

## Last Passenger Train Is Run Here Friday Evening

### Passing of "Old Iron Horse" Attracts Very Little Attention

Making a last run through here last Friday, the passenger train of the Atlantic Coast Line attracted very little attention, its passing having been accepted as a matter of course. Local station employees chatted with the engineer a few minutes, and the old iron horse running more than an hour late, sounded two short whistle blasts and backed out on its last scheduled trip. Its crew dismissed upon arrival in Plymouth later that evening, the train was returned to Rocky Mount the following morning behind a freight train.

Making their first trip on a train, several little children came in as passengers from Everetts. Station Agent V. D. Godwin stating that the company did a flourishing business that morning when patrons bought two tickets to Washington City and another bought one to Petersburg. Fenner Respass, taxi driver, bought the last ticket, and Mr. Henry Cook, former resident, was the last white man to board the passenger coach when the train left here on its last morning trip.

An attendant at the station in one capacity or another for about 40 years, Will Huff had water in his eyes when he took the mail from the last train that evening.

At the present time the Coast Line is offering an express service on its freight trains, the shipments reaching here about 1:30 in the afternoon. Mr. Johnson, representative of the express company was here yesterday investigating the schedules, and while it is possible that some changes will be effected, no official announcement was made in connection with an improved service.

## Martin Boy Will Attend 4-H Meet

When the annual 4-H short course is held at N. C. State College July 24-29, Martin County will probably have several representatives from among its farm boys and girls. One of these will be Joe King Powell, of Robersonville, who was selected as the outstanding 4-H club boy in the county for 1938. The honor carried with it a scholarship to the State College event, given by the Chilean Nitrates of Soda Educational Bureau, of which A. G. Floyd is State director.

The 4-H short course combines education, recreation, and inspiration and offers farm boys and girls an opportunity to exchange ideas, receive the latest information on agricultural and home-making developments, and engage in programs of entertainment and games.

One of the features of this year's event will be a pageant depicting the 25-year history of 4-H club work in North Carolina. L. R. Harrill, state 4-H club leader, and Miss Frances MacGregor, assistant state club leader, have selected several county groups to act out in pantomime and song the various phases of the youth-training organization.

The annual state 4-H health contest will be another highlight of the program, with the crowning of the 1939 health king and queen to be a part of the pageant of progress. Health kings and queens have been selected in each of the five districts of the State and they will compete for the State honors.

The State finals of the dairy demonstration team contest also will be held during the short course, with the winning team of two club members receiving a free trip to the National Dairy Show in California.

## AAA Conservation Program Has Been Help To Farmers

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration conservation program seems to be bearing fruit. At least over six million farmers in the United States seem to think so because that many persons are carrying out improved practices on about 50 million acres of farm land. These farmers are adjusting their practices to include increased acreages of grasses and legumes, applications of limestone and phosphate to make good pasture and meadow crops, planting forest trees, constructing ponds and reservoirs and protecting the soil from erosion by wind and water. They are terracing, contour farming, strip cropping and filling gullies. All of this must result in a better soil for those who come after us.

## Forest Warden Announces His Assistants In County

Entering upon his new duties last Saturday as county forest fire warden, Marvin Leggett, Griffiths Township farmer, announced his assistants this week. Many of them have been connected with the service for some time.

Names of the assistants are: W. C. Ange, E. G. Smith, Arthur Revels, R. S. Price, W. L. Ausborn, M. W. Harrison, A. T. Roberson, J. V. Andrews, Henry L. Hopkins, W. E. Purvis, W. M. Lilley, T. E. Goodrich, R. G. Roberson and F. W. Holliday.

## Little Hope Held for Colored Man Lost in Vast River Swamp

Little hope was held today for Robert Bond, 20-year-old colored man who disappeared in the vast river swamp, near here, last Wednesday. Hunters who have frequented the swamp declare no man can hardly live there for more than a few days, and they doubt if Bond will return alive.

Going into the swamp last Wednesday with his father, Luke Bond, and two others to hunt turtles, Bond was said to have soon lost his way. The elder Bond lost his way and spent Wednesday night in the swamp and the other two came out ahead of him.

Searching parties, numbering as

many as forty men, have entered the swamp each day, but they have been unable to establish any trace of the man. An appeal has been made by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck to the CCC authorities in Beaufort County and plans are virtually complete for broadening the search tomorrow. The search by the CCC boys was delayed because most of them left the camp to spend the long holiday at their homes, Sheriff Roebuck explained.

"We have made every effort possible to advance the search, but we have made very little progress battling the thick undergrowth over the 19,000-acre swamp, the sheriff said.

### AGENT

Recently appointed by the county commissioners, Cleopatra Tyner, colored home demonstration agent, started her work in the county yesterday. It was announced by Lora E. Sleeper, home agent, who will supervise the work of the new appointee. The new agent will confine her work principally to members of her own race. Her services were made available when the county authorities made a small appropriation to supplement State and federal funds.

## Commissioners In Uneventful Meet Monday Morning

### Tax Levy Will Be Determined At Special Meeting Later in Month

An uneventful business calendar featured the regular monthly meeting of the Martin County commissioners here yesterday, the minutes of the session indicating that the authorities came very near observing the day as a holiday. The session was rather lengthy, however, and the commissioners held long discussions but took no definite action when it came to disposing of the proposals.

The 1939 tax rate will await action until the commissioners meet in special session about the middle or latter part of this month. Some attention was given the listings at the meeting, but the authorities did not study the budget figures. A \$1,050 appropriation was granted for forestry work in the county during the new fiscal year, the commissioners disposing of the request that the State department might formulate its plans for the service without delay. District Forester P. W. Tillman, of Rocky Mount, appeared before the board and asked that the appropriation be increased to \$1,250. The request for the additional amount was denied.

Several property owners appeared before the board and asked that their listings be reconsidered. The values were discussed at length, but no decreases were allowed.

A resolution was passed authorizing the closing of a few feet of road in Griffiths Township near the John A. Griffin filling station.

Reports were heard from the various department heads, and Miss Lora Sleeper, just back from a trip to Europe, talked interestingly of the visit.

Messrs. J. E. Pope, R. L. Perry, C. Abram Roberson and R. A. Haislip were present for the meeting.

## Special Demonstration In Pickling To Be Held Here

Mrs. Minnie Eldridge McTeer, widely acclaimed home demonstration agent, will give a demonstration in pickling at the home agent's office in the county agricultural building on Friday of this week at 10 o'clock, it was announced today by Miss Lora E. Sleeper who is just back from an European tour.

The demonstration is for leaders in clubs and home agents in the 15th club district, Miss Sleeper explained.

## Patrons Fighting A Losing Battle For Passenger Service

### Conflicting Advice of Authorities Leaves Them Wondering Where To Fight

Scotland Neck, June 30. — Fifty-seven years ago citizens of Scotland Neck, then a struggling community of a few hundred souls, banded together and raised \$25,000, which was presented to the Atlantic Coast Line Railway or its predecessors, in exchange for which the railroad agreed to begin operation of a passenger train to the community, without rail facilities and which depended chiefly on water-borne traffic up and down the Roanoke River.

This afternoon the last passenger train tooted its whistle with a long mournful blast, for the State Utilities Commission has agreed that the Atlantic Coast Line may abandon its passenger service on this line, effective tomorrow. The order of Commissioner Stanley Winborne stipulated that the railroad would be allowed to halt passenger service but would have to make arrangements for adequate express and mail service. The mail service has been arranged. The express service will be in the form of an express car tied on to a freight train, and citizens declare this will be totally inadequate. This will be the type of service furnished on the entire line from Pamlico to Weldon, affecting about seven little towns and thousands of citizens, some of whom will have no passenger or bus service from now on.

A committee of citizens representing the affected towns appeared before Commissioner Winborne at Raleigh on Wednesday to protest the commissioner's order. They were told by Mr. Winborne that their only recourse was to take the matter to Superior court. So they raised the funds to employ attorneys and today these attorneys consulted with a judge of the Superior court. They were told their recourse was before the superior court could not act on an injunctive proceeding because there was no cause of action before it. So now, John Q. Public is wondering to whom he should appeal to get his trains back, since he has been shuttled from Utilities commission to Superior court and back again.

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## Nine Boys Will Enter CCC Camps This Week

Nine Martin County boys, seven white and two colored, will enroll in the CCC service at Washington tomorrow.

The names of those to report to Washington for examinations are: George Bunch, Charles Elbert Bullock, Franklin Leroy Cox, and Joseph Chester Taylor, all of Williamston; Ben Long Weaver, of Hassell; Alston Wesley Gurganus, of Jamesville; and Harvey Wright, of Dardens. Alternates are Frank Edward Taylor, of Hamilton; James Phillip Williams and Robert Theodore Harrison, of Jamesville.

The names of the two colored boys scheduled for service are Joe Terrell and Augustus Braswell, both of Williamston. Alternates are David Bullock, of Robersonville; Clifton Walton, of Oak City, and James Willis Lloyd, of Williamston.

## Highway Accident Record

While the automobile claimed the life of a little girl, accidents and wrecks were few and far between in the county last week despite the fact that the county's rolling stock was put in motion on an extensive scale by vacationists and visitors.

Traffic, while setting no new record for volume, moved in fairly large blocks through here during the week-end, hundreds of people from around Raleigh and Durham going to Roanoke Island.

For the first time in several weeks no property damage was reported from automobile wrecks in the county, the death of a little colored girl in Poplar-Point Township making the only blot on the county's safety record last week.

A comparison of accident records for the past week and for the first months of the year follows:

	Accidents	Injured	Killed	Property Damage
Last Week's Record	1	0	1	\$ 000.00
Prior Record	23	22	6	6,800.00
TOTALS	24	22	7	\$6,800.00

## Death Strikes On County Road Late Saturday Evening

### Lou Pearl Biggs Is Killed When Struck By Alex Mobley

On a little used country road and under very unusual circumstances, death claimed the life of Lou Pearl Biggs, seven years old, late last Saturday night near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Slade White in Poplar Point Township. Struck by a car driven by Alex Mobley, the colored child's neck was broken and she died instantly.

Accompanying her mother and one-year-old sister, the girl was said to have darted into the road, making it impossible for Mr. Mobley to avoid striking her. Witnesses told Sheriff C. B. Roebuck who investigated the accident, that it was unavoidable on the car driver's part.

The little girl's death was the seventh on the highways and streets of this county this year.

A number of people attended an ice cream supper, and most of them were making ready to return to their homes when Mr. Mobley, section master for the A. C. L. Railroad company, was returning from a visit in Everetts to his home in Palmyra. "I saw the group, slowed my car down and blew the car horn. The crowd withdrew to the side of the road, and just as I started to increase my speed the girl with her one-year-old sister darted into the road. I stopped my car within its length," Mobley told the investigating officer. The baby, torn from its sister's arm, was thrown clear of the car and was not injured.

Will Arthur Rhodes, Charlie Roebuck and George Purvis witnessed the tragedy, and told Sheriff Roebuck that the driver of the car was not to be blamed.

A formal hearing in the case will be held Thursday morning at ten o'clock before Justice J. L. Hassell here when it is expected the driver will be exonerated.

## Market Review For Past Week

Feed markets turned slightly weaker during the last week in June, states the U. S. and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture in the weekly news service review. A slack demand from feeders reflecting abundant pasturage in most central western and eastern states together with relatively low grain prices was the principal weakening influence. Oil seed cakes and meals averaged lower, but corn by-product feeds were not materially changed. The index number of wholesale feedstuff prices declined to 104.4 compared with 105.7 for the previous week.

Farmer's stock Virginia type peanuts in the hands of millers are rapidly lessening in volume. Market prices for best farmer's stock Virginias are holding up and for best jumbos, 4 to 4.10, a few 4.15 cents per pound is being paid on a delivery point basis. Best bunch and best shelling stock, however, are barely up to last week's price levels.

Northern wholesale poultry and egg markets ruled mostly steady this week, although a firmness developed in some markets for rock chickens, crosses and leghorns. Philadelphia closes firm on fancy quality offerings following light receipts which were slowly cleared. Moderate receipts, however, of ordinary quality moved slowly.

Reduced marketings influenced rising potato markets during the past week. At the period's close U. S. No. 1 cobbles were quoted in New York at 3.00 to 3.25 a barrel against 2.25 to 2.50 a week ago. Sack values also increased with late sales at 1.75 to 1.90, as compared with mostly 1.25 to 1.40 a week ago.

Cucumber returns to North Carolina growers were also greater with the bushel basket quoted this week in New York at 2.00-2.50 against 1.75-2.25 a week ago.

## Lending-Spending Drive Is Gigantic

As predicted a month ago, President Roosevelt called upon congress last week for a new lending-spending drive of gigantic size. Over and above WPA, PWA and other relief appropriations, the plan envisions outlay of \$3,860,000,000 in self-liquidating loans for non-federal public works, express highways, rural electrification, rail equipment, farm tenant aid and foreign credits to promote U. S. export trade. It is expected congress will consider this broad proposal immediately.

The record speed, however, with which the tax bill was passed—less than two weeks, compared with an average time of 90 days required for enactment of revenue bills of other years—indicates that congress is in no mood for such a protracted session as undoubtedly would be required to enact the president's entire program. The major part of it, therefore, probably would be shelved until 1940.

## Tobacco Market Will Open on August 22nd

### Opening Is Three Days Earlier Than It Was Last Year

### President J. S. Ficklen Points Out Dangers in a Short Selling Period

The Williamston Tobacco Market will open for the 1939 season on Tuesday, August 22, in accordance with a decree handed down by the United States Tobacco Association in annual meeting at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, last week-end. With great pressure being brought to bear by dirt farmers, the association is having the markets opened three days earlier this season than last.

The schedule of market openings is:

Georgia, July 25; South Carolina and Border, August 3; Eastern Carolina, August 22; Middle Belt, September 7, and Old Belt, September 14th.

While no definite action was reported in connection with a proposal to shorten the selling day or limit sales to four days each week, J. S. Ficklen, of Greenville, president of the association pointed out that the shortening of the selling season was presenting a very difficult problem to the buyers and packers of tobacco.

Ficklen asserted the situation "deserves most serious study as to ways and means for correction of the constantly increasing difficulty."

The association adopted without argument the report of the sales committee, which recommended that all markets be closed on November 11, Armistice Day.

Tom W. Blackwell, of Winston-Salem, member of the sales committee, recommended that the associations urge warehousemen to effect uniform grading, elimination of straggles, waste and foreign material, better bundling and avoidance of large piles of tobacco on warehouse floors. Blackwell also suggested that the maximum weight of each package be limited to 500 pounds.

In his presidential address to the association's 39th annual convention, Ficklen said it is "evident that some policy satisfactory to all must be found, not only to prevent a further shortening of the season, but to extend the time of the selling period beyond that which has been used for the past several seasons."

Ficklen said that last year—the selling season in all belts of the flue-cured areas and in the burley district was "shorter than ever before in the history of the trade."

The association adopted measures at its meeting last year to regulate the speed of sales, the method of packing tobacco offered for sale and the spacing of baskets, both on the flue-cured and burley auction sales.

"During the last crop," the association president reported, "it is generally agreed that the sales were more orderly conducted under these regulations than they had been in the past. There were reports that certain markets were at times violating the speed rate. These reports were brought to attention of the proper authorities on the markets in question and we think, in practically every instance, the situation was corrected."

Ficklen said he saw danger also in the situation created by the crop control law. The 1938 crop, under the control law, brought considerably higher prices for the low grades and somewhat lower prices for the high grades, he said.

"While this situation probably stimulated to some extent exports to countries which usually take high grade leaf, on the other hand these foreign countries which usually purchase the lower grades bought smaller quantities from the last crop than otherwise would have been the case, but for the very high prices placed on the lower grades of leaf," Ficklen said.

"The great danger in this situation lies in the fact that once a manufacturer begins to use foreign-grown substitute tobaccos, it is very difficult to get him back to the use of our tobaccos when, in time, the price situation adjusts itself."

Ficklen recalled that the control program failed of adoption in the last referendum and that the 1939 crops are being grown and will be sold without any marketing restrictions.

The association president said a prediction that the wage and hour bill would have "a disastrous effect on certain branches of the leaf tobacco industry" had "come true."

## No Action Is Taken For Rural Route Extension

Coming here last week, Postal Inspector Conderman took no action to effect extensions on the rural routes originating at this office. The matter is before the authorities, and action is promised within the next few weeks.

### STRIKE

After announcing last Friday that operations would be resumed at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company in this county on July 10, it was learned yesterday that employees at the parent mill in Delair had rejected the proposal approved by their leaders and would continue the strike which halted work at both places eight weeks ago. Officials at the Plymouth unit were unable to make any predictions as to when operations would be resumed as a result of the new developments.

All differences between the management and the unions have been settled except a demand for a "closed shop". Both sides are standing firm on this proposition, with the next conference between the contending groups set for tomorrow.

## Small Number Of County Marriages During Past Month

### Issuance of Licenses Smallest For Any June Since the Year 1932

The number of marriages in Martin County underwent a marked decrease last month compared with those in previous months this year and in the years since 1932. The issuance reported by the register of deeds was the second smallest this year and the smallest for the month of June since the depression, and compares with seventeen a year ago and twenty-four two years ago.

The marriage law, while effecting a decrease in marriages within the county, is not responsible for the marked decrease, reports from various sources maintaining that economic conditions are having something to do with the business drop at the license bureau.

As far as it could be learned, no couples from this county who married outside the State have filed health certificates in compliance with the law. It is not definitely known what procedure is to be followed in filing the health certificates, but it is understood that those who violate the marriage health laws are subject to prosecution.

Licenses were issued last month to the following couples:

**White**  
Jesse Wood, Jr., and Nancy Whitehurst, both of Williamston.

Lester Terry and Eileen Bailey, both of this county.

Rufus Vernon Bunting, of Bethel, and Lela Brown Barnhill, of Williamston.

James Edward White and Martha E. White, both of Bertie County.

**Colored**  
Sam Moore and Allie B. Gaimor, both of Martin County.

Fred Harvey Jones and Ruth Griffin, both of this county.

Roy Bell and Levellia Lynch, of Martin County.

Peter Little, Jr., and Carolyn Crandall, both of Martin County.

Edward Griffin and Louise Woodward, both of this county.

## College President Offers His Views

Dr. Karl T. Compton, president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, writing the foreword to a new book, describes a survey of 54,000 officials of 500 companies which indicates that a college-trained man is 18 times as likely to be president of an industrial corporation as a non-college man, 12 1-2 times as likely to be treasurer, twice as likely to be in charge of production, 18 times as likely to be an engineer and 12 times as likely to be a sales official. The new book, "Engineering Opportunities," edited by R. W. Clyne and published by Appleton-Century, describes the chances for the young engineer in each of the 26 fields, with each field "covered" by an engineer who has already attained success in it. The book is listed as recommended reading for the 8,000 engineers who graduated this June and who seek to acquire a useful background of the industry they plan to enter before talking to the employment manager.

### HOLIDAY DEATHS

Death observed no holiday as Mr. and Mrs. America took to their wheels last Saturday to enjoy a long July rest. As the holiday period wore on, the death count increased, late reports claiming nearly 400 dead and many hundreds injured on the highways and a freakish accident.

## School Building Gaining Impetus In Martin County

### Five Projects Now Underway Or Are To Be Started At Early Date

A school building boom is well underway in the county at the present time, the office of the county board of education announcing this week that three projects are underway, two of them nearing completion, and two more to be launched within the next few weeks.

Scattered in five of the ten townships, the current building program calls for an outlay of only \$21,834, the Works Progress Administration furnishing \$10,334 of that amount.

The first of the projects, a gymnasium, is nearing completion at Jamesville. The county appropriated \$1,500 for the building, the WPA contributing approximately \$2,000. In addition to that amount, the citizens of the community raised a considerable amount for the purchase of lumber. Built under the supervision of Kader Rogerson, the building is one of the best of its kind in the county.

A second project, similar to the one in Jamesville and contracted under the same conditions, is well advanced at Oak City. The launching of a fifth project in the county is pending the completion of the gymnasium at Oak City.

A third project has just been started in Bear Grass Township to replace the building that was burned at Cedar Hill or Woolard's. The county is replacing the old building with a four-room structure costing \$6,134, of which amount the county is appropriating only \$2,800. The WPA is furnishing the remainder. The old building was burned last March.

The fourth project calls for the construction of three additional rooms to the colored high school building in Williamston. Construction of the addition will be advanced without WPA participation, school authorities explaining that the work will be handled largely by the manual arts students in the school. The county is appropriating \$3,200 to cover the entire cost of the building.

Construction work will get underway on the fifth project at Robersonville just as soon as the gymnasium is completed at Oak City. Plans call for the construction of an agricultural building there to cost \$7,500, the county appropriating \$2,500 and the Works Progress Administration the remainder of the amount.

## Export Tobacco Trade Improves

Washington — The United States tobacco export trade improved its general position in the first five months of 1939 over the corresponding period in 1938, according to figures released today by Benjamin D. Hill, chief, tobacco division, department of commerce.

Although the total exports of American leaf tobacco for the first five months of this year were about 11 million pounds less than the exports of the first five months in 1938, exporters noted an increased movement of over 17 million pounds of British-owned bright flue cured tobacco from warehouses to manufacturers in the United Kingdom in that period. Thus, the net improvement of the American export position at the end of June was about six million pounds.

Comparing exports of the first five months of this year with those of the corresponding period a year ago, shipments of dark Virginia increased nearly a million pounds; Maryland and Ohio exports increased about 175,000 pounds; cigar leaf increased 330,000 pounds and stems advanced nearly six million pounds.

Chief declines in the export trade were in bright flue cured tobacco, which totaled 116,653,447 pounds in 1938 compared with 99,886,603 pounds thus far this year. Burley shipments declined from 5,595,530 pounds to 4,702,078 pounds in the periods under comparison.

Grand total value of exports for the first five months of 1939 was \$42,810,972 against \$52,578,042 in 1938.

## More Subscribers Added To The Enterprise List

The Enterprise has added the following names to its reader list:

Oscar Little, Robersonville; Noah Peel, Williamston; Mrs. Raymond Abbott, Ocean View, Va.; R. G. Harrison, Henderson; Martha Hoell, Robersonville; C. L. Hadley, Williamston; Stephen Manning, Williamston; H. L. Roebuck, Robersonville; Bettie Jones, Robersonville; P. L. Salsbury, Scotland Neck; Dr. W. H. Harrell, Philadelphia; David Keel, Williamston; Mrs. J. E. Moore, Williamston; Mrs. R. C. Bailey, Williamston; H. L. Gardner, Williamston; W. T. Pollard, Williamston; S. D. Griffin, Williamston; W. M. Harrison, Williamston; J. H. Ayers, Oak City; J. W. Cherry, Hassell; W. L. Moore, Jamesville; Mrs. Anna Jones, Williamston; Charles Manning, Wake Forest.