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SPECIAL SESSION OF TOWN BOARD HELD LAST NIGHT

Representative Asks Town To Back Movement To Advertise Highway

Meeting in special session here last night the town commissioners expressed their interest, but took no definite action in pledging support to the movement to advertise United States Highway No. 64 as one of the main arteries from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Mr. Jack D. Lysle, of Enfield, promoter of the Association U. S. 64, appeared before the meeting and explained what had been done and what is now being done to make 64 a main artery for coast-to-coast travel. Mr. Lysle explained that the route was 264 miles shorter than any other one, that a series of bridges had been planned to connect Tyrrell County with Roanoke Island at a cost of more than a million dollars, and that the route was becoming more popular all the time throughout the west.

He said that Williamston commanded one of the most important positions along the route, as the Atlantic Coastal Highway crosses 64 at this point.

Old N. C. Highway No. 90 was changed almost overnight, the United States Government replacing the old marking with the new number of 64. J. Q. Peoples, representative of the Virginia Well and Machinery Company, appeared before the board to offer information in connection with the sinking of a new deep well and cleaning the three now in use. The town has an application for a loan from PWA funds for the sinking of a new well, but the request has not been granted so far. Negotiations are still underway, however, and it is hoped some action will result before the present water supply is exhausted. The supply has diminished considerably in the last year or two, it is understood.

FREEZE KILLED ALL VEGETABLES

Farmers Turning To Tin Cans and Smokehouses for Daily Food

The all-year-round garden suffered a temporary set-back in this county recently when freezing weather killed nearly all of what little vegetables there were in the gardens of thrifty people. W. J. Edmondson, farmer of Hamilton Township, said yesterday that he had not seen a live collard in a garden anywhere since the unusually cold weather struck a few days ago, and all his cabbage plants were killed, he added.

As a result of the low-down action of the mercury, nearly every one is eating out of cans in these parts these days. But winter-time vegetables do not count for so much in Martin County as long as there is plenty of meat in the smokehouse and a large supply of corn in the barn.

Council Meeting Woman's Clubs To Meet Thursday

The first county council meeting of the home demonstration clubs to be held this year is scheduled for Thursday afternoon of this week at 2:30 p. m. in the home agent's office in the courthouse. All club officers should plan to come. A few matters of business will be dispensed with, including the paying of the dues and the paying of the Jane S. McKimmon Loan Fund pledge; reports should be turned in from all clubs.

A real treat is in store for all who attend this meeting, as a speaker has been secured to come before the group of women in the person of Mrs. Moseley, a former missionary to China. Mrs. Moseley will have something worth while to pass on to the women relative to the customs of the Chinese people.

Infant of Mr. and Mrs. James Pate Died Friday

Claudia Leona, five-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Pate, died at the home of her parents near here on the Jamesville road last Friday from an attack of pneumonia.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Charles T. Rogers, Methodist minister. Burial was in the Samuel Pate family plot in Williams Township.

Woman's Club To Hold Dance Here Friday Night

There will be a dance at the Woman's Club this Friday night from 9:30 to 1:30. Music by Fred Rogers Band, of Robersonville.

County Farmers Get Last Of Cotton Plow-Up Checks

The last of the 1933 cotton plow-up checks were received in this county yesterday, the three farmers getting the checks agreeing that they are better late than never. The first of the 465 checks were received in the county last fall, but somehow these three were lost sight of in the rush.

The three farmers, all living in Robersonville Township, received a total of \$100.

The 465 farmers participating in the plow-up movement received \$22,009.39, not including additional amounts recently received by those farmers signing the optional plan. The checks ranged in size from \$660 down to \$6, and

averaged about \$47.54 each, the check-up made this week revealed. The last of the checks reached here just as the county agent's office started work on new cotton reduction contracts, an accurate number of which and the acreage affected has not been determined as yet.

All tobacco contracts are in the hands of officials in Washington and Raleigh with one or two exceptions. It is believed now that the county agent's office will complete the work on cotton contracts for this year in time to start work on a peanut acreage or poundage control, provided, of course, the peanut is made a basic commodity.

Peanut Meeting To Be Held Saturday

ONE ADDITION TO LIST CANDIDATES

John D. Lilley Announces for Office of Superior Court Clerk

Interest in Martin County politics continues to increase, Mr. John D. Lilley, school teacher and farmer, having announced his candidacy over the week-end for the clerkship of the Martin County Superior Court. Mr. Lilley's candidacy develops a three-cornered race for the particular office, and there are other possible candidates, it is understood. There has been no change in the line-up for other offices, but rumors are numerous in connection with the race for seats in the state senate.

The official line-up as it stands now is as follows:

For state senate: A. Corey, of Jamesville; R. L. Coburn, of Williamston; and Carl L. Bailey, of Plymouth.

For house of representatives: Hugh G. Horton, of Williamston. For Martin County clerk of court: T. B. Slade, of Hamilton; L. B. Wynn, of Williamston; and J. D. Lilley, of Williamston, Route 1.

Truck and Auto Crash at Road Intersection Here

A. J. Stevens, of Blounts Creek, and Elton Andrews, of near here, miraculously escaped injury last Saturday afternoon when a Studebaker driven by Stevens and a truck driven by Andrews crashed together at the intersection of the Jamesville and Washington roads. Wood loaded on the truck was scattered all about the scene, but no great damage was done to either of the vehicles.

Andrews had started across the Washington highway into Sycamore Street when his truck was hit by the new Studebaker car.

Falls Out of Car Running About 45 Miles an Hour

Mrs. J. R. Manning was painfully bruised when she fell out of an automobile while traveling about 45 miles an hour just out of town on the Jamesville road early last Saturday evening. It is believed that she suffered a broken bone in one foot when she fell to the shoulder of the road, barely missing the concrete.

Going out of town, Mr. and Mrs. Manning stopped to pick up a "bummer," and in closing the door to the Tudor sedan, Mrs. Manning caught a glove in the door. When she opened the door to release her glove she fell out. She is said to be getting along very well at this time.

Bear Grass Farmer Suffers Stroke Paralysis Saturday

A. W. Bailey, prominent farmer of Bear Grass Township, is in a critical condition following a stroke of paralysis suffered at his home there early last Saturday morning. His condition was said to have been slightly improved yesterday, but he does not have the use of his right side.

Mr. Bailey, 67 years old that day, had just gotten up and was found helpless on the floor by his wife a few minutes later.

Plans Underway To Hold County Kitchen Contest

Plans are going forward for the kitchen contest in the county. If you are interested and have not mailed in your name to Miss Sleeper, kindly do so that work may be shaped up for the beginning of this contest.

SPEAKERS WILL OUTLINE PLAN OF CONTROL OBARD

Believed Present Congress Will Make Peanuts a Basic Commodity

The Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a county-wide peanut meeting in each of the 10 peanut-growing counties of the east, to explain to the growers the program of the Peanut Control Board recently set up under the marketing agreement. These meetings will be held Saturday, February 24th, at 11 o'clock, in the following places: Windsor, courthouse; Tarboro, courthouse; Gatesville, courthouse; Edenton, courthouse; Williamston, courthouse; Plymouth, courthouse; Ahoskie; Scotland Neck, Dixie Theater; Rich Square, schoolhouse.

We want to educate the peanut growers as to the operation of the peanut industry under the new deal," Secretary Bartlett said. The sectional meeting in Rich Square last Friday, with five counties present, went on record unanimously favoring making peanuts a basic commodity at this time of Congress. Sam N. Clark, grower-member of North Carolina on the Control Board, outlined the plans the board has in mind, as to production control, allotment, and the other problems of the industry. All of these will be explained and discussed at the county meetings Saturday, November 24th.

With the approval of the Senate agricultural committee, the passage of a bill making peanuts a basic commodity is now considered likely. In the face of recent developments, it is now believed that arrangements will be made in the very near future for an acreage or poundage control for the crop this year. County Agent T. B. Brandon is in Suffolk today in connection with the drive for recognition of peanuts and acreage or poundage control.

News from Washington indicates that officials there have undergone a complete reversal of opinion within a year in regard to the peanut crop. Last year when peanuts were sought to be included in the farm act, Secretary Wallace withheld his approval and opponents of the farm program poked fun at those who talked of peanuts being a basic crop. Congressional representatives from the peanut-growing sections of Virginia and North Carolina have worked hard and long to bring about the change of heart at Washington, and they have been strongly urged on by representatives of growers in cooperation with millers and manufacturers of the product. The recently appointed control board is the result of months of activity on the part of interested parties to have the commodity included in the adjustment act as a basic commodity, thereby guaranteeing the growers the same benefits that are applied to other leading farm crops in the country.

The decision to recommend production control was made after a study of the situation indicated the possibility of increases in peanut acreage and production unless some such control was inaugurated. Prices to farmers for peanuts from the 1933 crop were approximately double those of the two previous seasons.

It was pointed out that approximately 5,000,000 acres of land would be released from production in 1934 in the areas which now produce peanuts commercially. Although this land, under the cotton contract, cannot be planted to other crops which would produce a surplus, the peanut producers fear that farmers may use

CWA RANKS TO BE THINNED OUT AT END OF WEEK

Local Authorities Ordered To Drop 173 from List In County Friday

The first sizeable bomb in the ranks of Civil Works Administration workers is scheduled to explode Friday of this week when 23,984 men are to be turned off in this state. Already the authorities are puzzled over the task of dismissing 173 workers in this county on Friday, and probably 100 or more next week and so on until the CWA is demobilized in its entirety by May 1, according to information received here.

Under orders from authorities in Washington City and Raleigh, the rural sections are receiving the blunt end of the curtailment procedure. Martin's CWA list will be reduced this week from 555 to 382, a reduction of slightly more than 31 per cent.

Plans are now under way for "firing" 400,000 men in the country this week.

Although CWA payrolls in big cities will be maintained at full strength during the rest of the winter, those to be dropped first elsewhere will be the ones with other resources, or with some other member of their household employed.

With the heaviest initial "firing" to start in the south, Hopkins figures that those working in rural areas will be able to find new jobs in spring farm tasks.

The administration's long range program for aiding present and future jobless was pushed forward, meantime. Hopkins said the long-time plan rested in the President's hands. Hugh Johnson and other NRA officials concentrated on preparation for a meeting early next month of all code authorities, before whom will be placed plans for a 36-hour-or-less week in place of the present 40. Hopes are that many discharged CWA workers will be thus reemployed.

Secretary Perkins spoke in favor of a 30-hour week before the house labor committee Monday, but said it should not be arbitrarily imposed. Both she and Hopkins are backing an unemployment insurance plan.

The CWA administrator outlined plans for keeping some employees busy until May 1.

"One of these projects," he said, "is the rebuilding, the extension and building of new consolidated rural schools in those states that have a consolidated school system. Other similar projects are underway which can be completed by May 1."

Asked how the school building plan would work in the light of orders that no new workers were to be employed, he replied, "There are many ways to kill a cat."

TENANT FARMER ASSURED RELIEF

Contract Violators Forfeit All Rights To Rentals or Stated Benefits

Memphis, Tenn.—Tenant cotton farmers today were assured by Oscar Johnston, manager of the A. A. A. cotton option pool, of government relief from possible mistreatment by land owners.

Land owners who violate the provisions of the 1934 production control contract, which apply to the treatment of labor, will forfeit all right to rentals or benefits provided for in the contract," Mr. Johnston said in a telephone conversation from his plantation home at Scott, Miss.

Hunters Enjoying Last Of Quail Season Today

Hunters in this section are said to be taking advantage of the last day for hunting quail. Numbers were out bright and early this morning to take parting shots with the birds until the opening of next season.

Culling of Poultry Flock Begins With Baby Chick

Culling of the poultry flock should begin with the baby chicks. All crippled and weak chicks should be destroyed as soon after hatching as possible, as such chicks are always first to contract colds, roup, or pox. They may also be carriers of diseases that will cause heavy losses in the flock. After this period the birds should be carefully watched for slow development, stunted, and undersized pullets or cockerels. These should be taken from the flock and sold as broilers or fryers.

Their extra labor and equipment to plant peanuts on land not covered by the contracts, as the two crops are natural alternatives for each other.

Leader of Eastern Carolina Gang of Robbers Is Caught

HOLD HEARING IN TELEPHONE CONTROVERSY

City of Henderson Pressing Effort for Municipal Ownership

The temporary receivership for the Henderson properties of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company ordered by Judge Henry A. Grady in Raleigh on February 1, was dissolved by Judge Clayton Moore at a hearing in Bertie County Superior Court in Windsor last Friday, and the property was turned back to the telephone company under the court order. At the same time Judge Moore set up an injunction against the company requiring it to continue service in Henderson and forbidding it to remove any of its property from the city pending final adjudication of the issues in the controversy.

The court's order further requires the company to proceed at once at its own expense to remove its poles and wires from Garnett Street, Henderson's main business thoroughfare, in order to make way for installation of a modern lighting system and white way in connection with the repaving of the street.

Considerable interest was aroused over the State in the outcome of the issue, in view of the fact that the privileges and practices of a large utility company were involved, with potential influence on other utilities and other municipalities. The major battle is still to come, however, and will get under way in Superior court March 12 at Henderson.

PLAYER HURT IN AUTO WRECK

Gladys Lilley Recovering From Injuries Received In Plymouth Wreck

Miss Gladys Lilley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dawson Lilley, of Griffins Township and a student in the Farm Life school, was painfully but not seriously hurt in an automobile wreck at Plymouth last Friday afternoon. She was cut about the face, and has not yet returned to school, it was learned here today.

Miss Lilley was riding with Thurlo Spruill and Mike Atamanchuck, Plymouth boys, when the car, traveling at a rapid speed, ran off the highway into an electric light pole, cutting the pole in two. Spruill was dangerously cut on the neck, but is expected to recover.

Light service was interrupted here for a few seconds when the electric wires were thrown together.

Miss Lilley had accompanied the Farm Life basketball team to Plymouth, and was returning home, it was said.

Finds Money Blown Away By Hurricane in September

New Bern.—Lost since September 15, when it was washed away in a clock from his home on Adams Creek during the hurricane that demolished his home, a roll of paper money worth \$22 was found this week by a prominent Craven County farmer as he was fixing a fence in his field.

The clock has not yet been found. The money was recovered a distance from the house, in the same condition in which it had been hidden, in a wad wrapped with a rubber band.

Highly Respected Colored Woman Dies In Williams

Mary Clemmons, middle-aged colored woman, died at her home in Williams Township last week from an attack of pneumonia. She was highly respected by all who knew her and made her life useful in the community where she lived.

Only One Farmer Fails to Sign Contract in Hamilton

Turning the contracts into the county committee yesterday, Mr. T. B. Slade, committeeman, said every farmer but one had signed the cotton contract in Hamilton Township. The name of that one was withheld. There were a few others who were not eligible to sign.

The campaign results have not been tabulated for the county, but the drive is considered very successful, judging from early reports.

Postal Receipts at Post Office Here Increasing

Reporting an increase of approximately 37 per cent in its receipts last month over the receipts of January, 1933, the local post office was off to a good start this year. A year ago last month, the office here sold stamps valued at \$902.69, as compared with stamp sales of \$1,432.62 last month. Postmaster Pete Fowden said yesterday that the office was just getting warmed up for a bigger and better record than ever before.

DEATH OF MRS. LUCY A. BLAND

Last Rites Held at Home in Cross Roads Township Monday at 1 O'clock

Mrs. Lucy Ausborn Bland, highly respected woman of the Cross Roads church community died at her home there at 5 o'clock Sunday morning following a stroke of paralysis. She had been in declining health for some time and had been confined to her bed for several weeks, the end coming gradually.

The daughter of the late W. A. and Charlotte Ausborn, Mrs. Bland was born in this county 67 years ago. In early womanhood she was married to Mr. Bland, who, with four children, three sons, W. S. Bland, John D. Bland, J. H. Bland, and one daughter, Mrs. Lucy Warren, all of this county, survives.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, of Robersonville. Interment followed in the family plot in the Joe Ausborn cemetery in Cross Roads Township.

TO WIDEN EAST MAIN STREET

No Action on Other Town Projects Has Been Reported

Bids for the contract on widening the main street here in the courthouse block to the river hill were asked the latter part of last week by the State Highway Commission.

No action has been taken on other projects calling for the widening of Main Street from the river hill to the bridge and from the home of Mr. Herbert Cowen to the railroad bridge on the west end of Main Street, and the widening of Washington Street from the warehouses to the railroad, near the plant of the Columbian Peanut Company.

The contract has been let for the construction of an overhead bridge over highway 90 at the west end of Main Street, but work has not been started on the project.

LOCAL GIRLS FINALLY WIN

Boys Win From Hobgood and Hertford Here Last Week

After a series of losses, the local high school girls registered their first win of the season here last Friday night when they defeated Plymouth's basketball team by a score of 12 to 3. The night before the locals lost to Hobgood by a 16 to 7 score. Starting the season with all new material, Coach Peters is fast developing an able team.

The local boys, after meeting defeat at the hands of Hobgood to the tune of 36 to 21 on the 25th of last month turned the tables last Thursday night and won from the Halifax lads by a score of 24 to 12, Anderson and Cook leading in the scoring with 9 points each. The following night Williamston's five defeated Plymouth by a 21 to 15 count.

A double-header is scheduled here tonight with Bethel's teams. Thursday, the local boys will play Hertford's five at Hertford. Windsor plays the boys here Friday night.

Field Work on School Census Is Completed

The census planned to bring information up to date on children of school age has been completed in the field and the enumerators are now classifying their findings. Results of the survey will be made public within the next week or two, it is believed.

OFFICERS OF 4 COUNTIES JOIN IN FINAL RAID

One of Gang Will Be Tried Here for the Harrison Wholesale Robbery

Worth "Tie" Proctor, notorious robber and rated as North Carolina's Public Enemy No. 1, with several of his companions, was arrested in Rocky Mount early yesterday morning following a search conducted by officers throughout eastern Carolina since the Harrison Wholesale Company store robbery here 15 months ago. The 26-year-old criminal was trapped in his nice home just outside of Rocky Mount about daybreak by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, Patrolman Rodman, Sheriff Whitehurst, Lieutenant Jones, Sheriff Johnson, and several members of the Raleigh police department when they surrounded the home.

Proctor surrendered without offering opposition, and the officers started a search of the home occupied by Proctor and members of his gang during the past three months.

Eugene Gunner, 28 years old, was arrested along with a Mrs. Johnson and two young women who refused to tell their names. The women were said to have been from Winston-Salem Greensboro, and High Point. A child about 18 months old was in the custody of Mrs. Johnson.

Another confederate was arrested earlier in Petersburg, Va., by Chief Barbour, of the Raleigh police.

Two stolen autos, one an Imperial Chrysler, said to have been seen in Washington the day \$900 was stolen from a store safe there recently, and a Ford, were found on the premises. Five acetylene torches and five tanks of gas, dynamite, caps, fuse, and nitroglycerine were found in the garage. Five pistols and two shot guns were found in the home, along with a truck load of ammunition, men's and women's wearing apparel, radios, cigarettes, toilet articles, and other stolen property.

The three men are now in the Wake County jail. The women are being held in Nashville.

Proctor, said to be a Wake County man, and his two companions, will be tried in Raleigh on a hit-and-run charge following an auto wreck there Sunday. Plans are being made, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said this morning, to bring Proctor here for trial in connection with the Harrison Wholesale Company robbery back in November, 1932, another robbery at Everetts a few days later and still a third robbery at Hamilton and Oak City about two weeks after the second visit to this county. Twenty-six cases of cigarettes were stolen from the wholesale company here on November 14, 1932.

Ten days later Proctor is alleged to have robbed the stores of J. S. Peel, J. S. Ayers, and Taylor, Bailey and Brother in Everetts, stealing about \$450 in cash and a quantity of merchandise. On December 3, he figured in a robbery at Oak City and assault upon Messrs. Jesse Everett and Frank Haislip, jr., when the two young men were trailing the robbers from Oak City to Hamilton.

Proctor is said to have admitted he robbed the wholesale company store here and figured in the robberies at Everetts, Hamilton, and Oak City. He also told Sheriff Roebuck that he sold the cigarettes to J. Neal Watson in Roseboro. While the young criminal admits his part in the robberies in this county, he refused to talk in connection with the other daring break-ins and hold-ups that have terrorized eastern Carolina business men for many months.

Four of Proctor's companions in the robberies in this county were captured more than a year ago; Joe Berry drawing 7 to 10 years, T. C. Poole from 10 to 15 years, and George Bailey from 12 to 18 months in the State penitentiary following their trials in the Martin Superior court last March. Coley King was later arrested and he was sentenced to from 12 to 18 months on the roads. A sixth party, a man named Tyson, said to have been connected with the robberies in this county, continues at large, as far as it is known here.

Postoffice and Bank Will Have Holiday Thursday

Although Thursday—George Washington's birthday—is a national holiday, the day will be observed as such by only a few institutions here, it is understood. The bank will suspend operations, and there will be no delivery service in the village or on the rural routes that day. General business will be conducted as usual.