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County In Favor Of Highway

That the citizens of the county are eager for improvement of all lines was clearly demonstrated here on Monday, when a large and representative number of Martin's men and women assembled to hear Col. Benehan Cameron, of Stagsville, N. C., place before the people the building of a branch of the Trans-Continental Highway through the county with a bridge across the Roanoke River at or near Williamston. Some time ago, there were rumors of an electric car line to come here and on to Beaufort, and the citizens of the county heard no more of it. But Col. Cameron, who is the North Carolina member of the Benhead Highway Commission, and a man who has spent years of his life in helping to construct and improve that which stands for the benefit of the people, especially the farmer, made an engagement to come here to offer this Highway to Martin County, pledging Federal aid and his earnest endeavors to route this Highway from Norfolk through Bertie and then across the river.

Senator Harry W. Stubbs, whose influence and votes in the General Assembly for years have always been to road improvement, was largely instrumental in securing the services and offer of Col. Cameron. Other counties might have been chosen for the site of the bridge, but the splendid opportunity was offered to Martin—a high tribute to the progressiveness of its citizens.

At the Brick Warehouse at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, Senator Stubbs told of the object that had called the people to the meeting, and with a knowledge of the desires of the citizens of the county, expressed the strong belief that the project would meet the concerted approval of the men and women who stand for progress. He presented Col. Cameron, who clearly outlined the plan which he came to offer for consideration of those present. He told of the various acts of Congress authorizing the building of great highways which thread the country; of bridges across the rivers; of the Panama Canal, the construction of which lowered the freight rates for the farmer's produce, and numerous other acts which had been given for the benefit and pleasure of the farming districts, which surround the great cities and towns. Maps were shown by means of which one could see the route of the Highway and how Eastern Carolina could link itself with the Pacific coast at Los Angeles, Cal. Col. Cameron's speech was full of facts and figures with which he has familiarized himself by actual participation in the securing of great measures by Congress and the State Legislature. He paid a high tribute to President Wilson: stating that he was intensely interested in the building of highways, and had signed the bills passed by Congress. To clinch the argument for the building of the Highway through Martin and on through the Eastern part of Carolina, he made the statement that Hon. Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, endorsed the Highway as a great strategic movement for the protection of this part of the country in the war.

Col. Cameron was enthusiastically applauded, and at the close of his speech, Senator Stubbs read a resolution which was seconded and adopted by a rising vote of the men and women present. Col. Cameron was the guest in the home of Col. Wilson G. Lamb

Union Meeting In Progress.

As previously announced, the union meeting of the churches in Williamston commenced on Sunday morning in the Brick Warehouse. For some time previous to the beginning of the meeting, union prayer meetings had been held in the several churches as a preparation for the meeting. A large choir and two pianos furnish music day and night. The warehouse was made comfortable with plenty of seats and lights.

Rev. Walt Holcomb, of Nashville, Tenn., arrived Sunday morning to conduct the meeting. Many people remember him as coming here years ago with a party conducting a Sunday School Convention. For years he has been in the evangelistic work, and his reputation as a man filled with the Spirit is well established. He is the son-in-law of the late Sam Jones, whose memory still lives in the hearts of thousands of his fellowmen throughout the United States.

Mr. Holcomb is a fluent speaker and commands the closest attention of his hearers. Services are held at 10:30 every morning and at 8:15 at night; the business houses have been closing at the morning hour, so as to allow any who desire to attend. A large number of out-of-town people are in attendance every night, and these with the town folks make a splendid audience.

Prayer meetings are held each afternoon at 5 o'clock at some home in the town, and are conducted by the women. Like meetings for the men are held in some business office at the same hour.

It is confidently expected that the meeting will result in great good to the town and the surrounding country; everybody is cordially invited to come to every meeting to help in the spiritual-awakening of this people.

Resolution

Resolution adopted by the Citizens of Martin County, in Convention assembled on the 6th day of May 1918, relative to Trans-Continental Highway.

WHEREAS, By virtue of Section 20, Chapter 284, Public Laws of The General Assembly, Session of 1917, the Commissioners of any County were authorized and empowered to raise funds in connection with The Highway Commission for the purpose of building and maintaining Good Roads; and whereas, it is the opinion of the people of Martin County here assembled that the Trans-Continental Highway should pass through Martin County at some point to be hereafter decided upon by Civil Engineers, having in view the location and expenses.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we are in hearty accord with the proposition, and hereby pledge our best endeavors in furtherance of the movement, and stand ready at all times to respond in accordance with the demands of said Highway Commission.

Rev. T. J. Crisp of Conetoe called Monday and gave us a year's subscription. He expects to preach at Piney Grove Church Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Annie Glasgow, of Jamesville, was here Monday.

during his visit to the town, having arrived here Saturday afternoon. He left on the 6:38 train for Plymouth, and addressed the citizens of Washington County on the subject of the Highway, which will reach that section.

Graduated At Peabody.

Next Wednesday evening Minnie Rutenberg, a talented young Russian girl, who has been living in Baltimore for the past few years, will give her diploma recital at the Peabody Conservatory. She was born in Moscow, where she lived with her parents until about 14 years ago, when the family came to this country and settled in North Carolina, where Miss Rutenberg began her musical education. She then came to Baltimore and entered the Peabody Conservatory as a scholarship pupil, where she continued her studies with George F. Boyle, under whose direction she is said to have made phenomenal progress in her chosen profession. She has studied harmony and composition with Gustav Strube Miss Rutenberg has already had several successful public appearances, both in this state and in North Carolina. In addition to being a musician of great promise, she is also deeply interested in another phase of the fine arts, devoting her spare time to painting, her happiest mediums being oil and pastel. — Baltimore Sun.

Miss Rutenberg is the sister of Mr. Simon Rutenberg of Williamston, and his many friends here and elsewhere will be pleased to learn of the accomplishments of his sister.

Monthly Guard Drill

The Martin County Guards held their monthly drill here Monday afternoon, beginning at 1:30, and resuming after the address of Col. Cameron. The Graded School campus was used as a drill ground, and the men were given a good practice. Luke Lamb acting as drill master. The Band belonging to the Guards was with them during the drill.

For Camp Scriven.

Today, four white selected men left for Camp Scriven at Savannah, Georgia. These men were Robert A. Moore, Sylvester S. Moore, Edwin C. Sexton, Norman King Harrison. Next week, P. J. Minton will go to the A. & E. College to take the course in mechanics arranged for by the government.

"Over The Top"

To those of the Liberty Loan Committee throughout our County who rendered their services to help put Martin "Over The Top" in the "Third Liberty Loan Drive" I desire to extend my sincere thanks. Detailed report of each Township in the County will be published in Enterprise next issue.

C. H. Godwin,
County Chairman.

Words of Appreciation

Camp Jackson, S. C.,
April 30th, 1918.

Mr. W. C. Manning, Editor,
The Enterprise,
Williamston,
Dear Sir:

We wish you would extend to the Red Cross our many thanks for the comfort bags and sweaters, which were presented to us on the morning we left for Camp Jackson; the comfort bags were the best equipped of any we have seen since arriving here and we certainly highly appreciated them.

Yours truly,
Simon P. Harrison.

W. H. Hardison, of Ry Mount, has been in town this week visiting relatives.

Made Fine Impression.

Camp Grant, Illin. is, May 2nd, 1918.
Local Board, Martin County,
Williamston, N. C.,
Sirs:

I am returning herewith unused meal tickets, and sleeping car transportation request, furnished your selected men for Camp Grant on April 27, 1918. I covered the sleeping car accommodations furnished all the men on my train with one receipt.

I wish to take this opportunity to say all the boys came through in fine shape. They had the time of their lives and everything possible was done to make their trip interesting, pleasant and comfortable. Their behavior was perfect. Their personal conduct and the care and cleanliness they took of their sleeping cars were most favorably commented upon by all railroad officials. We are sure they will make good soldiers and render service of which you folks will be proud.

Respectfully,
G. G. Latimer,
Captain Infantry, N. A.
In charge Troop Train.

Conservation of Knitted Articles.

The Bureau of Military Relief has issued the following order which vouches for the careful preservation of all knitted articles in hand or that should be made this summer:

"In order to protect from moths and damage in other forms during the summer months Red Cross sweaters and other knitted articles furnished to the soldiers, an order has been issued under date of March 11th, by the Adjutant General of the Army addressed to all Commanding Generals and all Department Commanders, instructing them to have an inventory taken at once of all articles of wearing apparel by the Red Cross and to require the Unit Supply Officers to take up on their return and account for these articles, as though they were government property regularly supplied by the Quartermaster's Corps. Furthermore, they are to exercise the same care in their use and preservation and are to turn them into the Quartermaster for re-issuance at the end of the season or when no longer required to be reissued when needed.

This action on the part of the War Department assures the thousands of American women who have knitted sweaters and other articles for the soldiers for winter use that the articles which they have made are to receive the same careful attention as clothing or any other articles furnished by the Government."

Received Commission.

Mrs. W. H. Harrell has received a letter from her son, W. H. Harrell, in which he states that he has been appointed Asst. Surgeon in the Navy with the rank of Junior Lieutenant. He is a student at the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, and will graduate in June. Being of draft age, he decided to volunteer for service in the Navy and passed the examination and was given a commission.

Seventy-Two Men To Go

Out of the 8,114 North Carolina men to be entrained for camp on May 25th, or during the five-days period thereafter, Martin County will furnish 72 of the number of white men required. The colored selectmen will be sent about three weeks later.

Promotions In Hamilton

Promoted from the 1st to 2nd grade: Clayton Davenport, Margarett Ewell, Cathrine Everett, Mary Moore, John Leary, Annie Bell Thomas.

From 2nd to 3rd grade: Mildred Everett, Margaret Davenport, Berta Belle Pritchard, Ernest Davis, Gurthrie Ayers, Rufus Shaw, Irma Rogers.

From 3rd to 4th grade: Annie Marie Roebuck, Hallie Pender Lawrence, Evelyn Lawrence, Pauline Johnson, Herbert Everett, Mattie Vann Rogers, Ray Bunting.

From 4th to 5th grade: Martha Roebuck, Annie May Davis, Gertrude Lilley, Emily Inscow, Carl Salsbury.

Conditioned to the 5th grade: Annie Baker, Lillian Davenport, Myrtle Everett, Ethel Davenport.

Has Made Fine Record

Those of our readers who are interested in Life Insurance, and most people are, will read with care the half-page ad of the Jefferson Life Insurance Company in this issue. The Company is represented in Martin County by Mr. Jesse T. Price, who in the language of the trade, "has made good." In all the contests offered to agents, Mr. Price scores. He represents one of the largest and best companies in the world, and in Mr. Price the company has one of the best and safest representatives in the State of North Carolina.

Bought Stock.

J. Octavius Manning, who has been with Anderson, Crawford & Co., for several years has purchased the stock of D. D. Stalls & Co., on Washington Street, where he will be pleased to see his friends. He will buy country produce, and carry a line of general merchandise. Read announcement in this issue.

Martin County Patriotic

Mr. C. H. Godwin, Chairman of the Third Liberty Loan Committee for Martin County, reports that the County went over its allotment about 35 per cent. This is a splendid showing, and puts Martin in the Patriotic Row way up in front. Honor Flags belonging to the county and to Williamston are hung in the Brick Warehouse, where the union services are being held.

Armenian And Syrian Relief Fund.

Miss Della Kate Ward for Bear Grass School,	\$4.00
Miss Blanche Everett, Palmyra, (including \$12.20 for Jones Colored Missionary Baptist Church),	13.52
Previously reported,	394.58
Total,	\$412.10

This amount has been sent to Cleveland H. Dodge, American Treasurer of the Fund, 1 Madison Ave., New York.

Sylvester Hassell.

Mrs. Lucy Roberson and Miss Carrie Dell White have accepted positions as operators with the Williamston Telephone Company. The installation of a new switchboard and the amount of work, necessitated the employment of two more operators.

Mrs. Sam D. Scott and little son, who have been visitors here for the past week, left Wednesday for their home in Goldsboro.

Mrs. D. D. Stalls left yesterday for Sanatorium, N. C., where she will remain for treatment. She was accompanied by Mr. Stalls.

Can Appreciate Joke.

Raleigh, May—In one North Carolina city which happens to have an especially active county Food Administrator a number of dealers who have been disciplined have attempted to explain the activities of the County Food Administrator by the statement that he was evidently trying to earn his "large salary." The office of the Food Administration here regards this as the best joke of the season.

"Ninety-nine men and five women serving as county or city food administrators in North Carolina," today stated John Paul Lucas, Executive Secretary of the Food Administration, are rendering patriotic and effective service to the country and to humanity not only without any remuneration at all but at a very considerable sacrifice both of their time and means. Necessarily, many of these through their necessary activities, have incurred the displeasure of producers, dealers or others who have placed their personal interests or preferences above the service that is designed to materially assist in winning the War. These good people are not even getting the magnificent salary of \$1 a year that is allotted to Mr. Page, who, incidentally, is not himself making any claim for reimbursement for any of the considerable expenses which he incurs through the necessity of living in Raleigh away from his home, a larger part of the time and through trips to Washington and elsewhere on business for the Administration."

In light of these facts, the Food Administration's enjoyment of the joke about large salaries for county food administrators may be appreciated.

Oak City Items

Miss Lillie Mae Burnett spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. R. J. House.

Mr. Annetto spent the week-end in Greenville.

William Laughlinhouse spent Friday in Winterville.

Miss Minnie Mae Dauthtridge spent the week-end with Miss Lou Council.

Mr. and Mrs. Haislip, of Hamilton, were in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Roebuck, Billie Haislip and others from Hamilton were here Thursday night.

Messrs. Baxter Carson and A. Worsley, of Bethel, were in town Sunday.

Jerry Askew returned from Greenville Saturday.

The amount raised here for the Red Cross on Thursday night was \$117.00.

Some of the progressive young men of Oak City have organized a club, of which we shall hear more later.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sherrrod, Mrs. Don Matthews, Miss Hattie Floyd and Joe Purvis, of Hamilton, were here Wednesday.

Mrs. Myrtle Evans and Thomas Martin went to Camp Jackson Saturday to visit relatives.

Dr. J. H. Saunders went to Baltimore Wednesday with Dr. John W. Williams, of Everetts, who went to consult a specialist.

Miss Eva Peel, who taught at Robersonville this year, is at home for the vacation months.

Mrs. Mary E. Peel spent several days in Tarboro last week and returned Sunday accompanied by Mrs. W. P. McCraw.