

Urge Improvements To Roanoke River At Cost of \$323,000

Representative Lindsay C. Warren Makes Vigorous Arguments to Board

Representative Lindsay C. Warren this week appeared before the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors and made vigorous arguments in behalf of two important projects in his district.

Three years ago Mr. Warren secured a resolution for the survey of Roanoke River from its mouth to Hamilton and from Hamilton to Weldon. The report approved by both district and division engineers was heard before the board. It calls for a channel 12 feet deep and 180 feet wide from Albemarle Sound to one mile above Plymouth. From that point the channel will be 10 feet on up to Williamston and Hamilton and the snags and shoals will be removed in that area. From Hamilton to Palmyra the project calls for an 8 foot channel, 80 feet wide.

The total cost of construction will be \$323,000 with \$6,000 per year maintenance. That part of the project from Plymouth to Albemarle Sound calls for \$65,000 and from Palmyra to Hamilton \$258,000 which will include a cutoff. That part of the project from Palmyra to Weldon was disapproved. This is one of the largest waterway projects that has been up in North Carolina for many years and should the board approve same Representative Warren states it will be of inestimable value to the Roanoke River section.

Mr. Warren also argued in behalf of the project for a breakwater at Belhaven. This was approved by the district engineer but was disapproved by the division engineer at Richmond. Mr. Warren asked that the division engineer be over-ruled. This project calls for an expenditure of \$53,000 for the construction of two creosoted timber breakwaters 1900 feet long.

The board is expected to hand down its decision within a week. In the meantime the rivers and harbors bill has already passed the House and is pending before the Senate committee on Commerce. Hoping that he might get favorable results from the board of engineers Mr. Warren has contacted Senator Bailey who has promised to hold the senate bill in committee for at least a week trusting that these projects may be approved and forwarded to the senate within that time. If that should happen it would save at least three years time as otherwise they would have to wait for some future rivers and harbors bill.

The director of the budget today sent to congress budget approval of \$540,000 for construction work on the Coast Guard Air Base located at Elizabeth City. Mr. Warren conferred with the president about this matter three weeks ago.

Judge H. O. Peel Calls Eight Cases In County Court

Failing to Support Family, Man Sentenced to Roads for Six Months

Found guilty of non-support, Burt Gorham was sentenced to the roads for six months, and his family continues without support, the action featuring the proceedings in the county court last Monday. Gorham, probably unable to offer support, made no appeal to the higher courts.

Judge H. O. Peel called eight cases in the court, continuing two of them and finding the defendants not-guilty in two of three others.

Clyde Knight, charged with non-support, was directed to pay into the court \$4 each month for the support of his illegitimate children. No number was given.

Pending in the courts several weeks, the case charging Perlie Lilley with disorderly conduct was finally cleared from the docket when Judge Peel found him not guilty. The defendant had appeal for a jury trial, but waived that right at the last minute.

The case charging Dorothy Brown with aiding and abetting larceny was not prosed.

A continuance was granted in the case charging Joe Hopkins with violating the liquor laws.

Tom May, charged with assaulting his wife, Lena May, was ordered to pay \$15 for doctor's fees and \$5 a week during the next six months for the support of his wife and their adopted child. May's wife is said to have left him.

In the civil action brought by Sol Mobley against J. Bynum Roberson, the court granted a judgment in the sum of \$36.75 to Mobley.

Prominent Merchant Dies At Home Here

SUCCUMBS



Lovet B. Harrison, pioneer in eastern Carolina business circles and leading citizen of this section, passed away at his home on Haughton Street here this morning at 10:20 o'clock.

Funeral Services For Lovet B. Harrison Tomorrow At 4 P. M.

Death Marks End of Active Career in Section's Business Life

Lovet Biggs Harrison, pioneer in the business life of this section and one of eastern North Carolina's most prominent citizens, died at his home on Haughton street here this morning at 10:20 o'clock following an illness of only four days' duration. The end came peacefully with members of his family at the bedside.

Mr. Harrison was stricken with a stroke of paralysis last Monday night shortly after 9 o'clock, and his condition was considered critical by attending physicians. Members of the family were summoned to his bedside where they watched a patient put up a gallant fight for life until shortly after one o'clock this morning when he lapsed into unconsciousness and all hope for his recovery was abandoned.

The son of the late Cushing Biggs Harrison and Martha Taylor Harrison, he was born in Bear Grass Township, near Williamston, on May 30, 1876. Mr. Harrison spent his early life there where the foundation of a noble Christian career was laid by thoughtful and understanding parents. He attended the free schools in his community and later, after several years as a clerk in the employ of the firm of Peel and Watts, he studied at the Turlington school in Smithfield. Completing his courses there, he returned and clerked until 1903 when he formed a partnership and entered the mercantile business with his brother, the late Thaddeus F. Harrison, in the N. S. Peel building now occupied by the Virginia Electric and Power Company offices and Israel's store. The untiring work of the two young men, the strong friendship for their fellowman formed the foundation of a business that was destined to become one of the largest and most successful in the county.

In addition to the mercantile business, Mr. Harrison conducted extensive farming interests to which he gave long hours of study and work, enjoying the breath of life found in growing plants and in the open fields.

On November 18, 1903, he was married to Miss Hattie Harrell, of Williamston, the union bringing untold happiness that ever increased as the years passed. In the home he was an understanding husband and a considerate father, remaining always thoughtful of others. His voice he never raised in anger, and his demeanor was marked by its quietness. While he shunned the spotlight, he, in his unpretentious way, extended charity and help to hundreds and gained a friendship that expressed itself in the hundreds of anxious calls inquiring after his condition during the few days he was so critically ill.

In 1902 he joined the Methodist church, and was recognized as one of its most valuable members for his noble walk-through life and the fine Christian examples that stood out in his living day by day. Punctual and faithful in the schedule of religious worship, Mr. Harrison was a pillar in the church, and in that worship he found contentment and

Registrations Show Increase In Number Of County Precincts

Interest in June Fourth Primary Is Said to Be Increasing

Jumping from a low point during the first few days the books were opened in this county, new registrations for the coming June 4 Democratic primary are now well over the 100 mark, unofficial reports heard this week indicate. The added interest in the registration is not expected to approach the record established in 1936 when 452 new names were added to the books principally as a result of the heated contest waged by Hoey and Macdonald for governor. Possibly the present registration will approximate 150 or 200 before the books close on Saturday, May 21.

With the registration period drawing to a close tomorrow, the local precinct today reported around 30 new registrations against 150 two years ago. Registrar O. S. Anderson is expecting a fairly busy day before the books close at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The books are open in the agricultural building.

Robersonville Wednesday reported two newly registered voters and one transfer. Cross Roads had three new electors added to its books. Bear Grass reports a fairly large registration, unofficial reports stating that thirteen were offered for registration in a group a day or two ago. Jamesville reports about a dozen new voters. Griffins is hardly up to normal with its registration, but quite a few are expected to get their names on the books before five o'clock tomorrow. Precincts in the upper part of the county are reporting light registration.

Not including the new registration, this county has a voting strength of around 6,131 ballots. Just how many will vote two weeks from Saturday is a matter for speculation. Reports from the field indicate that the vote will not pass and possibly not reach 3,000 votes. A vote that size is to be recognized as a large one since only 3,132 votes were cast

Little Attention Given Air Mail Week by Local Patrons

Williamston's first direct connection with the main air mail system was effected yesterday morning when William Thomas Crawford, local young man driving a Williamson Aero Club plane, delivered a special pouch to R. E. Lee in Rocky Mount for delivery to the big air liners in Raleigh.

The event attracted little attention, and air mail week is going by almost unnoticed by local postal patrons. Clerks F. Earl Wynne and Arthur White met the plane here and checked it out to the minute.

Forty-six pieces of air mail were dispatched from the local office, a report stating that no letters were received from offices in near-by towns for handling over the temporary air routes.

Starting in Plymouth at 9:30 the special pilot reached the landing field here eighteen minutes later. After signing on the mail weighing

about four pounds, he lifted his plane at 10 o'clock and was off to Tarboro, reaching there ahead of schedule. From that point he continued to Rocky Mount where the mails of several planes were combined and carried on to Raleigh by another pilot. Several planes converged on Raleigh shortly after noon to make connection with the regular air mail liners, postal authorities explaining that letters mailed here yesterday morning were delivered in New York late yesterday afternoon.

Air mail patronage is increasing at a rapid rate throughout the country, local postal authorities pointing out that on an average ten letters are handled over the air system each day.

The flight yesterday was only a temporary one, the pilot offering his service without cost to the government.

Australian Makes Weed Crop Survey In Martin County

Visitor Shocked by Conditions Surrounding Tenant System

"We grow about the same type of tobacco and very much under the same pattern as your farmers do," Mr. D. H. Malcolm, Australian tobacco specialist who is in this county studying the American system, said while on a survey here yesterday.

Experiencing many handicaps in the cultivation of the crop, Australia will not within the next few years grow its own needs, Mr. Malcolm pointed out. Blue mold, a new disease in the tobacco sections in this country, has given the Australian farmer trouble for years, the specialist explaining that the greatest handicap to farmers there is experienced after the plants are placed in the fields. "We have perfected a control system for the mold while the plants are in the beds, but we have made little progress in combating the disease after the plants are placed in the fields," the specialist explained.

Mr. Malcolm explained that extensive experiments had been conducted with electricity, sprays and gases, that the benzol treatment has proved most effective. "Your experiment station is making marked progress in the development of benzol for the control of blue mold," Mr. Malcolm said, pointing out that he believed the plan would effect better results than the system employed in his own country.

Backed by the government, the farmers in Australia receive around 40 cents a pound for their tobacco, the representative stating that imports carried a 75-cent levy per pound.

It's winter time in Australia now, but the farmers are making ready to sow their plant beds. They will start transplanting in October and November, and harvest the crop

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Bible School Finals This Evening at 7:30

Tonight at 7:30 the Daily Vacation Bible school will have its commencement program at the Christian church. Having finished a two weeks' course, the faculty feels that the school has been decidedly worthwhile.

The children have been divided into groups according to ages as following:

Beginners department, ages 3 to 5, supervised by Mrs. J. Paul Simpson, assisted by Misses Katherine Manning and Helen Lindsey; primary department, ages 6 to 8, supervised by Mrs. A. J. Osteen, assisted by Mrs. Garland Woolard and Misses Marjorie Grey Dunn and Nancy Biggs; Junior department, ages 8 to 13, supervised by Mrs. Francis Barnes assisted by Mrs. William Hunt, Mrs. Albert Coltrain and Miss Thelma Griffin; Intermediate department, ages 12 to 15, supervised by Mrs. William Harrison, assisted by Mrs. Trahey and Miss Marie Hardison.

The attendance has been good and through the faithful work of the supervisors and their assistants and the cooperation of the children, the following program will be presented:

- Song by the school.
- Call to worship.
- Pledges to Flags by school.
- Prayer by beginners.
- Duet by Sara and Mary Ann Manning.
- Song by beginners.
- Song by primary group.
- Memory drills by primary group.
- Memory verses by junior group.
- Dramatization of Bible story by junior group.
- Group singing by Juniors.
- Bible sword drill by intermediate group.
- Character story by Jimmie Ward.
- Synopsis of Story of Acts by Shirley Booth.
- Song by school.

TRIBUTE

As a tribute to the memory of Mr. L. B. Harrison, local merchants and business men will close their establishments tomorrow afternoon at 3:45 o'clock for the duration of the funeral service, it was announced this afternoon.

Wishing to express their appreciation for the friendship and business association of Mr. Harrison for many years, business operators welcomed the opportunity to affix their names to the petition, it was said.

Proposed Improvements to Town Streets, Water and Sewer Systems To Cost Approximately \$65,000

Outside Boards Will Review Tobacco Quota Complaints

The United States Department of Agriculture this week took a definite action to effect fairly and squarely the administration of the new crop control law when it announced that independent boards of review from other counties will be set up to review individual poundage allotments that are to be made possible during the month of July.

Apparently anticipating many complaints, the department officials hope to handle the allotment of poundages to the satisfaction of the tobacco growers.

The poundage quotas, a part of

the compulsory control features of the 1938 act, will not be made by the same county committee which recently made acreage allotments under the voluntary soil conservation act unless the committeemen are re-elected by the growers. New electors of county committeemen will be held before the poundage quotas are made.

The board of review probably will be selected from adjoining counties, but none of the members of such a board will be residents of the county in which it functions.

Experience Delay In Advancing Plan For Swimming Pool

Purchase Price of Lot Will Necessitate Relocation of Pool

Plans for the location of a swimming pool and recreational center on the Knight property between Watts and Biggs Streets were interrupted this week when the promoters declined to pay \$250 for a small piece of property back of the lot purchased by the county for its agricultural building. Proceeding with the belief that the small piece of property could be purchased for \$200, the promoters had advanced plans for locating the pool, but now those plans have been virtually abandoned and estimates are being asked for locating the pool at a spot just back of the old county jail.

Completing a survey a few days ago, Engineer Henry Rivers estimated that it would cost the town approximately \$6,000 for its part to build the pool on the property in question. Promoters, virtually abandoning the idea of buying the property, state that another survey has been ordered to determine the cost of locating the pool in the new location near the old county jail. There is the possibility that the pool will not cost as much if placed near the old jail, but the location is not considered as desirable as the one first proposed, it was pointed out.

Plans have been completed for tiling the ditch between Watts and Biggs Streets with a 30-inch pipe. The cost of this project will approximate \$150 a foot and total more than \$600.

It had been proposed to use the dirt from the swimming pool in filling in the deepest ravine, but since a change in the pool location is being considered, there'll be little dirt made available.

The first estimate released this week by the engineer, placed the total cost of the recreational center at \$19,000, the town to pay approximately \$6,500 as its part, leaving WPA to pay the remainder. No further action will be taken toward starting work on the recreational center until a new survey of the swimming pool is completed, promoters of the project announced today.

During the meantime, more children are flocking to the temporary recreational center on the grammar grade school grounds where Miss Nancy Glover is supervising the activities.

Half of Dogs in County Are Vaccinated Against Rabies

Receiving a report this week from Veterinarian Osteen on the progress of the anti-rabies drive, the sheriff's office today looked with assurance on the whole dog situation. The doctor's report shows that 1,614 dogs in the county have been vaccinated, leaving approximately 1,459 to be vaccinated, killed or otherwise disposed of within 90 days after the vaccinating schedule was launched the 2nd of last month.

The sheriff's office is checking the vaccination records, and is urging owners to have their dogs vaccinated at once. Arrangements have been made to have dogs vaccinated at the office of the veterinarian here tomorrow, and it is possible that other vaccinations will be scheduled before the time for handling the work expires.

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Program Calls For Installation Of A Fourth Deep Well

Propose Surfacing of Six Streets and Several Sidewalks

Cost estimates for the surfacing of six streets and several sidewalks were released this week by Engineer Henry Rivers, representatives of the town explaining that a survey for an extension to the town's sewer system had been completed but that the cost estimates will not be available on that project before some time next week.

Engineer Rivers advanced the guess while here this week that the entire improvement program, including the proposed recreational center, street surfacing, sidewalks, addition to the sewer system and a fourth deep well should not cost in excess of \$65,000.

The proposed improvement program, recognized as urgently needed, is in its preliminary stage. While nearly all the property owners on the streets included in the improvement program are said to favor the improvement plan, they will be required to sign necessary petitions. Then the proposal will have to be placed to a vote of the people in the form of a bond issue. It is understood that the bond issue will be approved by the North Carolina Local Government Commission. It has also been pointed out that the cost of the proposed recreational center will not be included in the bond issue, that the rate of interest should be materially lower than any other issue ever advanced by the town.

Pending the completion of the surveys and the submission of reliable cost estimates, no action will be taken by the town authorities to launch the program. However, definite action can be expected some time during the early part of June.

Its water reserve rapidly dwindling in the face of increased consumption, the town is now forced to boost the supply. The improvement program includes \$15,000 for the sinking of a fourth deep well and the purchase of a new pumping unit. It is proposed to balance the present system by placing the new unit east of the municipal water plant and effecting a system to pump water direct into the main lines.

The proposed addition to the sewer system will provide connections on North Haughton street just beyond the cemetery and on Franklin, Grace and Smithwick streets. A disposal plant will have to be built about half a mile east of the high school property not far from the river.

In the paving program are included six streets, Warren, Marshall avenue, Elm street from Church to Main; Hassell from Simmons avenue to Church; Smithwick from Simmons avenue to the high school building at the intersection of Franklin; and Grace Street from Haughton to Smithwick. Sidewalks on both sides of Marshall avenue, and Grace Street are also included in the list of proposed improvements.

Irish Potatoes Are Moving to Markets

The first Irish potato movements from this section got underway in the Aurora section today, reports reaching here at noon today that the first shipments were comparatively light and prices slightly higher than many expected. The market was reported uncertain, however.

While some potato areas report small yields, Martin County farmers are expecting a production slightly in excess of normal. Harvesting activities will likely get underway within the next few days in this section.

Pamlico County farmers state their crop is below normal, that a marked decrease in production is certain there.

Prices were quoted yesterday at \$2.65 a barrel.

Pastor Will Conduct Riddick's Grove Service

Rev. W. B. Harrington, the pastor, will conduct the regular preaching services in the Riddick's Grove Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

CANDIDATE



Mrs. Mary Hardy Purdy, ardent supporter of the New Deal, is the first woman to run for the State Senate from this district. She is the wife of Dr. J. J. Purdy, well-known Pamlico County physician.

Cross Roads Farmer Dies Early Thursday

Henry Walter Leggett, well known Cross Roads Township farmer, died suddenly at his home there early yesterday morning. Suffering a light stroke of paralysis a week ago, Mr. Leggett continued fairly active until the day of his death. Arising about 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning, he went to the porch of his home and then returned to the bedroom where he apparently suffered a second stroke and died a short time later.

The son of the late Jerry and Willie Leggett, he was born in this county 56 years ago and farmed all his life, making his home in the Cross Roads community where he enjoyed a large circle of friends.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Hubert and John Bell Leggett, and four daughters, Misses Sophia Jane, Charlie Frances, Dessie Mae and Essie Mae Leggett, all of Cross Roads. He is also survived by five brothers, Messrs. C. L., J. D., W. B., H. W., and J. W. Leggett, and one sister, Mrs. Bettie Fulford, all of Cross Roads.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, Robersonville minister. Interment will follow in the Leggett cemetery in Cross Roads Township.

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