

Passenger Trains To Make Last Run Today

Section Adequately Served by Operators Of Three Bus Lines
A. C. L. Has Made No Official Announcement Relating To Express Service



Wheeler Martin, local man and a prominent figure in State building and loan circles, was unanimously elected president of the North Carolina Building and Loan League at a meeting of the organization held in Wrightsville Beach yesterday.

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad passenger trains are making their last schedule runs on the Tarboro-Plymouth branch today...

The action of the operators in discontinuing the passenger service in its entirety brings a feeling of regret to the people in the several towns along the route...

Back in 1883, the old Albemarle and Raleigh railroad was built into Williamston from Tarboro. About five years later the line was extended to Plymouth...

The Coast Line, as far as it could be learned here, has made no official announcements of plans for offering an express service.

Virginia Bishop To Open Celebration

Manteo, N. C. The Rt. Rev. William A. Brown, of Portsmouth, Va., bishop of the Southern diocese of Virginia, will deliver the opening sermon of the 352nd anniversary celebration at Fort Raleigh, Sunday, July 2, at 11 a. m.

This will mark the first time the local historical association has stepped out of North Carolina for a religious leader to open the annual celebration of the founding of the Roanoke Island colonies...

Appropriate music will be rendered by "The Lost Colony" Chorus which is composed this year of 25 experienced singers from the Westminster choir of Princeton, N. J.

Native Of County Dies At Home In New Jersey

Simon D. Jones, a native of this county, died in a hospital at Orange, N. J., last Friday. Funeral services for the 76-year-old man were held at the late home in Mountain Lakes, N. J., last Sunday.

He was born in this county in January, 1863, and had lived in New Jersey for about 46 years, where he was held in high esteem.

Seventeen Cases Called In County Court On Monday

Judge Peel "Bears Down" On Alleged Violators of Liquor Laws

Sandwiched in between a one week term of the superior court and a special holiday next Monday, the county recorder's court handled a large docket and virtually cleared its slate last Monday...

In the session last Monday, Judge Peel "bore down" on alleged liquor law violators when he imposed \$100 fines on each of two defendants and hung road sentences over the heads of several others.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Eli Bryant with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, William Jones was sentenced to the roads for six months.

W. T. and A. D. Currie, charged with violating the liquor laws, were each fined \$100 and sentenced to the roads for three months.

Facing the court on a drunken driving charge, Henry Mizelle was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his license revoked for one year.

The case charging Will Winbush with an assault was postponed.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Henry Lilley with an assault with a deadly weapon.

The proceedings in the case charging Benny Stubbs with being drunk (Continued on page six)

Will Continue Anti-Typhoid Drive In County Next Week

The drive against typhoid fever in Martin County will be continued next week when the health department forces undertake a heavy four-weeks' schedule beginning Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock at Roebuck's store or filling station in Poplar Point.

The importance of the campaign has been repeatedly pointed out and Dr. F. E. Wilson, head of the department, is urgently requesting every person in the territory to be served during the next four weeks to take the vaccine and help stamp out the fever in this county.

County Property Values Show Little Change

1938 and 1939 County Property Listings, by Townships

The following tabulations show, by townships, the 1938 and 1939 valuations of real and personal property values in Martin County, separately and collectively, the increase in total valuations over the 1938 listings, and also the percentage of increase or decrease by townships.

Table with columns for Townships, Personal Property, Real Estate, and Total Values for 1938 and 1939, including Gain-Loss and Pct.

FIRST BLOSSOM

Despite adverse planting seasons and the dry weather that has prevailed during recent weeks, the cotton crop in this county is blossoming forth.

L. A. Bullock, Cross Roads farmer, found a pink blossom on Tuesday, and reported the find yesterday.

Last season Charles Coltrain, farmer of near Everetts, reported the first cotton blossom on June 22.

Local Man Heads B. And L. League

Wheeler Martin, local attorney, was unanimously elected president of the North Carolina Building and Loan league in its 36th annual convention held at Wrightsville Beach this week.

Mr. Martin has been secretary of the Martin County Building and Loan Association since 1914 and was presented with a special certificate of award for having served as a director and official of the association for 25 years.

As a representative of the local association Mr. Martin has been attending the annual meetings of the State League for a number of years.

Farmers Anxious To Make Trip To Canadian Farms

Answering a call for tobacco curers, at least sixty-five Martin County farmers are anxious to go to Canada and show the Canucks how to cook the leaf.

Meetings Postponed

Meetings of the Circles of W. M. S. of the Baptist church have been postponed from Monday, July 3 to Monday, July 10, as was announced this morning.

Mosaic Disease Likely To Curtail Leaf Crop

Damage Will Exceed Ten Per Cent In The County, Agent Says

Some Sections Expected To Experience A Loss As High As 50 Percent

Farmers scattered all over Martin County became a bit excited and started calling County Farm Agent Tom Brandon this week when mosaic virus attacked their tobacco crops.

Commenting on the damage following a survey last Wednesday, Agent Brandon said that without favorable weather conditions during the remainder of the season, the loss on some farms would likely run as high as fifty per cent and even more.

While the presence of the disease, if it can be called a disease, is not considered extremely serious, it is preventing the farmer a baffling problem, the agent explaining that no cure is known and that it cannot be controlled in the growing crop.

Carried by the tobacco worm or by sucking, the disease, known by some as fringing or spot leaf, will effect a considerable damage in a comparatively short time under extreme weather conditions.

Commenting further on the disease, the county agent stated that while there is no known cure, it can be controlled by certain methods employed in starting a new crop.

It has been established that the virus is not materially affected even by the manufacturing process and that the farmer who chews tobacco that has been attacked by the virus and spits the juice into his plant bed will subject his crop to the disease.

Samples of tobacco were displayed in the office of the agent yesterday showing a damage in excess of 75 per cent to one stalk.

The utilities commissioner told the delegation he had accepted Elliott's representation in good faith and could not revoke the order.

Continued Holiday For The Local Town Commissioners

Inactive since the evening of May 1, the local board of town commissioners will enjoy a continued holiday until Wednesday evening of next week.

Number Of Teachers In This County Is Decreased

Allotting teachers to the several schools in the State this week, the State School Commission decreased the number in this county from 199 to 189.

TO REOPEN JULY 10

The plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company will reopen on Monday, July 10, according to unofficial but reliable information received here this afternoon.

NEW WARDEN

Marvin Leggett, Griffins Township farmer, will succeed S. J. Tetterton as forest warden in Martin County tomorrow.

Warden Leggett who has been connected with the service in the county for some time, is the third man to get the appointment since the service was inaugurated in the county several years ago.

Uncle Sam Looks After The Mails

Just as soon as the Atlantic Coast Line surrenders and withdraws its passenger trains from the Parmele-Plymouth branch, Uncle Sam will step in with an independent contract to carry on the mail service.

Removal of Trains Protested by Towns; Rap Kinston Lawyer

While no concerted action is being advanced against the removal of the trains on the Tarboro-Plymouth line, there is an expressed opposition to the announced plans.

James S. Livermon, Scotland Neck attorney, charged that Judge Guy Elliott, of Kinston, was not authorized to consent to the order and had not been authorized or paid to represent towns along the line.

The delegation asked Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne yesterday to require Atlantic Coast Line Railroad to continue Parmele-Weldon passenger service.

Accident Victims Return Home From Hospital

Messrs. W. K. Parker and G. H. Harrison, Jr., victims of an automobile accident near Everetts two weeks ago today, returned home from a Washington hospital Tuesday in a Biggs ambulance.

Local Business Will Observe Long Holiday Here Monday And Tuesday

Williamston business houses will break all holiday-closing records when they suspend operations on Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4.

Contrary to closing plans unofficially announced earlier in the week, the petition was successfully circulated in a short time, and is in keeping with action taken by many towns throughout the State.

Tax Structure In County Likely To Remain Unchanged

Gains in Two Townships Offset Losses in Others and Boost Totals

Preliminary figures released this week by Tax Supervisor S. H. Grimes in connection with 1939 property listings indicate there'll be little or no change in the basic tax structure for the county this year.

The preliminary listing figures present a disappointing figure, as a whole. The bottom fell out of personal property listings in one district and medium losses were reported by seven of the other nine townships.

Wardens Leggett who has been connected with the service in the county for some time, is the third man to get the appointment since the service was inaugurated in the county several years ago.

It is possible that the schedules will be changed later on if it is found that an improved service can be effected without additional cost to the government.

Strange Animals Is Killed In County

An armadillo, small animal strange to this section, was killed near Hassell in this county yesterday by Farmer George Coltrain.

The animal, its presence in this section unexplained, was placed on display in Hamilton, and later brought here and put on display.

Heavy Rains Are Reported Over County Wednesday

The backbone of the dry season that has occasioned much talk about the weather in recent weeks, was broken last Wednesday when general rains fell throughout the section.

Up until Wednesday morning, just a fraction over two and one-half inches of rain had fallen at this point but the precipitation for Wednesday approached three inches, boosting the total to 5.37 inches for the first 28 days in June.

Packing rains were reported in several sections, Farm Life farmers stating that water ran across the highway in several places.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Marvin Britton announce the birth of a daughter at their home on Simmon Avenue here on Thursday, June 29.