methods of practical preventive medicine.

TEACHERS AND PARENTS MEET

Important Session Will Be Held at School House Here Thursday

One of the most important meetings of the local parent-teacher association to be announced in some time will be held next Thursday afternoon when library facilities for both the school and community will be discussed by those who have made a study of the situation here and who are acquainted with the conditions prevailing in both the local school and community. Special talks will be made at the meeting which will be held at 8:45 in the Woman's Club hall, and a large attendance of both parents and patrons of the school is urged by the officers of the organization.

The subject for the meeting will be approached from several different angles, showing the needs, uses and possibilities of a library to be used jointly by school students and the people of the community. In preparing the meeting's subject, "Library Facilities and Suggested Improvements," the three speakers have made special efforts to present a clear and concise picture of the conditions now existing and what they might be.

Mrs. John D. Biggs will discuss the "Needs of an Ideal Library," while Miss Lucille Allen, a teacher in the local school, will explain the "School Library and Its Uses." Mr. L. H. Davis, principal, according to the announcement of the meeting, will point out "The Possibilities of a Library To Be Used Jointly by the School and the Community."

Mrs. Harper Holliday will sing during the meeting and a special committee will serve refreshments.

Severs Connection With Town in Official Capacity

After serving the town as light and water superintendent for 12 years, Mr. Maurice M. Moore appeared before the meeting of the town commissioners here last night, making kinder of a farewell address. Mr. Moore who is leaving for Roanoke Rapids today where he enters the employ of the Virginia Electric and Power company, expressed his appreciation to the commissioners for their cooperation during his and their connection with the town, and he assured them that he would be glad to render any service to them or the town possible in the future.

Mayor Coburn returned thanks for the town, and wished Mr. Moore much success in his new work.

REGULAR MEET OF CITY FATHERS HELD LAST NIGHT

Power Company Requested To Remove Stumps of Trees It Cuts

TO AID IN CLEAN-UP
Board Refuses To Make Good \$75 Deficit in Pledge To Eastern Chamber of Commerce

Before turning their attention to paving, paving petitions and paving resolutions, the town commissioners in session here last night, disposed of a number of problems, minor probably in their nature, but of much interest to the citizens.

Mrs. J. G. Staton, representing a committee appointed by the Woman's club, was assured that the town would cooperate to the fullest in a clean-up movement now being considered by the club for the town.

The board considered it illegal to make good the \$75 deficit in the town's \$500 pledge to the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce for the peanut exposition held here. The amount was pledged by various business and professional men, but collections only reached \$425, it was said by W. C. Manning, representing the commerce organization at the request of officials.

Joe Pender was granted town plumber's license, no charge being mentioned, however, at the meeting.

"I do believe the power company is very desirous, for some reason or other, of talking the town into thinking that bracket lights will be better on all the streets than the suspended ones," remarked an observer last evening while at the meeting. A representative of the power people just prior to that stated that the choice was immaterial, as his company would put in either type. No bracket lights will be placed on Main, Houghton or Washington streets, according to a decision reached among the town officials. A motion requesting the power company to remove all stumps where it has felled trees on the streets here was made and passed.

COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEET

Consider Securing Whole-Time Health Nurse Or Doctor

Holding their regular monthly meeting here yesterday, the Martin County Board of Commissioners handled no important official matters, but their attention was given to tax errors, roads and other problems. One of the most important matters considered was that of hiring an all-time health nurse for the county, or establishing a regular county health department. Mrs. J. G. Staton and Professor L. H. Davis, of this place, with Dr. V. A. Ward, of Robersonville, made short and favorable talks before the meeting, asking that the body consider the hiring of a full-time county nurse or a doctor. The commissioners were practically assured that the cost of public health work in the county is now greater than it would be under the proposed system. Official action in the matter was postponed until the next regular meeting when, with favorable facts before them, it is expected that the commissioners will accept one of the two proposals.

Due to errors in listing, L. H. Ange and R. A. Ange, of Jamesville township, John W. Wynn, of Cross Roads, and the National Handle company, holder of timber rights in Hamilton and Goose Nest townships, were given tax relief slips. The claim of Aaron Mizelle maintaining that his property had been doubly listed, was held over for investigation.

The commissioners authorized the purchase of auditorium seats for the new school building here and the one at Robersonville. The amount, \$6,075.50, was ordered cared for in the next budget.

The report filed by the sheriff showing that a road had been laid off from Miles Lilley's to the home of Ferlie Lilley in the Griffins township was heard and approved, and the road was declared for public use.

Mr. J. D. Lilley was appointed county tax supervisor for 1929. Mr. Lilley served the county in this position last year.

Neptune Williams and wife were granted an increase in their allowances from the county-poor fund of \$1.50 each and they are now getting \$7.00 jointly.

The additional \$25,000 tax bond furnished by Sheriff Roebuck was approved. A true boundary line between the county home property and that of G. W. Blount being unknown, each of the owners is to select surveyor and settle the matter. Mr. Sylvester Peel was appointed to represent the coun-

MANY OBJECT TO TREE CUTTING BY POWER CONCERN

Company Is Willing To Limit Cutting As Much As Possible

INJUNCTIONS ISSUED
Reasonable Cutting and Trimming of Trees Not Objected To; Believed That Little Damage Will Result

Maintaining their rights to the nth degree, property owners here having shade trees in front of their homes are carefully guiding the tree-cutting program of the Virginia Electric and Power company, purchaser of the town's light and power franchise. While the complaints from the property owners, as a rule, have been directed against the wholesale slaughter of the trees, a few citizens have issued restraining orders prohibiting the power company from cutting or trimming the trees.

During the past few days, the women of the town, through the Woman's club, have bombarded the town officials with letters and complaints objecting to the slaughter of the trees. Recently Mrs. Wheeler Martin, president of the club, carried the club members' complaints to Mr. Gatis, engineer in charge of the work, and she was assured that the company was limiting the trimming and cutting of the trees as far as possible. The company's representative stated that particular attention was given to the trees where trimming was necessary, a special compound being used to kill germs, heal and seal the wound. It was also pointed out that not a single tree had been felled without the company's first getting the consent of both the property owner and the town officials. In fact, at the request of the property owners, the power company has removed trees that were not in the way of its lines.

The reasonable cutting and trimming of the trees has not been vigorously protested by the majority of the citizens, but amateur cutting and trimming and the wholesale slaughter of them have been generally condemned. With the number of complaints already before them, it is believed that the company employees will use discretion in their work, and that no great damage either to the trees or their appearance will result.

ARREST NEGRO FOR ROBBERY

James Daniel Jailed After Store in Jamesville Is Burglarized

James Daniel, young negro, was arrested in Jamesville shortly before noon today charged with connection in the robbery of W. H. Mizelle and Company's store there sometime during Sunday night. While no definite evidence establishing his guilt could be had, it is thought that Daniel was connected in some way with the robbery.

Discovering the robbery early yesterday morning, the owner of the store roped customers out and called for bloodhounds. The dogs failed to arrive, and the arrest was made when suspicion pointed out Daniel's connection in the act.

No report on the shortage in the store has been made, as far as it is known here, but it is understood that the robber or robbers were more interested in looting the cash drawers than they were in the removal of articles from the store's stock of merchandise.

'Church Efficiency' School At Local Baptist Church

The pastor of the local Baptist church stated this morning that a School of Church Efficiency is being put on in his church next week.

It has been the custom of this church, during the term of its present pastor, to have a church school of some sort each year. First, it was a School of Missions; last year, a School of Bible Study, and this year the entire course is to be a series of three lectures on the Efficient Church.

There will be only three meetings--Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights of next week. All sessions will be held at 7:30. There will be no expense whatever to anyone, unless the people wish to have a copy of the book being taught. It costs only sixty cents. No session will last more than an hour.

This school is for adults only. Therefore, Mr. Dickey said today that the school will be open to anyone in Williamston who would like to attend. It is not to be a Baptist school, he stated, but a school on Church Efficiency. Any churchman following the short course would be benefited by it. Everyone will be very welcome.

To Receive Bids for Paving Next Monday

YOUNG NEGRO IS KILLED IN FIGHT

Jesse Whitley, 18, In Jail Here for Killing Near Bear Grass

Jesse Whitley, young Negro is in the jail here charged with the murder of Louis Rogers, another negro, yesterday afternoon, near Bear Grass, following a quarrel said to have started over their sweethearts. Whitley made no attempt to escape, and was arrested at his home, four miles from Bear Grass shortly after the killing by Officer W. B. Daniel.

Although he was badly frightened when he was brought here, Whitley, hardly more than 18 years of age, offered the details of the killing very freely, stating that Rogers had chased him from a wood-cutting in the neighborhood to his home, and that he cut the man near the neck causing him to die within a very short time.

According to the story advanced by the Whitley negro and supplemented by facts from others at the scene yesterday afternoon, the quarrel started when Rogers told a group of men that someone had stole Whitley's girl from him. Whitley denied the statement, receiving in return, according to his version of the affair, a directed curse attack. "Rogers" he continued, "almost tore my coat off me, after we had had a few words, and in an effort to avoid further trouble, I ran for home. Louis chased me until I reached home where I drew my knife and stabbed him about the neck after he had assaulted me with a stick. He stood up for about three minutes and fell to the ground. I did not think he was dead, and I picked him up and carried him into the house. After wrapping his body in a blanket, Louis breathed one or twice but no more. He was apparently dead."

Other evidence varies from the slayer's story in certain particulars, but the true facts in the case have not been established or verified at this time.

It was stated that Whitley trampled Rogers's body as it lay upon the ground. Coroner S. R. Biggs who was called in the case, stated that upon his arrival several of the negroes there did not know Rogers was dead, they stating that he was drunk, and that he would come to in a minute. An examination showed that one of the main arteries, leading from the heart, had been severed, and that the man had bled to death within.

WANT NEGRO ON ASSAULT CHARGE

Alleged To Have Assaulted Dardens Negress Twice Last Night

Charged with entering the home of Roxana Peel, Dardens negress, twice and assaulting her in the early hours this morning, Jerry Smith, negro, had not been arrested at noon today by officers who were called on the case early today.

While there is doubt expressed as to the nature of the charge, it is understood that Smith entered the negro woman's home on the Getsinger farm there about two o'clock this morning. The woman sought aid from a neighbor, and Mr. Tetterton, a nearby neighbor went to the home and aided in a search for the man, but no trace of Smith could be found. Thinking that the man had left, the search was stopped, but a short while afterwards, Smith again entered the house, and though no authentic statement could be had here, he is said to have assaulted the woman a second time.

It was stated that Smith was hiding in the smokehouse at the home when the search was made, but no details of his escape after entering the house a second time could be had.

Deputy S. H. Grimes who was called there this morning had not returned at noon today, and official reports had not been made to the sheriff's office, early this afternoon.

An eighteen-year old negro boy was said to have been sleeping in the Peel woman's house when Smith entered, but his aid was not asked, according to reports given here.

Jamesville Basketball Team in Tournament

Jamesville is sending its basketball team to Raleigh this week to take part in the State College Basketball tournament. Sixty-two teams have entered the tournament and Thursday afternoon Jamesville will meet Roseboro's five.

NEW PROGRAM DECIDED UPON

Sidewalks of Many of the Principal Streets Are To Be Paved

TO PAVE ONE STREET
Smithwick Is Only Street That Is Likely To Be Paved at Present; 3 Engineers at Meeting

A paving program for the town was made more certain last night when the town commissioners, in their regular meeting held in the mayor's office here, decided to ignore the side walk paving petitions circulated during the past several weeks, and prepare a resolution requesting the property owners to improve the walks. In effect, this action will provide a unified sidewalk paving program, one that will make possible the improvement of practically every walk in the town, all the most important ones at least.

The resolution mentioned at the meeting last night requests the property owner to pave his sidewalk. In the event that this demand is not complied with, the town will pave the walk in front of the property, and charge the cost to the owner. It is understood that the resolution will be in order next Monday night, but just how long it will be necessary to wait before paving work could be started was not mentioned.

At the meeting it was pointed out that three petitions calling for the improvement of sidewalks on Main, Houghton and Smithwick streets had been signed by more than a majority of both property owners and property. One other sidewalk petition circulated met defeat, the property owners on Watts street rejecting the measure by a unanimous count, almost. One petition asking the town to pave Smithwick street was signed by a majority of the property owners. According to the petition presented, that street will be paved from the corner at Simmons avenue to the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, near the Blount Manufacturing company.

This program, embracing about \$20,000 worth of sidewalk work and the paving of Smithwick street, will be used as a basis for the town's paving, according to instructions given engineers at the meeting last night. Three engineers were present at the session and they were asked to prepare and submit bids for the work by next Monday evening at 7:30 for consideration at a meeting later that day. Other engineers will have the matter placed before them and it is expected that a goodly number of bids will be offered by various engineers and companies.

The matter of widening Main street went by unnoticed but it was pointed out that curb and gutter would be included in the improvement program for certain streets. Following the meeting next Monday night, it is believed that the program will have developed to that point where definite facts, figures and dates can be had.

In connection with street improvements, the commissioners made arrangements to have work done on the one leading to the river wharf, Chief Daniel was ordered to have ashes and other material hauled there at once.

Local Boys Defeat Washington All-Stars

Playing in Robersonville last Friday night, the local high school basketball team defeated Washington's town team 20 to 8. At the end of the half the Washington five was leading the locals 6 to 4, but in the last period, Coach Hood's boys added new life in their work to score a majority of their points and limit Washington to two points from the free goal line during that period.

The locals leave for Raleigh this week where they are scheduled to meet Clayton there Thursday morning in the State Basketball tournament sponsored by State College.

Fiddlers' Convention at Everetts On Thursday

The Everetts parent-teacher association is staging a fiddlers' convention in the school auditorium there Thursday night of this week, offering cash and merchandise prizes for the best clog dancers, string bands, fiddle, banjo, guitar, mouthharp players and others. A number of contestants are planning to take part in the convention and a large collection of prizes is being gathered for the entrants, it was stated by a member of the association yesterday.

The convention opens at 8 o'clock, continuing until all the contestants have performed.