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## FEW CHANGES IN LINE UP OF FIRMS HERE THIS YEAR

### Roanoke Chevrolet Co. Has Assumed Agency Here; Few Others

The New Year finds Williamston's business line-up about the same as it was last year, the few changes effecting no noticeable departure from the business activities followed during the past year.

Organized a few days ago, the Roanoke Chevrolet Company has taken charge of the Chevrolet agency on Washington Street here. Mr. Lee House, manager of the Better Chevrolet Company here for some time, returning to Robersonville, where he will center his activities in the future.

Mr. J. Claude Leggett is making preparations to move his soda fountain and accessories from the C. O. Moore store to the York Building on Washington Street. The place he is vacating is for rent effective February 1.

It is understood that plans for the opening of a grocery in the Culpepper-owned store, formerly occupied by J. A. Manning and Company, are being considered.

The office of the Norfolk, Baltimore & Carolina Boat Line has been moved from the old Carstarphen store to the H. G. Horton office building next to the old Farmers & Merchants Bank Building.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Smith are moving from the Roanoke Hotel to the Cowen home on West Main Street.

As a whole the changes in business and places of residence are fewer this year than in many years. While a goodly number of tenants are moving, the number is not as great as it ordinarily is, it is understood.

## MARTIN FARMER SERIOUSLY HURT

### J. F. Jackson Struck by Hit and Run Driver Near Dardens Saturday

Mr. James F. Jackson, prominent Martin County farmer of the Dardens section, is in a critical condition from injuries received when hit by a hit-and-run driver on Highway No. 90 near his home last Saturday afternoon. Suffering a badly crushed leg, a blow on the forehead and other painful injuries, Mr. Jackson was removed to a Washington hospital where he is getting along as well as could be expected, reports received here today indicated.

Officers investigated the case, but no arrests have been made. It is believed by officers that a truck ran down Mr. Jackson, the driver speeding from the scene without stopping. He was struck as he walked on the shoulder of the highway between the Jordan store and his home a short distance away.

Mr. Jackson is about 76 years old, but was very active for his age. Mrs. Jackson, J. S. Jackson, an only son of Sumpter, S. C., and a daughter, Mrs. E. S. Mizelle, of Plymouth, were called to his bedside.

## Congress Opens Session in Washington Tomorrow

The second session of the 73rd U. S. Congress begins in Washington tomorrow with a belief prevailing among the masses that the body will uphold the policies of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, as a whole.

Leaders in both branches of Congress were in Washington yesterday holding conferences preparatory to the opening of the session tomorrow. It is predicted that the legislative body will handle its work rapidly this term.

## Bureau Replenishes Supply of Auto License Tags Here

Experiencing one of the greatest rushes since the bureau was established here several years ago, the local automobile license station yesterday sold out all plates of certain classes. The supply was replenished before the day was gone, however, and the sale continues rapidly today.

## Ingredients Used In "Dry Curing" of Pork

Salt, sugar and salt peter are used in what is commonly known as the "dry cure" of pork. For each 100 pounds of meat use 8 pounds of salt, 3 ounces of salt peter and 3 pounds of sugar. Brown sugar is preferred. Mix the ingredients thoroughly and rub half of the mixture on the meat. Pack in a clean vessel with skin down except top layer. This should have the skin side up. Repack the meat after seven days and rub on the other half of the mixture. Allow three days curing for each pound of meat in one piece and then put in smoke-house.

## Method of Securing Further Tobacco Payments Outlined

With the sign-up for a reduced tobacco acreage in this county nearing completion, farmers are now verifying their sales and applying for their equalization money, it was learned from the office of County Agent T. B. Brandon today. The first sales slips were delivered today, a rush marking the early activities.

Approximately 4,500 slips have been prepared by the local warehouses, and they will be delivered by warehouse employees to the farmers upon the presentation of Form T-28, issued by the county agent's office. After getting his sales slip, or form T-42, from

the warehouse, the farmer carries it to the county agent, who, in turn, sends it to Washington, where checks will be prepared and mailed to the owners.

No specified time for the delivery of the slips has been mentioned, but farmers will receive their checks earlier by handling the preliminary work as soon as possible.

A farmer who sold tobacco on foreign markets can get form T-28 from his county agent and mail it to the warehouse where he sold, or to the county agent in the county where the warehouse is located, and form T-42 will be returned to him.

## OLD YEAR PASSES

Other than for the tooting of a few automobile horns and the ringing of still fewer bells, the old year passed away quietly in this section. Old residents said yesterday morning that another year came into existence with lo-people showing as little concern as they had ever seen. Sound sleepers retired for the night were not even disturbed, and the light sleepers were only troubled for a few minutes.

Big celebrations were reported in many sections of the country, especially in the larger cities.

## HORSE AND MULE PRICES TO GO UP

### Secretary of Association Is Advising Farmers To Buy Now

"Men who need horses or mules for next spring's work should buy them at once, as prices are practically certain to advance from \$20 to \$40 per head between now and April 1st," said Wayne Dinsmore, secretary of the Horse Association of America, in an address at Chicago December 6th.

"Every available horse and mule old enough to work will be at work in harness next spring," he continued, "and a great many two-year-old colts will also be broken and put into work, although it is not customary nor desirable to work young animals until they are three years old. The shortage of work animals, however, and the urgent need for cash is inducing a good many farmers in the principal horse and mule producing states to sell off some of their older animals and put the two year olds into service, especially where they are large, well grown and vigorous.

"This is feasible, particularly on the farms where it has been a set policy to raise enough colts each year to permit of selling the older animals at five or six years of age; for by crowding the colts from the time they are born until they are two years of age they will weigh from 900 to 1,200 pounds, even as two year olds, and can be broken and put to work.

The scarcity of work horses and mules, which has been increasing for several years, and which has been apparent to men thoroughly familiar with the horse business, became evident to dealers who had to buy horses last spring, as they found it more and more difficult to buy animals for resale. Many buyers report that they have to drive two or three times as far to purchase a carload of horses or mules and they also have to pay from \$15 to \$20 more for them than they did a year ago."

## TOWN BOARD IN REGULAR MEET

### Cooperation of People Is Asked in Ridding Town Of Rat Menace

An uneventful session marked the first meeting of the new year for the town commissioners here last evening. Plans for the construction of a new warehouse at the river wharf here under the CWA system were discussed and approved. No cash outlay by the town was ordered for the project, which is to cost slightly over \$1,000. The anti-rat campaign was discussed and employees were instructed to distribute several hundred pounds of poison immediately. Little interest has been shown so far on the part of the people in connection with the movement. They are again urged to take an active part by purchasing traps and applying other methods in helping to rid the town of the costly and dangerous rodents. The cooperation of every one with the employees handling the campaign will be appreciated by the authorities.

## CODE DRAWN UP AND SUBMITTED BY WAREHOUSES

### Unfair Methods of Competition Are Outlined in Recent Proposal

Washington.—Proposed warehouse charges, varying for each type of leaf, and the classification of unfair methods of competition are contained in a code submitted to the Farm Administration recently by the tobacco warehouse industry.

The hour and wage provisions of the code, submitted to the NRA, outlined a 48-hour week, with seasonal exceptions, and a minimum wage of 20 cents an hour for unskilled labor. A minimum weekly wage of \$18 would be paid clerical employees except on markets that last year sold less than 7,000,000 pounds, where the minimum would be \$15 a week.

### Racket Is Ruled Out

Payments to individual truckers to induce them to deliver tobacco at a particular warehouse came first in the list of "unfair methods of competition."

This practice was described as a "racket" by F. C. Clay, of Lexington, Ky., secretary of the National Association of Tobacco Warehousemen.

Joe Eagles, for 35 years operator of Wilson, N. C., warehouses, termed this alleged practice the "greatest evil" in the industry.

Eagles said individual truckers in each community made a practice of contracting with farmers to haul their tobacco to market. The truckers, Eagles said, would then contact all of the warehouses in that area and promise to deliver this tobacco to their floors for a commission.

To protect themselves from their competitors, Eagles said it was customary for each warehouse to agree to pay a certain commission to the trucker, with the commission varying according to the bargaining ability of the two.

Then, Eagles said, if the farmer specified a warehouse to which he wanted his tobacco delivered, the trucker would take it there and, in addition to the hauling charge paid by the farmer, would collect his commission from the warehouseman. In the event the farmer did not specify a warehouse, the trucker carried the tobacco to the warehouse which had agreed to pay him the highest commission.

"This is nothing but a racket," Mr. Eagles said, "as it is no benefit to the warehouseman or the farmer."

The States of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia have laws fixing warehouse charges, but other states in which the code will operate, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Maryland, do not.

## PLAN TWO GYMS IN THIS COUNTY

### Williamston and Oak City Projects for CWA Are Approved

Work on a gymnasium for the Williamston school was started yesterday and plans for the construction of one in Oak City are going forward, it was learned yesterday.

The gymnasium here will cost approximately \$7,002, the amount including labor and all materials. Most of the money will be received from the CWA, the remaining amount to be raised locally. It is understood that several hundred dollars have already been pledged.

The Oak City project is awaiting approval by authorities in Raleigh, as soon as the plans are approved, work will be started on the building, which will cost approximately \$6,114. The building will be of wood construction.

## COUNTY EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE ARE REVIEWED

### 1933 Generally Considered Best Year Since 1928 in This Section

While there were no really startling Martin County news during the past year, there were several events of far-reaching importance, which, in the opinion of The Enterprise staff, are centered around 15 developments. Some of the events, in the making over a period of months, will probably appear of little significance, but when they are carefully considered one attaches more importance to them.

In January last year hundreds of farmers were holding thousands of bags of peanuts. The action alone increased the farm revenue by thousands of dollars.

On February 7, the county commissioners asked that county foreclosures of mortgages be delayed, saving a number of hard-pressed home owners.

A program designed to help the needy help themselves was outlined in the courthouse here the 24th of February. Several hundred gardens were prepared, and many stomachs were turned from the relief list.

The bank holiday, decreed on March 6, with its far-reaching effect all over the country, did not create much excitement here, but business was carried on under a decided handicap until the institutions were reopened on the 15th of that month.

Judge Hunt Parker called for an investigation of Martin County guardians' accounts on February 24. While no prosecutions resulted from the investigation, many accounts were put in proper shape and the public was advised of what was going on.

Beginning in April, a series of tonil clinics were held throughout the county for needy children. At first hand, these clinics do not appear of any great importance, but when one considers that probably a life or several lives were saved and the health of several hundred unfortunate children was improved, the importance of the clinics cannot be overlooked.

On June 13, a huge canning program was put under way, resulting in the preservation of approximately 33,000 quarts of fruits and vegetables.

Farm cooperation was given serious consideration on the 27th of June, when more than 500 cotton farmers started signing cotton reduction contracts.

County tax sales were halted by an injunction on August 4, preventing what is believed would have been the largest sale ever made in the county.

The county tax rate was fixed by the commissioners on August 7, the levy showing a reduction of \$44,000.

Probably the high spot in the events was the anti-typhoid campaign conducted in the county during the mid-summer months of June and July. More than 12,400 people received protection free against the fever and diphtheria.

In a financial way the opening of the tobacco markets here on August 29 stand out as a big thing. Events were taking place thick and fast about that time, and the markets were closed the following Friday for about three weeks. In the meantime, one of the greatest cooperative drives ever heard of developed throughout the county. More than 1,500 farmers rushed to sign acreage reduction contracts, and the campaign was 100 per cent effective. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were received by Martin farmers as a result of the drive.

On September 19 more than 3,000 white children entered the several schools of the county, an event that is taken as a matter of course, but one of untold importance.

And then came a marked increase in tobacco prices, the local markets passing the parity-price point with receipts on October 31 averaging well over 20 cents a pound.

Trade showed a marked increase in volume during the last two months of the year, bringing to a close what is rightfully referred to as one of the most successful years since 1928.

In addition to the events listed, The Enterprise, during 1933, carried thousands of news items of general interest to every citizen in the county. The new year is on, and one will find it profitable and entertaining to have the events placed before them twice each week as they occur throughout the period.

## George Harrison, Jr., in Auto Wreck at Kinston

George Harrison, Jr., miraculously escaped serious injury last Friday when his car was struck by another in Kinston and turned over several times. The young man escaped with a small cut on his head and two on his leg.

Young Harrison's car was struck by another machine entering the highway and was damaged almost beyond repair.

## County Taxpayers Profiting By Imposition of Sales Tax

### Local License Bureau Does Big Business in Past Week

A marked increase has featured the business at the local state automobile license bureau during the past few days. With no days of grace allowed, automobile owners have been flocking to the bureau for their tags, but some of them were too late. Several were directed by Patrolman Rodman to justice of the peace offices, where they were relieved of about \$6 each.

Last Saturday night the local bureau had sold 2,084 licenses,

1,807 for cars, 194 for trucks, and 83 for trailers, representing a cash sum of \$30,826.80. Last Saturday was the busiest day of the season, the bureau collecting \$9,000 in cold cash.

The number of cars on the streets was considerably smaller yesterday because new plates had not been purchased by the owners. However, ten of the number carried old tags.

During the next few days, the bureau will, in all probability, sell between 700 and 1,000 plates.

### REPORT FOR 3-MONTH PERIOD IS SUBMITTED

#### Tax for Months of July, August and September Was \$4,287.36

That Martin County people are profiting as a whole from the general sales tax is exemplified in a recent report of Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell, showing the sales tax collections for the months of July, August, and September and comparing them with the tax lifted from property.

According to the report, the sales tax collections in those three months amounted to \$4,287.36. If the old form of tax had been in effect during that time, Martin County property owners would have paid or been scheduled to pay \$12,692.25, or a total annual amount of \$50,769.

Surely, the three months are not representative ones, for Martin County purchasing power was at a low point. It would appear that an amount just twice the sales tax collections would come nearer representing the true condition. After increasing the amount by twice, then Martin property owners would benefit by several thousand dollars under the sales tax scheme.

The report gives the following figures:

Sales tax collections: July, \$1,233.85; August, \$1,171.58; September, \$1,891.93; a total of \$4,287.36.

Property tax relief afforded as follows: district levies, current expense, \$24,698; 15-cent county-wide levy, \$23,327; current expense for six-months schools, \$2,744; a total of \$50,769.

Mr. Maxwell offers the following comment:

"Figures given represent the actual reductions in dollar levies which were relieved in your county by reason of the fact that the State of North Carolina took over the operation of the entire eight-months school term. In taking over our schools, the state reduced the cost of operation in the schools, which amounted in 1932 to approximately \$23,000,000, to approximately \$16,000,000 for 1933, thereby resulting in a saving to the taxpayers of the state of approximately \$7,000,000 in operating cost. The property tax relief afforded for the entire state amounted to \$11,476,540 as shown by the above tabulations.

"Sales taxes collected in your county for the first three months are below the average collections for the entire year as our collections are being improved from month to month. But, after allowing for the reasonable increase in the sales tax collections in your county which are anticipated, it will be observed that the property owners in your county are relieved of property taxes in the considerable amount shown and that the sales tax collection in your county will be far less than the property tax relief afforded.

"The sales tax payments are made by all of the people in the county rather than those who happen to be owners of property.

"In 1932 property owners in the state were assessed \$11,476,640 for school operating cost. This is now entirely eliminated. In 1932 the state was required to contribute \$12,000,000 added to above amount for school operating purposes. In doing this, in a two-year period, the state incurred a deficit of over \$15,000,000.

"By enactment of the sales tax and economies and consolidations in operation of schools, the state is on a sound financial basis, its revenue now exceeding its expenditures and property has been entirely relieved of all operating cost of schools."

## Board of Education Has Routine Session

The Martin County Board of Education members met in regular session here yesterday, but no official acts were handled other than routine matters of no great importance. Alterations for the Jamesville and Farm Life Schools were considered, but no definite action was taken, the authorities postponing further consideration pending the distribution of additional CWA funds, if any.

All members of the board were present for the meeting.

## 12 Bushels of Potatoes Returns 145 Bushels

R. E. Hawthorne of Alleghany County reports securing 145 bushels of certified seed Irish potatoes from 12 bushels planted, and says the crop graded over 90 per cent of U. S. No. 1's.

## CAR OWNERS ARE CITED FOR USING '33 LICENSE TAGS

### Three Drivers Scheduled to Appear Before Justice Hassell Tomorrow

Venturing forth upon the highways and streets throughout the state yesterday, nearly 2,000 motorists were cited to report to the courts for failure to buy and display 1934 license tags on their cars.

Only three local drivers were cited before justices of the peace here during the day, but more than 100 others were stopped during the day, Patrolman Archie Rodman said this morning. The three drivers, Mr. Herman Bowen, Miss Hazel Brown, and a colored man from Bertie County, are scheduled to appear before Justice Hassell tomorrow. As a rule the courts are lenient in such cases, and it is believed those cited to appear will be instructed to purchase plates and be dismissed.

Governor Ehringhaus, who personally notified the people of the State back in November that the law rigidly complied with, yesterday received some pleas for relaxation of the law, but turned a deaf ear to all of them.

"I think there is widespread acceptance of the situation," declared the Governor. "We have no desire to harass any one, but the law is written with unmistakable plainness, and I do not think that the governor or any one else should undertake to change the law. We shall keep faith with those who bought their licenses on time.

"I regret that some people have been inconvenienced, but I think that, on the whole, it is probably a good thing that this has happened as it has, for it is well enough for the people of the State to realize that when the State says something, it means it."

"This experience has shown that the Highway Patrol can function. I think that it will take little more time to clear up the automobile license situation and we shall show that we are equally in earnest about reducing the number of highway deaths, by dealing with all those who violate the traffic laws."

## MARTIN FARMER TAKES POISON

### Nat Cherry Recovering in Washington; Says He Did "Ugly"

Nat Cherry, Martin County farmer living on Highway No. 30 near the Beaufort County line, is getting along all right in a Washington hospital following an attempt to end his own life by taking bichloride of mercury tablets last week.

Cherry is said to have been away from his home for several days, and to have been drinking "more than usual."

Late last Thursday he went to a Washington hospital and asked to buy bichloride tablets, stating a sore leg needed to be bathed with the solution. He was refused by the nurse, who was later ordered by physicians to let him have the tablets.

About 9:30 that night he went to the police station in Washington and complained of feeling ill and asked for a place to lie down. In a short while he admitted having taken four tablets and stated he wished to die and did not wish to be bothered. He was taken to the hospital and the contents of his stomach pumped out. He is regarded as a good citizen when not drinking. He has a wife and several children.

Yesterday, Mr. Cherry is said to have admitted he did "ugly."

## DOWN ANCIENT STORE MONDAY

### Carstarphen Store, Long a Landmark, To Be Made Into Gymnasium

The C. D. Carstarphen Company store building, for years and years a shopping center for this section, is being torn away from its site on Smithwick (once known as Sixth Street) and Main Streets. Civil Works Administration workmen started yesterday morning on the task of tearing down the large two-story structure and moving the material to the high school grounds, where it will be used in the construction of a gymnasium.

The present structure was erected by the late William Henry Carstarphen back in 1872, the building being looked upon as a marvel in the architecture of the town during that period. The building replaced a smaller one that was destroyed by fire. Just when the first store was built, no one seems to know, but it must have been close to a century ago. It is understood that a man named J. F. Pinner sailed up the Roanoke river and started the business. Mr. Carstarphen later, or about the time of the opening, was associated with Pinner, according to the best information obtainable. Following the burning of the old store, Mr. W. H. Carstarphen constructed the present building. Upon the death of Mr. William Henry Carstarphen the late C. D. Carstarphen took charge of the business and operated it until his death in May, 1929.

Mr. F. K. Hodges yesterday recalled an event that impressed him greatly when a boy. Mr. Carstarphen was handling a few Christmas toys, and a few boys bought small whistles. When they started blowing them the noise worried old Dr. Tom Pugh. The doctor gathered up all the children he could find and went down and bought all the whistles, instructing the children to blow long and loud right near Mr. Carstarphen. Mr. Hodges was one of the children in the group.

## SHORT MEET OF COUNTY BOARD

### Commissioners Finish Up By Noon for First Time in Many Months

Holding their first session of the current calendar year here yesterday, the Martin County commissioners completed their work by the noon hour and adjourned one of the shortest meetings held in years.

There was very little for the authorities to do, and the business was of only minor importance.

Miss Sleeper, home agent, read her monthly report.

William Henry Modlin, World War Veteran, was relieved of poll tax in Jamesville Township.

A. M. Smallwood, colored, was allowed \$3 per month.

The board made recommendations asking the North Carolina State Highway Commission and Public Works Administration to take over a certain road in Bear Grass Township near the home of Calvin Ayers.

Alice Joyner, colored, Goose Nest Township, was relieved of taxes on 1932 valuation from \$850 to \$420, and 1933 valuation from \$567 to \$280.

The following citizens were chosen to serve as jurors at the next Tuesday session of the county recorder's court: C. D. Perkins, of Hamilton; G. H. Forbes and Paul Dixon, of Cross Roads; Jasper Perkins and Hyman Warren, of Robersonville; and Lewis Taylor, of Bear Grass.