

SOUTH ATLANTIC COASTAL HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION

Delegation Reports A Wonderful Trip To Savannah

Messrs. J. D. Biggs, H. G. Horton and J. L. Hassell returned last Thursday from the meeting of the South Atlantic Coastal Highway Association which met at Savannah, Ga., on April 8th and 9th.

This Association has for its purpose the linking up of the cities along the Atlantic Coast from Norfolk, Va., to Key West, Fla., to be known as a Coastal Highway and to connect the port cities as a military measure in case of war.

This Association has been in existence for about four years, but the towns and cities along the coast from Norfolk, Windsor, Williamston, Washington, New Bern and along the line to Wilmington seemed to have had no knowledge of its existence prior to a few weeks ago when the Mayors of the different towns and members of various civic bodies residing along route thirty on which Williamston is located, received invitations from Fred Warde, Secretary of the South Atlantic Coastal Highway Association to attend the meeting to be held this year in Savannah.

Prior to this year in some way Rocky Mount and the towns along route forty, which extends from Roanoke Rapids by Rocky Mount, Wilson, Goldsboro, and other towns to Wilmington, had got recognition from the Association and had as Chairman for North Carolina N. Y. Chambliss of Rocky Mount, and at the meeting in Charleston, S. C., last year through the efforts of Mr. Chambliss and others the Association tentatively agreed to adopt route forty as the official route.

Through the alertness of the Secretary of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce, this situation was brought to the attention of the towns along route thirty which resulted in a large delegation being sent from Elizabeth City, Hertford, Williamston, Washington, New Bern and other towns along the route to the meeting at Savannah.

When this delegation arrived in Savannah they found a very hostile reception accorded them by the delegation from route forty, however in the state meeting held in the DeSoto Hotel our route won out through hard work and superior numbers of our delegation with the result that they elected the state chairman for the coming year in the person of Senator P. H. Williams of Elizabeth City.

On Wednesday morning at a hearing before the Executive Committee route thirty was recognized and put on the map as the coastal route.

Winning this victory does not mean that this is all to be accomplished but on the contrary the work has just begun.

Neither route thirty nor route forty will be advertised by this association as a route for tourists until they are made hard surface roads.

At this time route thirty is nearer the goal than route forty in this respect as we have more hard surface roads completed than the other route and from reports given out at the convention it was calculated that route thirty would be linked up with a hard surface road from Norfolk to Wilmington by 1925 and as far as Martin County is concerned this route is already completed in this county by the bridge across Roanoke river and the hard surface road to the Beaufort County line.

Our delegation reported a delightful trip to the charming city of Savannah they found it a city of beauty with a population of one hundred thousand, and like Washington, D. C., a city of "magnificent distances."

It has nice broad streets with lines of stately Palmetto trees in the center and double drive ways on almost every street, and within the city limits intersecting the various streets are thirty two public parks surrounded by trees and beautiful flowers and a turf of greenward. If there is anything that predominates in this quaint semi-tropical city it is her churches which one encounters on every hand, and at almost every hour of the day you can hear the chimes from these magnificent edifices pealing forth their harmonious notes and make you feel like you are in another world.

COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION HELD HERE SAT.

County Executive Committee Was Elected

The County Democratic Convention was held at the Court House Saturday April 12, at 12 M. The convention was called to order and presided over by the former county Chairman, Mr. H. W. Stubbs with Plenny Peel acting as secretary.

Preceding the business part of the program a roll call was asked for. All townships were represented with the exception of Poplar Point, Hamilton, and Goose Nest.

The following County Executive Committee was elected: Jamesville, Luther Hardison, Williams, Joshua L. Coltrin; Griffins, Plenny Peel, Bear Grass, Nathan Rogerson; Williamston, Clayton Moore; Cross Roads, Simon E. Roberson; Robersonville, Ed James; Poplar Point, B. B. Taylor; Hamilton, F. L. Gladstone; Goose Nest, Bill Worsley. This committee elected Clayton Moore, County Chairman.

J. C. Smith was elected a member of the Senatorial Judicial Committee. A. R. Dunning elected as a member of the Judicial Committee. H. W. Stubbs elected a member of the Congressional Committee.

Luke Lamb was endorsed as a member of the State Executive Committee.

Colored Commencement to be Held Here Wed

The County Commencement of the colored schools will be held in Williamston, Wednesday, April 16th.

The colored schools of the county are particularly enthusiastic over this meeting and they are expecting good results from the occasion. Interest is being manifested by all the schools as they will compete with each other on track field and in various other departments.

A special train will run from Oak City in the morning, bringing the Hassell, Oak City, Parmele, Robersonville and Everett schools. The students from other schools in the county will arrive by other conveyances.

The colored people are paying much attention to the schools and they anticipate a great gathering on that day.

DR. WHITEHEAD'S RECIPE FOR COOKING CARP

There is, apparently, disagreement between Judge Winston and Dr. Whitehead, about cooking Jonnie Dixon's German carp. Dr. Whitehead lives somewhat further up the river than the Judge, and carp are more common around Woodland than they are at Windsor. The Doctor dissents from the Judicial method and sets forth the following: "Dress him nicely, put him on a board, bake him four hours, garnish him with anything you see fit, take about three drinks, throw away the fish and eat the board."

It is somewhat unwillingly that Dr. Whitehead takes issue with Judge Winston about cooking German carp, and perhaps it is his interest in maintaining the health of the community that he warns against any trafficking with this traitorous and militaristic fish.

I don't believe anybody ever lived that could cook a carp so it would be good to eat," he said yesterday. The Doctor is a hunter and a fisherman and maintains a hunting lodge down in Northampton.—News & Observer.

story and in all parts of the city you encounter some monument to her great heroes of the past.

Being situated on the Savannah river, only sixteen miles from the ocean with a fine water front and great harbor facilities has made it one of the leading ports on the South Atlantic Coast and is the chief city in the world for the shipment of naval stores.

The first steamship to cross the Atlantic ocean was built in Savannah and sailed from that port.

But the farther a North Carolinian travels away from home the better he feels to feel better and the admiration swells in his bosom for his native state, whose mountains are the grandest, the music of whose rivers is the sweetest as they frolic laughingly to the sea, whose climate is the most salubrious, whose soil is the most productive and whose sons and daughters are the purest Anglo Saxon strain in America.

We can truthfully say, God bless our Native Land.

MAYOR HASSELL RECEIVES INVITATION TO BE GUEST OF CITIZENS OF HERTFORD

Meeting Will Deal With Matters Relating to Highway Route Number 30.

Mr. J. L. Hassell, Williamston, N. C.

My dear Sir: On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce of Perquimans County and the citizens of Hertford, I wish to extend to you a very pressing invitation to be our guests in Hertford on Thursday, May 1, 1924, at a get-together meeting of people interested in Route 30.

We hope at this meeting to devise plans by which the good work started at Savannah will be made a truly working force in this section. We hope to have around two hundred and fifty guests on that day and are looking forward to a fine time. I sincerely trust you can be with us.

Very truly,
CHAS. WHEEDBEE

GILLIAM ROGERS DIES SUDDENLY

GILLIAM ROGERS
Mr. Gilliam Rogers died Sunday morning on the Alonzo Allen farm near Everett.

Mr. Rogers went to bed in his usual manner and appeared to be in perfect health until about midnight when he awoke and complained of a numb and sleepy feeling. He did not remain in this condition but a short time before reaching an unconscious state which finally resulted in death at an early hour Sunday morning.

The doctors attributed his death to apoplexy. He was about 35 years old, being very young to be attacked by such a disease.

Mr. Rogers married the daughter of Mr. Henry Gurganus who with seven little children survives him.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon. The interment took place at the Noah Gurganus burying ground.

Much Interest Manifested in Contest

Yesterday we continued to receive many answers to the contest which is being run on the "Special ad" page of our paper. If you haven't mailed or sent your answer it, be sure to do so before 5 p. m. today. If you failed to reply to the first issue it is not too late to start as the greatest number of correct answers gets the \$10.00, the next greatest number \$5.00 and so on. This is an easy way to get \$10.00. Up to date there have been a good many entries and much interest is being manifested in the contest.

FARM LIFE SCHOOL CLOSING TODAY AFTER A MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The Manning Farm Life School is closing its session today with the annual picnic.

The commencement exercises were held this morning and the graduates from both the grammar and high schools received diplomas.

There are a great many Williamston people in attendance.

AT THE STRAND THEATRE TONIGHT AND TOMORROW

Betty Compton in "Woman to Woman" is the feature at the Strand Theatre tonight and tomorrow. Critics class it with the best of pictures and is a very good picture.

POST OFFICE RENOVALED

The United States post office of Williamston is undergoing a spring cleaning. The interior is all being painted, the wood work white and the wall a light tan. The furniture in the lobby will all be done over and the post office will soon present a most attractive appearance than heretofore. Mr. J. T. Price, postmaster is now or will be able to boast of an up-to-date mail post office in an up-to-date town.

Mr. Griffin Returns from Honolulu

Mr. Henry Griffin, who has been in Honolulu for several years, returned home Saturday and is visiting his mother, Mrs. J. B. Griffin. Mr. Griffin speaks favorably of that Pacific country.

Mrs. Van Nortwick and Mrs. Carson of Parmele were visitors here yesterday.

Miss Bonner Gurganus is at home from N. C. College for the Easter holidays.

MRS. FLORENCE STALLS KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Was Enroute to Hospital To Get Her Sister

Monday, Mr. E. E. Edmondson of Hamilton accompanied by Mrs. Florence Stalls, left Hamilton in a car driven by Ernest Davis enroute to Rocky Mount. When about four miles from Rocky Mount their car collided with another car and as a result both cars were demolished and Mrs. Stalls was instantly killed in the wreck. Mr. Edmondson only suffered minor injuries. Mr. Davis was seriously cut about the neck. He and Mr. Edmondson were taken to Park View hospital at Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Stalls was taken in charge by a Rocky Mount undertaker and will be brought to her home in Hamilton where she will be buried.

Mrs. Stalls was about 37 years old. Edmondson to Rocky Mount where he was going to bring his wife back from the hospital. Mrs. Stalls and Mrs. Edmondson were sisters.

Mrs. Stalls was about 37 years old and leaves one child, a little girl six years old. Mr. Charlie Stalls, the husband of Mrs. Stalls died last year.

Investigations Cause Great Anxiety in Washington

The investigations now going on in Washington seem to be causing great anxiety and worry among the politicians.

There is evidence that the hide out some of the high-ups is getting very thin. They are kicking like mules and backing like steers.

The latest sensation in many respects is the entry of President Coolidge in the game.

From every indication he wants the scandal hushed up and almost made a threat that it must be stopped. The thing that seemed to disturb him most was the demand of the senate investigating committee to see the Mellon tax books.

It seems reasonable that if every thing is honest, square and right that they would not object to the world seeing them. If Mr. Mellon is dealing fairly with his government and paying honest taxes let him prove it. The fact that he is a cabinet officer and the adviser of the President makes it all the more reasonable that he should show his books.

Too much secrecy has been hidden already and every person acting in any public capacity should gladly show the world their books and statements.

The tax books of the poor man are open to the gaze and inspection of the world, why not the rich be required to do the same? The people should force the issue. Open the books.

Honest people will welcome such a course, dishonest people will not. One of the great troubles today is that the world investigate scares too many of the so-called citizens and for the benefit of the people more investigations should be made, for some people have to be frightened before they will make any confessions.

MR. KADER LILLEY SERIOUSLY ILL

Mr. Kader Lilley is seriously ill at his home near here. Little hope is entertained for his recovery unless there is a decided change in the next few hours, according to a statement made by his physician today.

Mr. Lilley is one of Martin County's most highly respected citizens and his many friends are hoping that he may rally and improve shortly.

McKENIZE-TAYLOR

Mr. and Mrs. David Thomas Taylor announce the engagement of their daughter, Arhaja Catten to Mr. Robert Perston McKenize, the wedding to take place some time this summer.

The announcement above will be of interest to the friends in Martin County of Miss Taylor and of her father, Dr. David T. Taylor.

TO ATTEND DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IN RALEIGH

Dr. John D. Biggs, W. T. Ward, T. Coltrin, Luke Lamb, E. S. Peel, Clayton Moore, C. D. Carstarphen, V. C. Manning and A. J. Manning will attend the State Democratic Convention in Raleigh Thursday.

To Make Their Home Here

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Edwards and little son arrived Friday from Kinast to make their home here. They will occupy Apartment No. 5 in the Tar Heel Building.

PEANUT ASSOCIATION GROWERS TO MEET HERE APRIL 29TH.

Will Meet in Court House; Will Select and Nominate A Director

The Primary Meeting for the selection of nominees for the Board of Directors of the Peanut Growers Association will be held at Williamston, N. C. (Court House) Tuesday, April 29th, at 3 p. m.

All members of the Association are urged to be present in order to nominate candidates for Director who will be elected at the District Meeting to be held on Thursday, May 8th.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Peanut Growers Association will be held in Suffolk, Va., Wednesday, May 14th.

These meetings are of vital interest to the members and a large attendance is urgently requested.

J. D. W., General Mgr. Peanut Grower Association.

BEAR GRASS SCHOOL CLOSING

The Bear Grass schools will close April the 15th with a commencement. The Roebuck and Bear Grass schools will give a joint entertainment at Bear Grass in the school building on Thursday and Friday nights, April 17th and 18th.

On Friday, beginning at 10:30 a. m., there will be two speaking, followed by a picnic prepared by the hospitable ladies of Bear Grass and Roebuck schools. In the afternoon of the same day the primary grades will take part in an Easter egg hunt.

Dancing Falls in Price; Tax Fell \$850 at Once

By an order passed by the Town Fathers at a recent meeting the \$1000 tax has been withdrawn and a tax of \$150.00 has been placed instead.

But, yet, the chances will have to be more than favorable for a dance to be staged in the city, as \$150.00 will have to include what the profit is used to be.

Jamesville School To Give Play Tomorrow

The Jamesville school will give a play at the auditorium of the school building Wednesday night, April 16.

The expression class which is being taught by Miss Hair will take part in the exercise.

The Jamesville school has performed a very creditable work during this season and those who attend the play will appreciate the good work done by the faculty and the students.

The admission of the play is 35 and 10 cents.

HILD'S FAILURE TO KISS MOTHER LEADS TO CRIME

Bonkie, La., April 12.—The remark of a small child that she had not kissed her mother before she died, resulted today in the discovery of the bodies of Mrs. M. E. Carracutt and her infant of a few months in the armoire home here. The husband is John M. Marksville charged with the murder of his wife while the authorities are endeavoring to determine what caused the death of the baby.

Carracutt and his wife quarreled last night, he told the sheriff, and while the woman held the babe in her arms, he slashed her throat and stabbed her in the body. The infant, he said, fell from her arms to the floor and was killed. Earlier, Carracutt had told a deputy that his wife killed the child and he killed her in turn.

After he had killed his wife Carracutt placed his four other children in an automobile and drove to the home of his sister at Bayou Jack and sent to bed. This forenoon one of the youngsters who witnessed the killing told her uncle, who drove to the Carracutt home, where he found the bodies.

Carracutt, a carpenter, is 37 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Visit Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Harrison and Miss Louise Harrison motored to Wilson Sunday to visit Miss Martha Harrison who is suffering from an attack of chronic appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts and Mrs. W. H. Crawford, Mrs. Robert Heydenreich and Mr. Hubert Morton spent yesterday in Greenville.

Mr. Ainsley, principal of the Oak City high school and Mr. Everett of Oak City were in town Monday attending to business.

Mrs. Emma Roberson spent the week end here with her mother.

COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF MARCH

Active Work Is Showed By Mr. Brandon's Report

Following is the report of the county agent, Mr. T. B. Brandon, to the County Commissioners for the month of March.

18 days spent in field work.
8 days spent in office work.
76 conferences with farmers in regards to farming.

115 letters written during the month
29 farms visited.
6 meetings held with an attendance of 276 people.

2 articles prepared for local paper.
Last week I had Dr. Sallade with me from the State Veterinary division to teach the county agent to give the life time treatment to hogs. I have been granted a permit to treat hogs and will be ready for the work all times to serve the people along the lines in the county.

Advised 67 farmers as to the best fertilizer to use under cotton under weevil conditions.

Advised 211 farmers as to the best cultural methods under weevil conditions.

Advised 18 farmers as to permanent pastures.

Treated 341 head of hogs for 3 farmers.

Advised 6 farmers as to growing potatoes for market.

Advised 8 farmers as building poultry houses.

Advised 7 farmers as building self feeders for pigs.

Advised 18 farmers as to control ling sand down in tobacco.

Advised 12 farmers as to the best seed to plant under weevil condition.

The greater part of next month will be devoted to treating hogs as there several out breaks in the county and there is a great number of farmers who have requested the work to be done already.

T. B. BRANDON, County Agent, Williamston, N. C.

Cooperative Managers Met At Jackson, Miss. Last Week.

Raleigh, April 14.—A very important meeting of the General Managers of the twelve State Cotton Cooperative Associations was held last week at Jackson, Miss. General Manager U. B. Blalock of the North Carolina Growers Cooperative Association and Dr. B. W. Kilgore, President of the American Cotton Growers' Exchange attended the meeting. On his return Mr. Blalock reported that all of the State Associations were operating in a highly satisfactory manner. In this meeting it developed that not a single one of the Cotton Cooperative Associations had been forced to sell cotton at any time and that in no instance had any bank called up any of the cooperative associations for additional margin, notwithstanding the various rumors which had been floated the effect that some of the cooperative have been in financial straits on account of the recent slump in the price of cotton.

"Each state," said Mr. Blalock, "adhering strictly to the principles of orderly marketing and some of them have already closed out some grades and have very little cotton to offer in other grades. While there has been a slackening of the domestic demand for cotton, the export demand continues very heavy. There seems to be quite a scarcity of certain types and grades of western cotton."

"The North Carolina Association has within the past few days, sold quite a quantity of North Carolina cotton which is being exported through the port of New Orleans. Those who are interested in the cotton industry can draw their own conclusions from this transaction. It is self-evident that it is either difficult to secure this particular type and grade of cotton from the western states or that North Carolina cotton farmers, through the use of improved seed, are building up a reputation on cotton that will compete with the cotton that is usually exported through New Orleans."

Mr. Blalock reports that weather conditions have interfered more or less seriously with the planting of the 1924 crop throughout various sections of the cotton belt. Returning by way of Birmingham and Atlanta to Raleigh, the trip was through one continuous downpour of rain. Some of the State managers reported that a considerable amount of cotton would have to be replanted.

Professor Eden, superintendent of the Jamesville high school and his assistant, Mr. Pool, were in town Saturday.

CHARGES OF SLUSH FUND FOR McLEAN DENIED

Denial Too Late or Elizabeth City Editor Too Early with Charge

Raleigh, April 8.—Action and reaction from the precinct meetings in Wake Saturday which were featured by the defeat of J. W. Bailey in his own ward were all but obscured by the charges of a McLean slush fund which were sprung Saturday by the Elizabeth City Independent. As forecast exclusively in this correspondence, W. J. Brogden, State manager for Mr. McLean, today made public the correspondence between Editor Saunders and the Lambertson candidate which denies any knowledge of the \$1500 offer on the part of Mr. McLean.

Mr. Saunders evidently had the McLean reply when he wrote the article, many copies of which have been received in Raleigh. According to the statement from headquarters today, he wrote Mr. McLean at Lambertson: "I thank you for your prompt and forward reply to my letter of the 25th. For your information, it is not my present intention to make any publication of this correspondence."

But the Saunders article came along a day or so after this letter was received at Lambertson and it appeared on the front page under a double column head, "Looks Like Millions to Vanquish Bailey." The article then set out to say that \$1500 was the price that had been offered the paper if it would support the Corporation Candidate for Governor.

Editor Saunders' treatment of the article was nothing if not romantic. He detailed how some man, not named in the article, had approached him in his office after dark, closed the doors and then whispered the overture provided he would "write some nice pieces in the paper about Mr. McLean."

The Elizabeth City man then pitched in full force, calling the name of J. B. Duke and others whom he asserted would willingly contribute huge sums to the promotion of Mr. McLean's candidacy in the anticipation of exemption from their "fair burden" of taxes. Mr. Bailey himself couldn't have written a more interesting piece of propaganda, as the McLean forces interpret the Independent article, than Mr. Saunders did for him.

Mr. Brogden made public the following reply of Mr. McLean to Mr. Saunders, sent from Lambertson several days ago:

"Answering your inquiry, I will say that I know nothing whatever of any proposition to you to buy or use any copies of your paper to be sent all over the State. I have not suggested or requested any one to make any such proposition to you as that outlined in your letter and I have no idea whatever of the person to whom you refer in your letter as having had such a conversation with you. I was at a conference with a number of parties while I was at Elizabeth City and have had correspondence, with a number of other friends since I left there and none of them has communicated to me any such suggestion as that referred to in your letter."

"Answering your other question," Mr. McLean wrote, "I will say that I hold no railroad passes whatever and have held none since I severed my connection as president and general manager of the Virginia and Carolina Southern Railroad (Short line) the first of the year."

The two to one victory in Mr. Bailey's home county, however, means that the county convention—and most likely the State convention to follow—will be dominated by the McLean folks. This has been apparent for sometime and has been published in this correspondence. There is not a particle of doubt but that the entire program of Governor Morrison will be approved by the convention.

One race race, however, is not going to get all the attention of the voters and a rather clear indication of that is the reception Frank Crist, Lenoir printer, is getting in his campaign for the nomination of Commissioner of Labor and printing. At first it looked very much as if Crist did not have a chance. He was the author of the celebrated Crist bill for service men in the legislature and the politicians counted the service men against him.

They are not. Rather it seems as if they are centering on Crist as their candidate for political honor this time. If this be true, organization is behind him for the Democrats and Republicans both are going to have ex-soldiers on the ticket this fall. Crist is the lone Democrat in the field now.

FOR SALE: 1-2 PRUCE HARDWOOD Flooring, second handed feet. JULIUS PEEL, Williamston, N. C. 2