

Change in Highway Patrol Set-up Made Public This Week

Patrolmen H. W. Rothrock And W. S. Hunt To Be Stationed Here

The redistricting of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol was effected this week, and under the new set-up two patrolmen, Messrs. W. S. Hunt and H. W. Rothrock, will center their work in this county with headquarters in Williamston. Patrolman Hunt has been here for some time, and Patrolman Rothrock entered upon his duties here a few weeks ago. News of the definite location of these two men here is well received by the local people.

This county and four others, Tyrrell, Washington, Pitt and Edgecombe, form Division No. 2 in Troop A. Lieutenant Lester Jones, with headquarters in Greenville, and Sergeant Dewey Lewis, with headquarters in Rocky Mount, are the troop and division officers.

Tom B. Brown, formerly of Washington, has been located in Plymouth and he will work in Washington and Tyrrell counties. Patrolmen T. R. Burnette and O. Leary will be located in Edgecombe, and Corporal L. L. Jackson and Patrolmen H. B. Smith and C. R. Williams will be located in Greenville with Lieutenant Jones.

Captain Chas. Farmer has charge of the entire eastern division.

Numerous changes have been made, in patrol headquarters throughout the section, but the set-up officially announced this week is said to be permanent. In addition to the two patrolmen, two radio station operators, headed by Chief C. D. Cavanaugh, will be stationed in Williamston.

Colored Man Held In Connection With Death On Highway

Pushed Companion in Front of Oncoming Car Near the County Home

Charged with pushing Gus Williams, colored man, into the path of a car driven by Carl Earl Norman near the county home and causing Williams' death the first of last month, Roland Eborn, colored, was given a preliminary hearing by Justice J. L. Hassell here Wednesday night. Probable cause was found in the case. Placed under a \$100 bond, Eborn raised the amount and is at liberty while waiting trial in the superior court week after next.

Accompanied by Williams and Eva Mae Baker, Eborn was walking along the highway a short distance from the county home. The Baker woman said at the hearing that Williams and Eborn were wrestling and pushing one another, that Eborn playfully pushed Williams into the path of the Norman car. The belief that Williams and Eborn were quarreling over the Baker woman and that Williams was willfully pushed into the path of the car could not be substantiated by the evidence, but Justice Hassell considered there were grounds for holding Eborn, for the higher court where the case will be thrashed out. The Baker woman claims she and Eborn were so badly frightened that they ran from the scene of the accident.

Williams, 24 years old, was badly crushed and died before he could be moved to a doctor's office or hospital.

Norman, young Robersonville boy and driver of the death car failed to stop, but reported the accident to officers the following morning. A preliminary hearing was postponed until the first of this month, but Norman, charged with hit-and-run driving, waived his rights to carry the action before the lower courts. He continues under a \$100 bond, his case to come up in the superior court week after next.

Colored Schools Open With High Enrollments

Record-breaking enrollments were reported in at least two of the twenty-five colored schools starting the term in this county yesterday. The total enrollment for the county was larger than expected, according to information gained at the office of the county superintendent this morning.

The local school enrolled 579 children yesterday as compared with 531 a year ago. The increase was centered in the grammar grades where 228 pupils were enrolled and in the high school with 96 pupils. A decrease from 272 to 255 was reported in the primary division.

Bear Gram with 49 pupils enrolled reported an increase in its enrollment.

Williamston Allotted \$78,000 For New Postoffice Building

Williamston has been allotted \$78,000 for a new postoffice building, Congressman Lindsay C. Warren in announcing the allotment yesterday afternoon explaining that the money is now available.

Postmaster L. T. Fowden said today that he was expecting a postoffice engineer here any minute to select a site and prepare plans for the new structure. Just how long it will take to complete the preliminary plans is not known, but Mr. Fowden believes that they will be rushed and that it is possible construction will get under way within just a few months.

No site has been selected, Mr. Fowden explaining that a representative of the postoffice department would come here, look over available sites, check real estate values for a comparison and locate the building himself.

Williamston has been on the waiting list for several years, plans having been made some time ago to construct a new postoffice here. However it was not until yesterday that the necessary money was allotted for the structure.

Sales Reach 2,000,000 Pounds on Mart Here

ON THE AIR

Williamston was on the air last evening at 8:05 o'clock when Engineer Smith of the General Electric Company tested the North Carolina Highway Patrol Radio station WANI here. The tests, very brief, were successful, the engineer said.

"WANI, North Carolina Highway Patrol Radio Station, Williamston, North Carolina, testing for frequency," were the first words thrown on the air. Several local radio fans, waiting to catch the station's first breath, stated that the broadcast was so loud they had to tune their sets as low as possible and even then the volume was great. The broadcasting system will be ready for operation within the next week or ten days or just as soon as the patrol cars can be equipped with receiving sets, it is understood.

Greater Demand for Car Drivers' Permits Sign Of Prosperity

Examinations Held Every Monday and Thursday Afternoons

The increased number of applications entered in the local highway patrol office for drivers' licenses indicates the return of prosperity in this section in a big way. As many as 25 applications have been received in a single day, and the business is holding up well, information from the bureau yesterday afternoon indicated.

Prior to the opening of the tobacco markets two weeks ago, most of the applicants were young people just becoming 16 years of age. Tenant farmers have visited the used-car markets and they are applying for driving permits. Occasionally the purchaser of a new car applies for an operating license.

Some of the applicants leave the bureau without licenses, the examiner finding on an average about one out of every ten unable to pass the examination. Enlightening answers are made to many questions, the subjects making wild guesses when they can't read even the simple road signs.

Examinations are held each Monday and Thursday afternoon, and the number of applicants is likely to increase as the marketing season progresses.

No accurate records are available, but it is estimated that every time a license is revoked in the county approximately 100 new permits are granted.

The number of drivers losing their licenses is increasing, and second permits are being issued in quite a few cases. It is unlawful for one to operate a car if he has lost his card, it was pointed out.

One-Legged Beggarman Jailed for Drunkenness

C. H. Dunlea, wandering one-legged beggarman after enjoying the offerings of a liberal people on the streets here last Tuesday visited the liquor store, bought a pint, got drunk and fell into the hands of the law before the evening was spent. Tried in Mayor Hassell's court Wednesday for public drunkenness, Dunlea was released on condition that he pay the cost and leave town not to return.

The old man, 75 years old at least, had the friendship of another one-legged beggar during his wandering here and the two of them left after the trial for the North by bus.

Prices Holding Firm as Marketing Season Ends Its Third Week

Average for the Season to Date Is Ranging Around Twenty-three Cents

Prices continued firm today as sales on Williamston's wide-awake tobacco market neared the two-million pound mark for the season. Farmers expressed themselves as being well satisfied with their sales, and the tone of the marketing activities is really encouraging as buyers and warehousemen join hands to make this one of the outstanding markets in the entire belt.

Through yesterday the market had sold 1,700,676 pounds for a general average of slightly more than 23 cents. The sales yesterday blocked before the buyers could reach the third house, but 235,000 pounds were sold for an average price close to 23 cents, Supervisor Henry Johnson said today. The approximately 300,000 pounds on the floors here today will place the sales right at two million pounds for the season.

Observers estimated this morning that close to 80,000 pounds would be caught in a block late this afternoon, but despite the sizeable offerings, the three warehouse selling organizations are conducting sales smoothly and rapidly and to the general satisfaction of their customers. Tobacco started moving before noon today for sale next Monday, the market supervisor issuing a call and inviting growers to make plans to place their offerings on the floors here as early as possible to make sure sales on Monday.

Farmers are now marketing tips rapidly, these types constituting nearly 50 per cent of the offerings in some cases. Without a friend in the world the poorer quality tips are not commanding high prices, and it is honestly believed that the growers will do well to hold their poorer-quality grades at home for use as fertilizer or sell them as scraps later on. Prices for the better grades of tobacco are holding firm with slight advances noticed in some cases. It is very seldom that even a fancy pile of tobacco brings more than \$38, but some few piles have been bought for as high as \$45.

Possibly more farmers from over a wider territory are selling on the Williamston market today than at any other time in its history. "I heard about Williamston's tobacco market and the high prices, and I want to tell you every word of it is so," a farmer from over near Ayden said this week. There is a stronger support for the local market than in years, and indications are pointing to one of the most successful seasons since it was established about 35 years ago.

Wiggins Unthoughtfully Admits Hamilton Robbery

J. D. Wiggins, colored man, unconsciously and in a fit of anger admitted his part in the robbery of the Slade-Rhodes store in Hamilton last July when he was carried before Justice Hassell last night for a hearing. Wiggins vigorously maintained his innocence at first, but he got so mad with a witness that he admitted his part in the robbery and tried to implicate the witness, Perlie Williams. Jake Edwards, said to have accompanied Wiggins, left soon after the robbery and has not been seen here since.

Jailed last July for the store robbery, Wiggins damaged property in the jail and Judge H. O. Peel sentenced him to the roads for 60 days. The term was completed Wednesday and the man is now awaiting trial in superior court.

Stuart Tetterton Appointed Forest Warden In County

Details of Plans for Handling Department Under New Setup Unknown

Stuart J. Tetterton, Williams Township man, was appointed forest warden for Martin County this week by State department authorities. He succeeds Henry D. Hardison who resigned a short time ago to devote his undivided attention to other duties. Mr. Hardison effected a strong organization in this county for forest protection and a valuable record was attained since the service was created a little over a year ago. It could not be learned today whether changes in the district organization personnel would be effected, unofficial reports indicating that several of the wardens had planned to quit the service.

Mr. Tetterton, connected with the services as district warden for the past year or more, will enter upon his new duties immediately, it was learned today. Details of the plans for handling the department under the new county warden have not been released. It is understood the forestry job pays the county warden about \$90 a month.

Official reports clearly indicate that the department rendered a valuable service during the past year, credit largely being due the local wardens who worked for little or nothing. It is upon the cooperation of these men that the success of the service rests in the future.

The appointment of Mr. Tetterton, not yet officially announced, was made from a list of seven applications.

Miles Grimes Under \$1,000 Bond In Gus White Murder Case

Widow of the Dead Man Is Only Witness Examined In Preliminary Trial

Probable cause appearing Miles Grimes was placed under a \$1,000 bond by Justice J. H. Hassell in a preliminary hearing here yesterday morning of the case charging Grimes with the murder of Gus White, colored man, on Williamston's East Main Street the 7th of last month. Unable to raise bond in that amount, Grimes was returned to jail where he will await trial in the superior court week after next.

White, struck on the head with a piece of iron, died a week later in a Washington hospital.

Only one witness, Courtney White the widow of the dead man, was examined at the preliminary hearing. She explained that White, soon after he was fatally hurt, told her that Miles Grimes hit him. She claims that White reiterated the charge after he was removed to the hospital. While she offered other evidence, the court ruled that the statement alleged to have been made by White would support the probable cause finding, that no other witnesses would be examined until the case reached the higher courts.

The White woman reviewed before the court happenings leading up to the fatal attack. She said that Grimes called White from their one-room home, and that a short time thereafter she heard someone groaning in the backyard. A half hour later, Grimes returned to the home and asked for White, that she with Grimes went into the backyard and found her husband. Grimes aided in getting White to a local doctor's office and later carried him to the hospital.

The belief that a woman or women had a part in the case was substantiated by evidence offered by White's widow. "Soon after Gus (White) was called out, I heard him say, 'Stop, girls, stop,'" she said. Local police have associated two women with the case, but have failed to connect them with the fatal attack.

Employment Service To Locate Offices Here Soon

Cyrus W. Bazemore, veteran newspaper man, has been named manager of the North Carolina Employment bureau to be located here between the 15th and 20th of this month. Details in connection with locating the office here could not be learned today, but it is understood the bureau will employ four or five people.

W. H. Lawrence, Gates County farmer, reports that his poultry flock added \$800 to his farm income during the past year.

Dr. Joseph H. Saunders Resigns Position As Full-Time Officer Martin County Board of Health

Tobacco Harvesting Season in County Finally Comes to Close

Farmer Jesse Crisp, of the Oak City section, is winding up the tobacco harvesting season in the county this week, reports stating that Mr. Crisp is believed to be the last farmer to complete the tiresome task in this section.

"I sowed the beds early, but they failed and I was late getting most of my plants," Mr. Crisp said, explaining the late harvesting activities on his farm.

Mr. Crisp, selling on the local market this week, stated that he was receiving good prices, but that he could not tell how he would come out with the curings now underway. The last of his crop was harvested Wednesday, and while he will be late curing the tobacco it is believed that Farmer John Coltrain continues to hold the late record over in Griffins Township. Several years ago Mr. Coltrain had such a late crop that he thought he would be sitting up and waiting for Santa Claus at his tobacco barn.

As a whole, the 1937 tobacco harvesting season has been one of the longest on record. Several farmers in the Hamilton area started the work the latter part of June, and now Mr. Crisp comes along to end it this week.

A scarcity of plants and dry weather delayed the season for most farmers in this county, and while a few completed the harvesting work in early August, most of them were still at the task up until a week or two ago.

Soil Survey Work Nearly Completed In Martin County

Opening of Schools, Tobacco Markets and Revivals Take Field Workers

Approximately 75 per cent of the farm land in Martin county has been surveyed to determine extent of compliance under the soil conservation program, but no recent report is available as to the findings, it was learned from the office of the county agent this week.

Waiting for an aerial survey to be made, the county farm agent delayed starting the ground work week after week or until it was definitely learned the maps could not be made from the air before the latter part of the year. It is not known when the aerial pictures will be taken, but it is certain they will be too late for use in determining compliance activities this year. Approximately 24 men were placed in the field just as soon as possible after it was learned the aerial survey had been delayed indefinitely. Field surveys were handled rapidly in most districts, and work has been completed in Williamston, Jamesville, Bear Grass and Poplar Point Townships and is nearing completion in Griffins and possibly one or two others.

The opening of the schools and the tobacco markets and the opening of religious revivals took about 12 teachers, preachers and tobaccoists from the fields and the survey work has been progressing slowly since the checking personnel number was decreased by approximately half its original size.

A check on 526 farms surveyed some time ago shows that hardly more than three-fourths of the operators are participating in the soil conservation program in this county.

Thirty-Five Boys Out For Football

Issuing a call this week for football practice, Coach Sam Edwards received a liberal response from all through the high school. Thirty-five youngsters, eight from the last-year line-up, reported for play.

Already the boys are being put through the paces for their first contest with Kinston at Kinston on the 24th of this month. "It's too early to be predicting what we will do this season, but we'll be in there fighting," one of the team members said yesterday.

The names of the boys reporting to Coach Edwards are: Pete Egan, Carlyle Hall, Jim Manning, Ray Goodmon, Fred Summerlin, and Ben Hardison from the 1936 squad, and Roy Hadley, Bill Holloman, William Wier, Junior Perry, Bennie Daniel, Jack Sullivan, "Bog" Williams, Wilbur Culpepper, Ned Cunningham, Kit Sumara, Martin Anderson, Bennie Godwin, Junie Peel, Joseph Thigpen, C. T. Roberson, Chas. Pate, Raymond Cherry, Dallas Roberson, R. V. Hardison, Haywood Wynne, J. E. Boykin, Gerald James, Dick Dunn, Roger Riddick, V. B. Taylor, Jimmie Watts, Bob Everett and Stuart Critcher.

Many of the team candidates are small but they possess great determination that is expected to carry them through the season.

Woman's Club Holds Initial Meeting Of Season Wednesday

Period of Much Activity Is Predicted During Coming Year by Organization

A period of much activity during the coming year was predicted for the Williamston Woman's Club when the organization ended its summer vacation Wednesday and tentatively outlined plans for an effective work in the months to follow. Thirty-five members, many of them just recently joining the club, were present for the meeting.

Under the direction of its president, Mrs. E. F. Mosley, the club is planning an intensive work for the advancement of the community and its people, the general public well realizing the difficulties that will be experienced by the organization in meeting the many needs that fall in to the civic classification.

Facing conditions that demanded immediate consideration, the club at its Wednesday meeting voted to provide needy school children with shoes, the welfare committee to handle the details. An appeal will be addressed through the civic committee to the town authorities urging them to provide protection at the main street intersections for little children walking to and from school.

Plans were advanced for bringing Professor Frederick Koch here during the Christmas season and have him read Dickens' "Christmas Carol." Dr. Koch has given the reading in many towns of the State, and it is hoped the club possibly with the aid of other organizations will be able to bring the professor here.

Chairmen of the various departments presented their tentative programs as outlined by the federation for the year. The program committee is planning to prepare a year book and each department head is requested to send to the committee her program outline with recommendations, the officers kindly asking that this be done within the next few days.

At the conclusion of the business session, Mrs. J. H. Smith sang "The Kiss Waltz" with Mrs. W. C. Manning at piano. Punch and cakes were served.

Victim Easily Identifies Man Who Robbed Him

"I've seen him, I've seen him. I've seen that nigger that took my money off me last December 3." Isaac Nichols, Williams Township colored man, said upon his return here yesterday from Smithfield. Eddie Wall, colored man, arrested in Smithfield for fleecing a member of his own race there last week, was picked out of a group of fifteen negroes, reports stating that Nichols did not hesitate in making the selection.

Nichols, who lost \$1,000 to Wall and his companion, a woman, said soon after he was fleeced that he could see that man with his eyes shut, and the identification was made with the greatest of ease.

His money gone forever, Nichols seemed to get a great deal of consolation out of knowing that the silver-tongued robber is to be returned here for trial. A warrant was drawn against Wall yesterday, and he will be brought here for trial just as soon as he pays his debt to Johnston County.

County Health Unit Expected to Review Other Applications

Health Authorities Will Also Have to Find New Department Headquarters

Dr. Jos. H. Saunders, just a few days ago appointed full-time health officer for Martin county, resigned that position following a conference with State Health Board officials in Raleigh yesterday. "After giving the matter careful and long consideration, I decided it best not to enter the service," Dr. Saunders said on his return home from Raleigh.

It was quite evident that the doctor is interested in the program that promises to be of much value to the people of the county, but when the time came to surrender a practice built up during almost thirty years he decided to leave full-time public health duties in this county for someone else to handle. The possibility of offending long friendships with even the least human being through the handling of the department duties did not appeal to the doctor who possibly enjoys the large circle of friends of any man in this section.

Thinking all details had been handled for establishing the full-time service the first of next January, members of the county health board were surprised when their appointee tendered his resignation. A representative of the health unit explained that the resignation would be received with regret, but that immediate plans would be advanced for employing another man to head the service. The board secretary is corresponding today with State health officials asking that additional applications be submitted for consideration. Pending the receipt of applications through the State board, the local authorities are not expected to take any action in connection with plans for launching the service.

Within a few hours after Dr. Saunders tendered his resignation, two doctors are said to have expressed an interest in the position, and it is possible their applications will be considered later.

No meeting of the county health board members is likely to be called within the next ten days or two weeks to consider applications for the position, it was learned today from a representative of the board who explained that no meeting would likely be held then if the number of applications wasn't large enough to reasonably make certain a definite selection.

The resignation of Dr. Saunders makes it necessary for the health authorities to find department headquarters elsewhere. It was planned to rent the offices of Dr. Saunders, but he will continue his own work in them. There are vacant offices in Williamston's town hall, but the location of the new department headquarters will await the arrival of the new full-time health officer. During the meantime, Dr. Saunders will continue to serve the county as part-time health officer.

Will Capps Released Under \$2,000 Bond

Will Capps, Williams Township white man charged with feloniously assaulting Mrs. Tom Lilley, well-known Williams Township citizen, with a shotgun on August 7, was released from the county jail here yesterday afternoon under a \$2,000 bond. Capps waived preliminary hearing rights. He is to face trial in the superior court here week after next.

Mrs. Lilley while able to sit up and walk around during short periods is recovering slowly, reports state. She is said not to be in immediate danger and bond was denied her assailant until yesterday.

Capps is said to have shot the woman while she was eating supper on the evening of August 7 following an alleged quarrel over a small amount of money due Mrs. Capps by Mrs. Lilley.

Snow Hill Wins Coastal Plain League Pennant

Winning four out of five games, Snow Hill gained the championship honors in the Coastal Plain league yesterday over Tarboro. The town is believed the smallest in the country to turn out a pennant winner in organized baseball.