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INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROANOKE BRIDGE

Project No. 35, between the State Highway Commission, will, which connects the agricultural country on the north and south sides of the Roanoke river, it is also forming an important link in the highway between Raleigh and Norfolk, Va.

The project is 3.9 miles and starts at the city limits of Williamston going north toward Windsor in Bertie County. It consists of 8.50 miles of causeway, with a topsoil surfacing, and 4,200 feet of viaduct and bridge, all of which road in new location which necessitated a large amount of clearing and grubbing in the site of all trees, stumps, etc., so that nothing could decay would be included in the fill for the causeway. This work of clearing and grubbing and constructing the fill is being done by the State using convict labor, and is well under way.

Plans for the viaduct and bridge over the Roanoke River are being prepared by the Bridge Department of the State Highway Commission at the Raleigh office. It will consist of two separate structures, the swing span over the river with its approach and the bridge over Conine Creek with its approaches, but with the same general design for both. Beginning at the city limits of Williamston there will be an approach viaduct of 20-foot reinforced-concrete deck girder spans, the swing span of 220 feet over the Roanoke, and then a series of 100-foot spans. Between the Roanoke bridge proper and the Conine Creek bridge is an earth fill approximately 1 3/4 miles long. The Williamston approach to the Conine Creek bridge consists of 25 20-foot spans, then 25-foot spans over Conine Creek, and finally 30 20-foot spans, constituting the north approach. From the end of the bridge to the end of the project is a fill approximately 1 1/4 miles long. The length of the Roanoke River bridge is 2,773 feet and 6 inches, and that of the Conine Creek bridge is 1,584 feet and 6 inches, making a total length of bridge of 4,358 feet and 6 inches with a clear roadway of 18 feet.

On account of the fact that the Roanoke River is a navigable stream it was necessary first to obtain permission from the War Department before proceeding with the preparation of plans. This department has authority over all navigable streams in the United States, and the general type, dimensions, width of clear channel provided, etc., of any structure crossing such streams have to meet its approval. This necessitated a swing bridge which could be opened at any time to accommodate river traffic. Fender work was also necessary to prevent any damage by boats to the bridge when it opened to pivot and shore piers.

The swing span consists of a 220 foot through steel truss, of the center bearing type, with a concrete top floor and a rock asphalt wearing surface. It will be operated from the center of the bridge by one or two men and will be so designed that it can be opened under normal conditions, in two minutes. Safety gates will also be provided, arranged so that they can be lowered or raised from the center of the span, to prevent as far as possible any accidents likely to be caused by the recklessness of careless drivers. These gates will be located on the approaches approximately 45 feet from each end of the swing span.

The viaduct will consist of a series of reinforced-concrete deck girders of 20-foot span with pre-cast concrete rails and a rock asphalt wearing surface. This type of superstructure was selected after several alternative designs were considered and represents a permanent and economical type that will stand the test of time.

The approximate cost of the bridge including both the Roanoke River bridge and Conine Creek bridge, is estimated to be \$260,000, and the approximate estimated cost of the entire project is \$450,000.

Shall We Have Baseball in 1921

Many of the Eastern Carolina towns are now talking baseball. It may be a fine thing and a sport that the present generation seem to have materialized and kept in balance the active and wasted brains of this age of people. It is unquestionably true that people of all ages require a certain amount of recreation, games involving physical contests seem to be about as old as the family of men for as far back as history goes, either sacred or profane, young men, especially, were engaged in many contests requiring physical manhood and endurance. And baseball has grown so popular in America that it is now designated the "National Game."

Williamston figured prominently in baseball circles last season and there is now some talk of entering the league for the coming season and the question needs some very careful review before we go too far. For many years we have tried to observe the trend of things and to record their reactions and influence upon the people of the community. Those people with whom we associate and deal, the people we love, honor and respect, and we are sorry to say that our observation is that nothing has struck our little town in many years that comes nearer approaching a public disgrace than last year's baseball. Aside from the financial "bust" there are other sad features that might be mentioned.

Shall we have baseball in 1921? Not unless we can have a different kind of ball than the kind we had last year. There are many reasons why we should not go into league ball, one is we are not able, another is the town is too small to maintain a team in competition with towns the size of Washington, Greenville and other points where there is much more wealth as well as many more folks. Another reason is that we have already done about enough extravagant foolish, wasteful things, it will be better to get down and do something for the uplift of the community than to bring something in that will tear it down.

bridge over Conine Creek will consist of 25-foot reinforced-concrete deck girders with the same features that characterize the viaduct. In the same preliminary studies of the substructure a type consisting of 3 beams, two columns with spread footings, all of reinforced-concrete, supported on untreated timber piles was considered. But when further studies were made it developed that a reinforced-concrete pile type of substructure was more economical and this type was finally adopted. For Roanoke River and Conine Creek, due to the danger from drift and the larger loads supported, a mass type of concrete pier supported on timber piles will be used. The fender work around the pier and shore piers in the river will be made entirely of crooked lumber, thus continuing the general scheme of making the entire structure as permanent as possible. Due to the size of the undertaking and the necessary details it will be some time before the plans are completed. The estimated, approximate quantities are as follows: 3,500 cubic yards class "A" concrete, 1,200 cubic yards class "B" concrete, 675,000 lbs. reinforcing steel, 31,700 pounds expansion plates and bolts, 2 name plates, 6,000 square yards asphalt wearing surface, 6,000 lineal feet crooked timber fender piling, 49,000 ft. 2" x 4" crooked fender lumber, 2,500 lineal feet untreated timber piles, 100,000 pounds structural steel, 25,000 pounds machinery, 450 lineal feet 2" x 4" crooked timber, 24,700 ft. 2" x 4" crooked flooring lumber, 4,500 lineal feet reinforced concrete piling.

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The stock law is effective March 1st. We have just received the loads of wire fencing of No. 1 Timothy hay. It is to be sold cheap, for cash. C. D. Carstensen & Co.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Annie M. Purvis, late of the county of Martin, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to come forward and settle same at once. All persons holding claims against said estate will present same for payment on or before November 18th, 1921, or their claims will be paid in bar of their claims.

Notwithstanding the fact that the stock law is effective March 1st, we have just received the loads of wire fencing of No. 1 Timothy hay. It is to be sold cheap, for cash. C. D. Carstensen & Co.

PRESENTS UNUSUAL INVESTMENT BILL

That ignorance is bliss is relative. The speculators have been blissfully enjoying the farmers' ignorance of general crop tendencies. A legislative member stopped another on the street this week and asked if the crop estimates reports were not talking advantage of farmers. Many farmers have thought so. Now what is the true situation? The Agricultural Statistician in charge of the Co-operative State and Federal work, has offered some ideas worth considering.

If information were available that warranted closer buying and higher prices for farm products, farmers and business interests would prosper more. It is the skeptic or the pessimistic class who would have us remain in ignorance of the true tendencies. The speculators have their own private sources of crop information, but they have to use it for best advantage prior to the issuance of the government reports since they stabilize tendencies. This basis of all valuable farm information is that of the crop averages.

A bill has been introduced by Senator Varner providing for this essential basis by dependable information available to all interests, the question of uncertainties is minimized. Senator Varner's bill simply proposes that the acreage of crops planted each year be secured thru the tax listers, the results to be turned over to the Department of Agriculture who will tabulate and publish the information after the crops are harvested. This was tried voluntarily and very successfully for two years by 93 counties, it has been approved by all who understand it and farmers want such information as will aid them in planting for their next crops.

The idea of economy is prevalent in this bill. The blanks and tabulations are paid for by the Department of Agriculture and the tax listers have to be paid any way. The final information to those who request it comes from reliable information one learns from other counties, as well as his own, are doing markets for buying and selling are located; settlers are wise; and teachers can instruct intelligently. About 100,000,000 of the investment while ignorance retards prosperity.

Listen to this: A farmer said that this information last year saved him over \$800. It is estimated to result in five per cent better prices to the farmers and lower prices to the consumers, but even at one per cent increase in farm prices, it would mean \$3,000,000 saved annually to the North Carolina farmers alone. A good investment bill, isn't it?

Services at Baptist Church. A. V. Jeyar, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 A. M.—Dr. P. B. Cone, Supt. Come, bring the children and enjoy the Sunday School service with us. Sermon by the pastor, 11:00 A. M.—Subject: "Man's Imperative Need." Sermon by the pastor, 7:30 P. M.—Subject: "Seven Years for a Wife, or Jacob and Rachel." Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening 7:30.

If you would be good—practice it. If you would be generous—practice it. If you would love to come to church—practice coming. To all the services of our church, we most cordially invite you.

Mrs. Hassell Hostess. Mrs. Alonso Hassell was a charming hostess to the Social Hour Club and a large number of her friends besides at the last meeting of the Club. The program was very interesting and as follows: Vocal Solo—Mrs. L. C. Bennett. Current Topics—Miss Mary Smith. Vocal Solo—Miss Mary Smith. Short Story—Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr.

Instrumental Duets—Mrs. Martin, Jr. and Mrs. Carrie Williams. Town Topics—Mrs. P. B. Cone. Vocal Solo—Miss Martha S. Hassell. After the program and the exchange of books Mrs. Hassell served a delightful luncheon to her guests. Miss Martha Hassell entertained a large number of her friends Monday night at the home of her parents and Mrs. T. F. Harrison on Houghton Street in honor of her sixteenth birthday. In the rock game enjoyed, Miss Elizabeth Hassell won the first prize and Miss Fannie Edmondson the body. Miss Harrison, assisted by her sisters, Misses Louise and Bethel served refreshments in the same shape of the Valentine party and being made a success. The party was a varied and interesting one and gifts from the guests were appreciated.

Local News and Personal Mention

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Saunders and Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, Mrs. F. W. Hoyt and Miss Daisy Manning spent Wednesday afternoon in Washington.

Mrs. John Cook and little daughter left Tuesday afternoon for Greenville to visit relatives.

Mr. Stakey of the Automotive Supply Company of Rocky Mount spent Wednesday here on business.

Mr. W. T. Hunter of Fayetteville is spending the week-end here with his family.

Miss Lillie Belle Harrison was in town shopping Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. W. B. Watts was in town Wednesday.

Mr. R. E. Roberson in Washington this week on business.

Attorney Julius Grimes of Washington was in town Wednesday on legal business.

Dr. and Mrs. John Biggs, Meadams F. U. Barnes, B. S. Courtney and J. W. Andrews motored to Washington Wednesday.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church will sell chicken salad, pies and cakes at Harrison's Piano Store Saturday morning at reasonable prices.

Mr. E. F. Jennette of Elizabeth City was in town Wednesday night.

Miss Mary O. Smith who has had her tonsils removed at Sara Leigh Hospital in Norfolk this week is reported to be improving.

Messrs. John L. Hassell, A. R. Dunning, J. Lass Wynne and J. G. Stator spent yesterday afternoon in Washington.

Mr. Roy L. Ward of Rocky Mount will arrive Saturday to spend the week end in town with friends.

Mr. Grover Harrison and little Miss Mary Davis leave Sunday for Petersburg where Miss Harrison will visit her aunt, Mrs. Fabius Mingo, while her father goes to Baltimore on business.

Mr. Julius S. Peel who has been in Asheville and Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the past month is expected home Sunday night.

Messrs. Sam Hazrell, Jr., and Boyd Hight spent Wednesday in Washington.

Mrs. L. J. Hodges, Miss Sallie May Tuttle and Mr. Garland Hodges of Washington were in town yesterday.

Messrs. Kader, B. Crawford, W. A. James and Joe Taylor motored to Washington Wednesday.

Mr. W. C. Manning is in Greenville today attending a church conference.

Buy your Sunday deserts and salad from the Ladies Aid Society at Harrison's Piano Store Saturday.

Kester Rogers and Haywood Rogers went to Washington Tuesday on business.

Dr. E. N. Gordon will vaccinate all hogs in the county free of charge. Call him up and give him your order for the serum.

Subscribe to "The Gossip." The first issue of the High School Gossip has been published and it is a good clean sheet. Let every home in Williamston have a copy of it. Keep up with school activities and encourage your children. Any school child will take your subscription to the official.

Guirkin-Dillon. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred F. Guirkin request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Mary Clarke.

Mr. Grover Lee Dillon on Saturday, the nineteenth of February, Edson Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina.

The announcement of Miss Guirkin's approaching marriage will be associated with interest in Martin County. She is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Guirkin and was born in Jameville, where she has many relatives and friends. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is a member of the Y. W. C. A. She is a very capable young woman and is a very popular person in the community. She is now in Williamston on her way to Raleigh to attend to her business.

GIVES SUMMARY OF TOBACCO CONTRACT

At the request of the North Carolina Tobacco Growers' Association, F. Brown, chief of the N. C. division of Markets, has prepared a summary of the marketing agreement and contract now being signed by tobacco growers in Virginia, North and South Carolina. The contract, which is based upon the results of successful growers' cooperative marketing associations in California, provides:

- (1) The Association is strictly cooperative.
- (2) Only tobacco farmers belong, the association belongs to the farmers.
- (3) There is no stock and there are no profits. Proceeds are paid back to the farmers after deducting all expenses of the association.
- (4) All farmers are treated exactly alike—no partiality—all sign the same contract.
- (5) Good tobacco gets a good price—poor tobacco not so good.
- (6) The Tobacco Association is not trying to fix the price—but to get it for the farmer.
- (7) Farmer agrees to deliver for five years all of the tobacco he raises—but he may from time to time grow more, less or none as he, himself, chooses.
- (8) The contract is binding—there is no way to dodge it when once effective, do not forget that—but it does not become effective until the growers of 50 per cent of the tobacco sign up. Thus the Association will make a substantial advance payment to the grower at the time of delivery.
- (9) The Association will pool all tobacco and sell from time to time in large lots. Each grower will get his share of the proceeds for the year regardless of the price his particular tobacco may bring.

HANDLING THE CROP. (1) The Association may, only with the consent of the members, organize a warehousing corporation in any district or community for curing, drying, storing or otherwise handling the tobacco for its members.

(2) Only members may hold the common stock—and the common stock controls the corporation.

(3) Preferred stock, having no voting power, may be purchased by anyone—and may be retired later by the corporation.

(4) Corporation will be organized for the services of the Association—on a non-profit basis.

ORGANIZATION. (1) The Association intends to include at present the Tobacco areas of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

(2) This tobacco area will be divided into twenty-two districts.

(3) The Board of Directors will consist of one director from each district—and one each from the states of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, appointed by the Governor thereof, to represent the general public—twenty-five directors in all—these control the Association—head quarters Raleigh, N. C.

(4) The tobacco farmers, members of the Association, at a primary election, select delegates to a district meeting. These delegates in each district meet, organize and elect a director from each district.

(5) Each farmer member has one vote—no more—this is according to the best experience in such associations.

The G. E. Conkey Co., which has long been known as the makers of excellent poultry remedies, in endeavoring to interest the farmers and the poultry raisers of this neighborhood in the merits of the Conkey's Butter-milk Laying Mash and Conkey's Scratch Grain. They are claimed to be wonderfully good for egg-purposes and to be cheaper in the long run than ordinary chicken feeds.

The company will mail free on request, an "egg Record" and a special bulletin on how to pick out good hens and cull out the non-layers. A post-card or letter addressed to the distributors, The Wilson-Drummond-Hiddle Corp., 451 Union Street, Norfolk, Va., is all that is necessary to secure them. It is also desired that all feed dealers who are willing to carry a small amount of the feeds in stock communicate with them at the same address.

NOTICE. If you don't pay your electric light bills on or before the 1st of Feb., service will be discontinued. Fair Warning.

We hope to be able to move our new plant on or about March 1st. The rates after we move our town will be cut to the old mill rate.

W. T. MEADOWS, Treasurer. Just received two carloads wire fencing. Be prepared for the stock law when it goes into effect on the 1st. Cheap for cash. C. D. Carstensen & Co.

The No-fence Law Cause of Concurrence

Much concern over no-fence law. The No-Fence Law seems to be giving the Legislature much concern. Doubtless many sections are very much in need of it, and the contrary there are many sections that do not need it and will sustain a great loss from it if it is passed.

It really looks like there are many vital questions which should receive the attention of the one hundred and seventy Senators and Representatives before so much attention is given to a matter of so little importance. The people should have at least a year to change from the present method. Those who have no pasture prepared will be forced to go to enormous expense in fencing and feeding as well as in the sacrifice of stock which is not in shape for market.

RECORDERS COURT. The Recorder's Court met Tuesday, February 16, with his honor, J. C. Smith, presiding and Solicitor B. D. Critcher prosecuting on behalf of the state. There were only four cases on docket.

No. 1 State versus T. M. Keel, disposing of crops was continued till February 23, 1921.

Number 2 State versus Roy Godard removing crops. Gully, judgment suspended upon the payment of the costs.

Number Three, State versus Reubin Speller. Assault upon a female. Gully, judgment suspended upon the payment of the costs.

Number Four, State versus Robert Green, Larceny and receiving. Gully, judgment suspended upon the payment of the costs.

HAMILTON PERSONALS. Mr. Peyton Moss of Charlotte spent the week-end in town.

Miss Nancy Lay of Greenville was the guest of Miss Pattie Sherrill for the week-end.

Mrs. J. P. Boyle was called to Philadelphia Monday on account of the illness of her mother.

Mr. Williams of Greenville spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

Mr. Gordon Hites has accepted a position with the road force of Bertie County.

Mr. R. A. Edmondson was in Washington on business last week.

Miss Cordie Purvis attended the funeral of Mr. Columbus Mayo near Lenoir Thursday.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT (Episcopal). The Rev. Walter B. Clark, Priest-in-Charge.

Services for the second Sunday in Lent, February 20th: Sunday School; 9:45 A. M. Harry Merton Stubbs, Superintendent.

Morning prayer and sermon—11:00 A. M. Sermon by the Rev. George W. Lay, D. C. L. of Beaufort, N. C.—"Christian Education."

Evening Prayer and Sermon—7:30. Sermon by Dr. Lay, "Sold Service—The Work of the Church in the Community."

A special invitation to all who are interested in Christian Education and Solid Service.

Choir rehearsal, Saturday evening, 7:30, in the church—Mrs. J. H. Saunders, Organist and Director.

NOTICE OF SALE. North Carolina, Martin County. Under and by virtue of an order by the Board of Commissioners held at their regular session on the 7th day of February, 1921, notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the usual voting place in Bear Creek township, Martin county, on the 18th day of March, 1921, for the purpose of taking sense of the qualified voters of said township, on the question of whether said township shall vote "Stock Law" or "No Stock Law."

At said election those qualified voters who are in favor of said proposition, shall vote a ballot on which shall be written or printed the words "Stock Law," and those opposed to said proposition, shall vote a ballot on which shall be written or printed the words "Against Stock Law."

Said election to be held at the time and place aforesaid by Nathan Rogers registrar, A. B. Ayers and Hyman Cowing as judges of election, and under the rules and regulations as are provided for the election of the General Assembly, under the general election laws of the State.

WILLIAMSTON BASKETBALL TEAM DEFEATED BY JAMESVILLE

The Williamston basket ball team invaded the Jameville playground this afternoon and gave them a good lesson in basket ball. There was no need for basket game played between teams, as it was pay enough and to spare. Outdoor field was a little new, local basket ball but they managed to pile up a score of 38 to 14. The Jameville team shows improvement since the game here last year. There is a pleasing spirit of good will between the two teams which makes the contests real pleasures for the boys. The lineup was as follows:

Williamston	Jameville
Cook	Lilley
Edwards	R. G.
Britt	Heard
Booker	Needles
Griffin	R. G.
	Sexton
	L. G.

Field Goals: Williamston: Edwards, 7; Britt, 6; Booker, 4; Jamesville: Davis, 4; Lilley, 5; Worthington, 1.

Foul goals: Williamston: Edwards, 2; Jamesville, 0.

Substitutions: Williamston: Booker for Edwards. Jamesville: Worthington for Sexton.

Score by halves: 28-8; 10-6. Time: Two 20 halves. Referee: West of Williamston.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT. Whereas, We, the Ladies Aid of the Christian Church of Williamston, being deeply sensible of our loss in the death of our dear sister, Mrs. Minerva Everett, whose sweet spirit passed out of the body to be at home with the Lord on the morning of February 11.

Resolved: First, That we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father who hath called, Come ye, blessed my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Second: That in the death of sister Everett, the Ladies Aid has lost one of its most faithful and consecrated members, one whose long life of service in the Master's Kingdom here, whose faith and loyalty and service meant so much to us, that we shall sorely miss her inspiring and uplifting presence, her meek and gentle life, her words of counsel and deeds of kindness. That, in the passing of this lovely woman we have all lost a genuinely and true friend. The home a saintly mother, the church a faithful christian.

Third: To her sorrowing loved ones, we tender our sincerest sympathy and commend them to the consolation of the God of Love.

Fourth: That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon our minutes, a copy sent to the press and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

MRS. JESSE PRICE, MRS. A. R. DUNNING, MRS. A. J. MANNING, Committee.

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By order of the Board of Commissioners of Martin county at the regular session held on the 7th day of Feb., 1921.

Nathan Rogers, Registrar, A. B. Ayers and Hyman Cowing as judges of election.

I HAVE SEVERAL HUNDRED pounds of meat for sale at once. Hogs weighing from 75 to 100 pounds. J. HAYWOOD, 1000 N. 1st St., Raleigh, N. C.

Route 2. See Ladies Aid notice.

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GRAND

MONDAY—LIONEL BARRBERN in "THE COPPERHEAD" and "THE MIZZOURIA"

TUESDAY—ROBERT WARWICK in "THE MIZZOURIA"

WEDNESDAY—