

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET

First Monday Runs True To Form With Schools, Dewberries, County Home

The Courthouse at Carthage is always full of rumors or tidbits of conversation that hint at this and that.

In the Commissioners' Room on First Mondays the hints and rumors sometimes turn into facts, but more often they don't. They may be firmly denied or laughed off, or simply given a cold indignant stare.

This Monday a large basket of large dewberries, sitting in the middle of the table before Moore County's five commissioners and secretary, gave strong hints, (1) that Fleet Allen, county farm agent, had been there and (2) that he was boasting about the fine dewberry crop that is coming into fruit.

Most of the berries are grown in the Cameron-Vass - Carthage area, with Cameron generally a jump ahead of the other two.

The Graham brothers and L. B. McKeithen are the big growers in Cameron, with Neil McKeithen doing the same for Vass. Judging from the berries on the table: huge, shiny black ones bursting with succulent juice, this is going to be a good year. And so prophesies the Farm Agent.

More Roads

A hassle over roads brought a group of men from Glendon way, five or six, and all five commissioners to their feet, to put their heads together over a map the petitioners had spread out on the table. The road in question is the one that starts at the old Harrington house near Glendon and goes, about five miles northward, toward the bridge over Little River.

Robert Hyman, whose wife is Lucile Harrington, was the spokesman for the group. About 12 farm families are involved and the hope is to get the road straightened in a few places and blacktopped to cut down on the dust in summer and slippery clay in winter, before next fall.

This, it was duly noted, was the last of a good many petitions and attempts to get the road fixed up, but the commissioners sent the pleaders away with the word: "You get up another petition with ALL the names on it, and then we'll go along with you." Exeunt pleaders groaning.

What! County Home Again? Hints about a new future for the County-Home-Dog - Pound loomed into view with the appearance of Mrs. W. D. Cole, superintendent of public welfare.

Mrs. Cole said that she had received the recommendations of the State Commissioner of Insurance regarding rewriting the building according to state requirements, and also the report of the state consultant on nursing homes. Mrs. Pemberton, as to changes that must be made before the old building could be licensed for such a purpose. Mrs. Pemberton had said that the state favored an occupancy count of 20 to 21—about the same as the building was formerly equipped to hold. A joint meeting between the commissioners and the county board of public welfare to decide what's to be done is being planned, Mrs. Cole said.

(It is understood that when renovated the building will be rented to a qualified private operator.)

A hint of important things to come was supplied by the welfare superintendent when she inquired innocently: "Will our department share in the air-conditioning of the courthouse that is being considered?"

"How's that?" asked the commissioners. And that was that.

But only for the time being. Later in the day Ward Hill, of CP&L, and several air-conditioning advisers conferred lengthily with the county leaders on this very subject, but not before it was well-prefaced by a cautioning word from cautious Commissioner John Currie, mindful of the reporter's notebook behind him: "Just in case... It's just in the 'thinking' stage... just making a few inquiries as to costs, so that maybe, some day..."

The costs looked to be mighty uncertain; and the need more uncertain still. And then they said how we MUST cut down on all this electrical expense; and there were the lights going full blast over their heads (with shades half-drawn to shut out the glare) and all the lights on in the courtroom—every one—though it had been empty for hours.

Blowing A Fuse or Two County Electrical Inspector L. J. Bradshaw gave less hints and more welcome hard facts than anyone. Well, not always welcome facts. He and the state inspector had made the rounds of all county schools and he listed their findings for the commis-

sioners as follows:

West Southern Pines had completed the recommendations he had made 18 months ago and was now in good shape; Bynum, West End, Aberdeen, Davis Schools and Robbins Elementary school, were also O. K., with former violations mostly corrected.

Berkley got a black mark because of main switches in the home ec. room located so high on the wall, (8 to 10 feet) that they could not be reached. Said Mr. Bradshaw: "The rules say the switches have to be accessible, and nobody even knew where these were."

There were situations that might lead to shortages in the Elise High School in Robbins, and in Eagle Springs the circuits were so heavily loaded already that a new movie projector blacked out the lights. "They'll have to put in an extra line if they want to use that movie machine," the inspector said.

Mr. Bradshaw passed Westmoore, Taylortown, and Cameron with "only a few minor violations," and, at Vass-Lakeview: "They're O. K., starting their re-wiring job," but he came down hard on the Southern Pines High School and Carthage.

As to the former he said the system of exit lights were out of order and had been since his last inspection, "and maybe before," but other former violations of the code had been rectified. The Carthage high school system, he said, was heavily overloaded and had been since his last inspection. He had notified Mr. Thomas at the time, he said, and the report was filed in the school superintendent's office that there would be grave danger of fire until the recommended improvements were made, "but nothing has been done."

Pinehurst, he said, had rectified several situations but there were still many needing attention, notably many flexible light cords on permanent fixtures, especially in the Agriculture

Building.

Asked by the commissioners for a summing-up of his findings, the inspector spoke straight from the shoulder: "You can't get around the fact that there have been violations and carelessness in planning and building and especially in inspection. The county, in my estimation," he said, "has wasted money on expensive fixtures and lay-outs."

Mr. Bradshaw spoke particularly of the Carthage Gym where he said an elaborate system of switches had been installed but the master switch, which controlled them all, was in another building "Needless money," he said, "maybe to the amount of two or three thousand dollars, had been spent." He said, in answer to questioning, that he had notified the school board and principals each time.

Same Record

Only school-men present—and they came later and on different business—were from Southern Pines: Chairman of the Board John Howarth and Superintendent A. C. Dawson. They spoke briefly saying that they had come "simply to remind you gentlemen of our former request for funds to complete Part 3 of the school building program, and to prove our attendance records." In other words, to show that the new class-room wing was really needed. Everybody "appreciated" everybody else's coming and the gentlemen behind the table politely bowed the other gentlemen out, no wiser, presumably, than when they came in.

In other words: no action taken. Not till the budget is finished up. The perseverance of these two school-men over the years is something to wonder at. Sometimes it must seem to them all as if an old record was being replayed, again and again. In fact, a good many old records come hauntingly to mind at First Monday meetings.

—KLB

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Franklin Matthews Is Catawba Graduate

Franklin D. Matthews, son of Mrs. Ruby Matthews of Carthage, was among the 116 students receiving degrees at Catawba College Monday.

Matthews was a member of the Advertising Club at the college, located in Salisbury, and received his degree in Business Administration.

Administration.

Receiving an honorary degree at the same time was Sidney Blackmer, stage and screen star and long time supporter of Catawba's well-known drama program.

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