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Government Asking Sealed Bids For The New Postoffice Site

Proposal Blanks and Information Will Be Available at Postoffice

Formal plans are now underway for selecting a site for Williamston's proposed \$78,000 postoffice building. Postmaster L. T. Fowden stating today that the government will within the next few days solicit proposals for the sale or donation of a lot. Proposal blanks and information and instructions for preparation of bids will be available at the postoffice, and everyone who has a suitable lot for sale is invited to enter bids, the postmaster said.

The bids will be received until 9 a. m., October 2, when they will be opened publicly in the office of Postmaster L. T. Fowden. Agents, submitting bids, must show evidence of authority.

It is understood that the government wants a lot with a 120 foot frontage and a depth of 170 feet if it is on a corner. The approximate dimensions for an interior lot are 145-foot frontage and a depth of 170 feet. Sites having different street frontage dimensions will be considered provided the area is approximately the same, it is understood.

Preliminary offers to sell a lot for the new building have been received from as far away as Ohio, and it is believed that at least four or five proposals will be entered between now and October 2 when the bids are to be opened.

Pleased with the building allotment, local people have not shown a great deal of interest in the selection of a site. It is generally agreed that the building should be located on Main Street, some wanting it on the west end and some wanting it on the east end. The lot purchase price will be taken from the allotment, and it is hoped that a site can be had for a fair price, leaving as much as possible for the actual construction of the building.

Candidate for Judge On Brief Visit Here

Itomous Valentine, prominent Nashville attorney, personally opened his campaign in this county this week for a place on the North Carolina Superior Court bench. He made many new acquaintances during his brief visit in Williamston, reports indicating that he will make a strong run for the judgeship now held by Judge Walter Bone, also of Nashville. It is quite evident that the contest will be pushed to the front, and that it will be an interesting one.

Mr. Valentine was Representative Harold Cooley's campaign manager and was closely associated with the McDonald headquarters in the hot gubernatorial contest last year. Both he and Judge Bone are well known throughout this section of the State, and in either man the people will find an able and fearless judge.

Paying his respects to his opponent, Attorney Valentine said during his short stay here last Wednesday that "Judge Bone is a fine man, and about the only difference in us is that I want to be judge more than he does."

Young Martin Man Gets His Release From Prison

Howard Griffin, young Martin County white man sentenced to serve two years in prison for alleged forgery, was paroled this week, Henry D. Hardison, his attorney, said yesterday. Griffin, sentenced by Judge Frizzelle last March in the superior court of this county, had served less than six months. The parole, signed Wednesday by Governor Clyde Hoey, was recommended by the trial judge and Solicitor Don Gilliam, it was learned. Griffin's attorney did not know when his client would be released from the road force at Jackson, but the man is expected home shortly, Hardison said yesterday morning.

Will Hold Series Services At The Baptist Church

Beginning next Monday night at 7:45 o'clock and continuing through the week, Dr. Carl M. Townsend, pastor of the Hayes-Barton Baptist church, Raleigh, will conduct a series of services in the Baptist church here, Rev. Jas. H. Smith, pastor, announced today.

The cooperation of members of other churches is solicited, the pastor stating, "We need you to help in the congregational singing and to pray for a spiritual awakening."

Three and One-Half Million Pounds Tobacco Sold to Date

With daily sales setting an all-time record this week, the Williamston Tobacco market today reported sales right at three and one-half million pounds for the season to date, market observers stating that all records in the past are being shattered by the marketing activities this season.

Yesterday afternoon before the buyers completed their work, farmers were placing more tobacco on the floors just as fast as workmen could make room. The houses were busy all last night unloading approximately 300,000 pounds of the leaf for the sales today. As many as 21 trucks, heavily loaded with leaf, were in a single house at one time last night, the truckers forming an almost steady line to and from the weighing stations. Never before in history has the Williamston market handled more tobacco in so short a time, and the selling organizations are functioning smoothly with a keen interest by buyers supporting their activities.

Block sales have been experienced three days this week, and sales continued to the time limit on the other two. A small block is expected today, but preparations are now being made for the largest sale in history here next Monday.

Prices for the medium and better grades are holding their own and are stronger in some cases. Five piles of fancy tobacco were sold in excess of 40 cents in a single row this morning, and averages above 35 cents were numerous. The common tips continue without a friend in the world, and it is believed that the demand for those inferior grades is not as strong as it was a few days ago. Buyers on the Williamston market are jumping at anything and everything they can use, and they are paying for it, too, and the farmers, with surprisingly few exceptions are pleased with their sales.

Warehouse operators are appealing to farmers to place their tobacco on the floors early.

Superior Court Opens Term Here Next Week

HONEST FOLKS!

So far this season not a single farm tobacco robbery has been reported in this county, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck explaining that Martin County people are getting better and better. Reports coming from the field are of a little different color. They state that the farmers are taking no chances and are sleeping in their packhouses in some cases. Last year several tobacco thefts were reported by farmers in this county, the robbers escaping arrest in most cases. Extra care in guarding the crop is considered advisable during the remainder of the season.

Miss Daniels Dies At Brother's Home Near Robersonville

Death Quicken by Stroke of Paralysis Suffered Several Days Ago

Miss Estelle Daniels died at the home of her brother, Mr. J. R. Daniels, near Robersonville last Monday morning at 3 o'clock. Miss Daniels had been in ill health for the past several months and the end was quickened when she suffered a stroke of paralysis several days ago.

Miss Daniels made her home with her brother who lives one mile from Robersonville. She had the reputation of being an unusually good woman, had the respect of her friends and neighbors and was a member of one of the county's most prominent families.

Services were held from the home Tuesday afternoon with Rev. E. C. Shoe of the Baptist church conducting the last rites. Interment was made in the family cemetery near Robersonville.

She is survived by two sisters: Mrs. J. T. Taylor and Mrs. H. S. Everett of Robersonville; three brothers, Messrs. H. O. Daniels of Everetts, J. T. Daniels of Oak City and J. R. Daniels of Robersonville. She was 62 years old and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Daniels.

Many Attending Services At Cedar Branch Church

Large crowds are attending the nightly services underway this week in the Cedar Branch Baptist church. Rev. E. R. Stewart, of Hyde County, is delivering strong sermons. The meeting closes Sunday night, the pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington, stating that no services would be held in the Jamesville Baptist church on Sunday, that the members and public there are invited to attend the last services at Cedar Branch that day.

Revival Will Be Held At Bethany Holiness Church

A revival meeting will be held in the Bethany Holiness Church beginning Monday night, Sept. 20th. The services will be conducted by Rev. J. T. Howard.

Mr. Harvey Thomas, Edenton newspaper correspondent, was here for a short visit this morning.

Assault, Murder and Manslaughter Cases Docket Headliners

Interest Is Centering on Attempt to End Life of Jesse Roberson

Thirteen criminal cases have been placed on the docket for trial in the Martin County Superior court opening a two-weeks mixed term next Monday. The docket although one of the smallest scheduled for consideration in a September term of Martin in several years, is expected to attract considerable attention and create much interest throughout most sections of the county. Judge Walter Bone, of Nashville, is to preside over the term, and Solicitor Don Gilliam will head the State prosecution.

Headline cases on the docket are possibly those charging Will Capps with felonious and secret assault, Mrs. Annie Roberson and son, Geo. Ben Roberson, both of Robersonville, with an attempt to end the life of her husband. Capps is charged with seriously shooting Mrs. A. T. Lilley, Williams Township woman, at her home there on July 30. He was just recently released under a \$2,000 bond.

The State is said to have a strong case against Mrs. Roberson and her son, unofficial reports maintaining that additional evidence considered very damaging to the defense was uncovered in a recent trial. Roberson is put under bond, but from Mrs. Roberson to her son. Mrs. the young son has continued in jail since June 21 when he was alleged to have brutally attacked his father and almost killed him supposedly at the direction of his mother. Contents of the letter have closely guarded, but without that evidence the State is thought to have a strong case against the young boy and his mother.

The father, Geo. Ben Roberson, was almost clubbed to death at his home in Robersonville early in the evening of June 21.

Rollen Eborn, young colored man, is charged with manslaughter and Carl Edward Norman, young Robersonville white boy, faces a hit-and-run charge as a result of the death of Gus Williams near the county home on the night of August 1. The alleged action of Eborn partly if not altogether shifts the responsibility for the man's death from young Norman's shoulders, leaving him to face only a hit-and-run charge which is, however, quite serious within itself.

The case charging Miles Grimes with the murder of Gus White, colored, on Williamston's East Main Street on the night of August 7, is expected to blow up when it reaches the superior tribunal for trial. The most damaging evidence advanced by the State so far came from the lips of White on his death bed. However, the State did not offer but one witness at the preliminary hearing, and it is possible that damaging evidence will be withheld until Grimes is placed on trial for his life.

J. D. Wiggins, charged along with Jake Edwards, both colored, will face trial alone in the case charging the two with breaking into and robbing Slade-Rhodes Company.

County Legion Post Officers Installed At Tuesday's Meeting

Recognized as a High Spot in Activities of County Post and Auxiliary

Elaborate ceremonies marked the installation of the John W. Hassell Post and Auxiliary, officers of the American Legion at a well-attended meeting held in the Woman's Club hall here last Tuesday evening. An added feature was a delicious chicken supper served by the Boy Scouts under the direction of Comrades John Ward and Herman Peel.

Attracting the largest number of members in recent months the regular meeting was recognized as a high spot in the activities of the county post and auxiliary. Hugh G. Horton, retiring commander, presided and introduced Mayor John W. Hassell who greeted the legionnaires and auxiliary members and guests, including H. H. Davis, Thad Hodges, and E. C. Pittman, members of Washington's No. 15 post, and Floyd Cahoon, member of Post No. 182 of Columbia.

Mr. Hodges, Vice Commander of the North Carolina department, ably addressed the meeting. His topic centered on "What It Takes to Be a Good Legion Officer." Mrs. Floyd Cahoon, vice president and area chairman of the Auxiliary, briefly addressed the meeting.

In its report to the meeting, the building committee estimated that \$2,000 would be needed to complete construction work on the hut, that there were outstanding pledges amounting to approximately \$600. At the present time the post has about \$400 worth of outstanding bills for wall board material, the building committee explaining that none of the material will be paid for until all the bills are paid in full. Requests for additional donations were made, and the liberal sources of aid extended in the past were recognized, including a \$75 contribution by the Auxiliary for lighting.

At the direction of the chair, the ceremonies marking the installation of the legion auxiliary officers were handled with Mrs. Cahoon in charge. Mrs. H. L. Swain, Mrs. W. H. Gray, and Mrs. Ray Goodmon, retiring presidents, were presented gold pins and the following officers were installed:

Mrs. J. R. Winslow, president; Mrs. J. H. Ayers, first vice-president; Mrs. R. J. Peele, second vice-president; Mrs. W. H. Gray, secretary; Mrs. V. A. Ward, treasurer.

Vice-Commander Swain then installed the new Legion officers as follows:

J. E. Boykins, Commander, Mack Wynn, vice commander and membership chairman; P. M. Holliday, vice commander; J. H. Ayers, vice commander; Ray Goodmon, adjutant and finance officer; R. A. Taylor, service officer; Hugh G. Horton, guardianship officer; W. H. Gray, sergeant-at-arms, Z. T. Piehoff, chaplain and child welfare officer; H. L. Swain, historian; J. R. Winslow, Americanism officer and chairman, Sons of Legion; J. Sam Getsinger, Graves registration officer; W. E. Dudley, employment officer; J. R. Leggett, publicity officer.

The new commander briefly addressed the meeting and directed an earnest appeal to the members for their support in making this year the most successful one in the history of the post.

As an aid in the membership drive, the meeting voted to contribute \$5 to the man who gets the most members and who automatically becomes a delegate to the next State convention which will be held in Winston-Salem in 1938.

The next meeting of the organization will be held in October when the newly installed officers will have complete charge of the activities.

Chevrolet Motor Company Will Show Pictures Here

A highly entertaining and educational film will be shown here by the Chevrolet Motor Company at the Roanoke Chevrolet place on Washington Street here next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to see the picture either at the first showing at 7:30 or at 8:45.

A specially built truck carries the picture and sound equipment, and is recognized as one of the most unique outfits traveling the country today. The picture show the manufacturer's progress in the construction of Chevrolets and interesting events the world over. Mr. John H. Edwards, manager of the Roanoke Chevrolet Company here, is sure the people will enjoy the picture and he extends them a cordial invitation to be his guests at either of the two shows next Monday night.

District Highway Commissioner Recognizes Need for Improved Secondary Roads in This County

Judge Peel Calls 12 Cases In Recorder's Court Last Monday

Next Session of Tribunal Will Be Held on First Monday in October

In session for the first time this month, the county recorder's court handled an even dozen cases last Monday, Judge Peel announcing that the court would suspend operation during the next two weeks while the superior tribunal was in session. The county judge and solicitor will be back at their posts on October 4.

The number of cases on the last Monday docket increased during the week the court was inactive on account of the Labor Day holiday.

Leon Sykes, charged with non-support was directed to pay \$5 a month for support of his child and report to the court at the end of six months for further judgment.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Henry Raynor was found not guilty.

The cases charging Richard Hyman and Olin Wolfe with reckless driving were nolprossed.

Kin and Mitchell Moore were charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, the court nolprossing its case against Kin Moore. The other defendant was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost.

Lazarus Williams, charged with possession and transportation of illegal liquor, was sentenced to the roads for six months. Williams had a three-months suspended sentence hanging over his head, and the court invoked it, adding the extra time to the sentence.

Mitchell Moore was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs in the case charging him with carrying a concealed weapon.

Jerry Purrington was sentenced to the roads for six months in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Charged with drunken driving, Elwood Whitaker was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost. His driver's license was automatically revoked for one year.

Thomas Griffin was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost in the case charging him with reckless driving.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case charging Pat Wynne with being drunk and disorderly.

Fellowship Meeting Is Held At Everetts

In one of a series of Fellowship meetings held in eleven centers over the entire State, the Disciples of Christ met in the Everetts Christian Church Wednesday under the leadership of C. C. Ware, State Secretary of the Church. Reports were made by Mrs. H. H. Settle, Secretary of the Woman's Christian Missionary of the State; J. M. Waters, of Atlantic Christian College and the report for the College; E. B. Quick, of Atlanta, Georgia, made the report for the Religious Education department, of which he is secretary. L. B. Scarborough of Bath, reported for the Rural Church Commission.

An open forum was then held in which the work of these various groups was discussed. A splendid outdoor lunch was spread for those attending. The afternoon session brought two young ladies who had attended the Young People's conference of the Brotherhood and gave splendid reports. The afternoon session was closed with an inspirational sermon by Rev. John L. Goff, pastor of the Williamston Christian Church who spoke on the subject: "The Effective Church and the Kingdom." Nine of the fourteen churches in Martin County were represented in the gathering.

Large Number Divorces Pending In County Courts

At least a dozen divorce cases are pending in the courts of this county at the present time, it was learned from a review of the records this week. Several are scheduled for trial at the next term of court convening here Monday. About half of those suing for divorce are colored people, the husbands and wives bringing about the same number of suits.

NEAR PERFECT

The Farm Life School came near establishing a unique and perfect record one day this week when every one of the approximately 200 children enrolled there were present but one — just one. The record carries even more significance when one remembers that some schools in the county report a daily attendance average of from 40 to 50 pupils below their enrollment.

There aren't so many hundreds of pupils in the Farm Life district, but those who are there believe in attending and taking their school seriously, apparently.

14 Marriage Licenses Issued By Register Of Deeds In August

Number Is Ten Less Than Issuance in August Year Ago

Fourteen marriage licenses were issued in this county last month, the number falling considerably below the issuance in August a year ago. Twenty-four marriage licenses were issued in August, 1936.

Seven of the 14 licenses sold in the county last month went to white couples. Nine of the contracting parties were from outside the county. Licenses were issued as follows:

White
Roland Harrison, of Martin county, and Marie Martin, of Beaufort county.

Chas. Edward Harris and Sallie Alma Warren, both of this county.

Victor Elmo Everett, of Plymouth and Helen Knowles, of Roper.

John Maryland Rawls and Selma Marie Ayers, both of Williamston. Zelbert Cox and Nannie Knox Barfield, both of this county.

Spencer T. Thorne, of Roanoke Rapids, and Margaret Ruth Sutton, of Columbia.

Geo. Russell Burnham and Gladys Ethel Jones, both of New Bern.

Colored
Lonnie Spruill and Margaret Anderson, both of Williamston.

John Tyrner Lucas, Jr., and Addie Louise Jeter, both of Fredericksburg, Va.

W. T. Coburn and Bertha Lee Williams, both of Robersonville.

Fred Harrison and Alize Bell, both of this county.

Willis Bryant and Hattie Woolard, both of Martin county.

Johnnie Scott and Eva Jane Lee, both of this county.

Raymond Hodges and Melissa Peel, both of Martin county.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon and carrying a concealed weapon, Jart Swinson was found guilty of simple assault, the court imposing a \$10 a fine and taxing him with the cost.

Aerial Survey Is Started In Upper End Of County

A small portion of the upper end of this county has been surveyed from the air in connection with compliance under the soil conservation program, according to County Agent T. B. Brandon. The flyers, riding about four miles up and almost out of sight, have made three trips across that section of the county, but the pictures on only two trips were good, it was learned.

Mr. Brandon believes that the survey will not be completed within the next week or two, that it will not be available in time for use in determining compliance this year. The maps will be used next year, however.

Brother Of Local Man To Head State Prison Farm

L. B. Brandon, brother of Martin County Agent Tom Brandon, was named yesterday to manage farm prison camps for the State Highway and Public Works Commission. He will be stationed at Caledonia.

Collin Barnes And Engineers Visit In County This Week

Make a Field Survey of Several Projects Proposed by County Officials

The urgent need for an improved secondary road system in this county was recognized this week by District Highway Commissioner D. C. Barnes, of Murfreesboro, who with Division Highway Engineer Geo. Mack, also of Murfreesboro, and District Highway Engineer F. C. Gardner, of Tarboro, made a field survey of several projects proposed by the county commissioners and supported by petitions entered by hundreds of county citizens.

Traveling with County Commissioners Jno. E. Pope and Robt. Lee Perry, the commissioner and his engineers visited Bear Grass inspecting the two roads leading off Highway 17. The survey is thought to have favored improvements to the road leading from Bear Grass to the Staten farm, but it is understood that attention will likely be centered on the outlet connecting with Highway 17 about six miles from Williamston. A survey of that route was started immediately following the visit of the highway officials. It is believed by some that the road will be surfaced possibly early next spring, that arrangements will be undertaken to improve the route all the way to Stokes as a cooperative undertaking with highway authorities of District No. 2. This project from U. S. 17 to Bear Grass has the endorsement of the Martin County Commissioners as well as several other proposed road improvement programs, it was pointed out.

The importance of the route from J. R. Corey's at Farm Life to the Old Mill Inn on U. S. 17, was well established in the mind of the officials, and the immediate tentative program calls for added forces to prepare for the maintenance of traffic during the coming winter months. Temporary Route 171 from Jamesville to the Farm Life community was traveled, but as far as it could be learned the surfacing of this or the other route outlet was not mentioned. The need for the surfacing of both routes was apparent, however.

The proposed surfacing of a road from Dardens to the pulp mill of the Kieckhefer Container Company was recognized by the authorities as quite a large undertaking.

Proposed projects in the upper part of the county, including an improved road from Butler's Bridge on N. C. Highway 125 through Hassell to Fountain's Cross Roads and the completion of N. C. 11, were also considered in the survey.

It was quite evident that Mr. Barnes would approve everyone of the proposed projects right now if sufficient funds were available. The funds aren't available, but it is believed every effort will be made to maintain traffic especially over the mail and school bus routes.

Plan To Hold Irish Potato Referendum

Plans will be formulated for holding an Irish potato referendum in this and other counties by farm agents and farm committeemen in a meeting to be held in Washington this afternoon. It is planned to have growers in those counties where potatoes are grown on a commercial scale vote next week on whether they want an acreage-stabilization plan for the crop to be included in the 1938 agricultural conservation program.

The proposed acreage plan is a long range effort to stabilize plantings so as to avoid wide variations from excess acreage one year to an insufficient acreage in another year. If a majority of the growers favor the plan, potatoes will, in all probability, be included in the 1938 program.

Comparatively few farmers in this county grow Irish potatoes on a commercial scale, but all those who do are asked to participate in the referendum. It is possible that meetings will be held in the county next week or the farmers will be asked to vote on the plan by mail.