

Officials Consider 3 Power Propositions

Two Proposals Have To Do With Oil Engine, Other with Franchise

Two contracts relating to power and lights for the town are now in the hands of local officials awaiting acceptance or waiting to be rejected, no body knows which. A third contract is expected from the Virginia Engineering company within the next few days, and as far as is known one of these three propositions will be accepted by the town within the near future. Two of the proposals deal with the installation of a new oil engine, while the third is that of the Virginia Electric and Power company.

Town officials are investigating the situation, and are reporting their findings. A recent questionnaire directed to the Virginia Electric and Power company has been returned with answers attached.

The questionnaire and answers follow:

Q. Do you serve the Town of Weldon. A. Yes.

Q. Do you own the franchise of the Town of Weldon? A. Town of Weldon granted us a franchise November 3, 1913.

Q. What do you charge the Town of Weldon for street lights and water pumping? A. Street lights, 400 C. P. \$60.00 per annum; 60 C. P. \$18.00 per annum. Water pumping, 1c per kilowatt hour; \$65.00 per year minimum, 80 K W maximum demand.

Q. What do you charge the citizens of Weldon for house lighting? A. Rate 1-A and 11-A.

Q. What is your cooking rate in Weldon? A. Rate 7-A, 5c less 10 per cent cooking; Rate 11-A, 40 Kw. hrs. 9c; 60 Kw. hrs. 5c over 100 Kw. hrs. 4c.

Q. What is your Frigidaire rate? A. 4c.

Q. What is your small motor rate in Weldon? A. Rate No. 4.

Q. Is there a demand charge in Weldon on household lights and small motors? A. No, there is a minimum charge.

Q. Is there a demand charge in Weldon on large motors? A. Yes.

Q. If so what is minimum size? A. Not specified.

Q. How long have you operated the lights in Weldon. A. About 13 years.

Q. Has there been any new industries opened in Weldon since you owned the plant? A. Yes, Coca Cola Bottling Works, 25 H. P.; Andrey Spinning Mills, 275 H. P.; Grant Brick company, 225 H. P.; Jersey Cream company, 28 H. P.; Carolina Peanut company, 50 H. P.; Turner Box Factory, 22 H. P.

Give us the names of a few small towns, about our size, that you are now serving in our vicinity. A. Roanoke Rapids, Weldon, contracts with Aulander and Ahoskie.

Q. In the event Williamston should sell you the plant and franchise for the sum of \$150,000.00, would this amount on your books be charged to capital invested in Williamston plant? A. No, it would be set up as capital invested in North Carolina Division, which in turn is merged with total capital invested.

Q. If so, would your company expect an 8 per cent dividend on this investment? A. See answer to question No. 13.

Q. In the event Williamston sells to you where would your line come from? A. Lewiston by way of Windsor to Williamston; and, Tarboro by way of Conetoe, Bethel, Robersonville to Williamston.

Q. How many miles is it from the connecting points to Williamston? A. From Lewiston, 22 miles; from Tarboro, 31 miles.

Q. What will be the cost of bringing your lines from these points to Williamston? A. \$175,000.00.

Q. What entry on your books would this cost be charged to? A. Power line extension in North Carolina.

Q. If charged against Town of Williamston, would you expect an 8 per cent dividend on line investment? A. See 18 above.

Q. If you were to pay \$150,000.00 for the franchise and plant of the Town of Williamston, what would you say the Corporation Commission would put this on your tax books at? A. Our estimate would be between \$30,000.00 and \$40,000.00.

Q. What is your minimum demand charge on 75 horse power cotton gin motors? A. See record of actual billing for cotton gin on our lines.

Q. What length of time does this demand charge cover? A. Twelve months.

Q. Answer same question as above as to tobacco stemmy approx. 40 H. P. A. More information necessary. Actual KW demand—Kw. Hrs. used per month—months operated per year.

Q. Is it customary for the Power company to make a demand charge of \$1.00 per H. P. on all motors? A. Rates for this class of service vary with different companies.

Q. If the town sells its plant and franchise does it not lose entire control of rates and service? A. No. The control of rates and service is transferred from Town officials of Williamston to State of North Carolina Corporation Commission. Elected by popular vote of voters in North Carolina, to which Commission Williamston has right of appeal.

13 Marriage Licenses Issued

April marriage licenses issued by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger equaled those issued in March. As was the case in March, 7 permits went to white couples while 6 were issued to colored. The licenses for April, however, were for more mature couples, since the ages were in several cases around 45 and 55 years.

The list follows:

White.
Offie Baker 52, Bettie Newsome 22; Arthur Bowen 24, Nellie Ward 19; Joseph H. Perry 30, Maggie Gardner 40; Henry Moore 55, Georgiana Forrest 51; Gideon Spruill 42, Pearl Chance 30; Luther Hardy 21, Olivia Bland 18.

Colored.
Matthew Ore 22, Arnie Hassell 19; Willis Bryant 22, Susie Cromwell 21; Jos. W. Wiggins 45, Lou Moore 40; Henry Moore 55, Georgiana Forrest 51; Gideon Spruill 42, Pearl Chance 30; Luther Hardy 21, Olivia Bland 18.

Little Hope Held for Paris-New York Flyers

"The White Bird" Captain Nungesser's New York-Paris plane spread its wings in France at daylight Sunday morning and made a dash for New York with the intent of touching neither land nor water until it sighted the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor.

The journey was apparently staked on the hope of good luck, all depending on one engine to run 40 hours or more without a mishap.

Captain Nungesser was accompanied by Captain Coli, his pilot. They did not carry an extra pound of burden, gas and oil being almost the only things taken with a scant supply of food.

People aboard ships along the line of travel from Europe to America stared all day Sunday and again yesterday in an effort to see the two daring men and millions of people have looked and listened for the sight and hum of the big plane along the American coast, but not a word has been heard from them since they left their homeland.

The flyers were scheduled to land yesterday afternoon at two o'clock, but at noon today they had not been seen. Little hope is expressed for their safety.

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Q. Is it not true that the majority of the Power Companies are over capitalized? A. We request your investigation of our company.

Q. Is it not true that large companies do not pay off their capitalization. A. We request your investigation of our company.

Q. But that towns and cities do. A. We cannot answer this.

Q. Is it not true that their capital charge alone accounts for two-thirds of the cost of producing your current. A. No.

Judge Winston Talks at Robersonville Finals

Certificates Awarded to Seventeen Young Graduates

The Robersonville high school commencement exercises reached the top notch last night when graduating certificates were delivered to 17 fine boys and girls and about 25 certificates were given for grammar grade work. Judge Francis D. Winston climaxed the occasion when he presented the three greatest institutions that Divine thought and human love have given to the world, Church, Home and School. The Judge was full of his old-time fire and while he spoke the address with fun, he never turned from the main points of the subject. He charged the home with the responsibility of presenting to the school a child healthy and clean in mind and body, a hundred per cent, or whole child and not one impoverished by the poisons that the child easily absorbs when placed in an environment that is not free, clean and clear.

When the child enters school it is then to be fitted for the great tasks of citizenship.

The church is the only safe guide, not only to the child, the student and the citizen but the parents, the teachers and those in authority of State, must be guided by the influences of the church or we will have a feeble child, a poor pupil and a weak citizen.

Success of Kiwanis Minstrel Assured

Judging from the advance sale of tickets for the Kiwanis Black and White minstrel revue which is to be presented at the school auditorium on Friday night, May 13, the "standing room only" sign will be displayed long before the curtain rises. Every one is anxious to see Dr. Cone do the black bottom, "Parson" Pardo and John Biggs appear as the "Goldnat Twins" and Murt Stubbs in the character of "Josiah Willoughby" in "A Dollar for a Kiss". That comely quartette is a scream and Charlie Frank's dancing act is worth the price of admission alone. There will certainly be more fun than a box of monkeys. Mr. McIver's shows always prove to be chock-full of fun, and the "First Annual" will, have an abundant supply to tickle the ribs of old and young. But don't overlook the big beauty chorus, "Those girls are real dancers," said Mr. McIver today. "I've never coached better dancers anywhere, not even in the larger cities." One big feature is the elaborate costume which will equal that of any road show.

Reserved seats go on sale at Barnhill Brothers and company Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Red Cross Receipts Are Added to Here

Local Red Cross receipts were added to this week when several donations of \$10. and \$5 were made to chairman J. D. Biggs. The local chapter of the D. A. R. city gave \$10. and Messrs. R. A. Critcher and T. S. Critcher each gave \$5.

The flood situation along the Mississippi valley is still demanding funds for rescue work and the quotas in many places have been doubled. A call for relief continues, and any one wishing to offer help are asked to send their donations to Jno. D. Biggs, local Red Cross chairman.

Deputies Capture 100-Gallon Still

Deputies Grimes and Roebuck made a trip Monday of last week and found a 100-gallon still near Hickory Grove Church, 5 miles south of Williamston. They also found 6 barrels of beer. The still was hidden in the bushes near the site, and the officers thought there had been some one at the still only a short time before their arrival. The beer was poured out, and the still seized.

The officers did not know whose land the still was on.

Maude Peaks Dies in Washington Hospital

Maude Peaks, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Peaks, of Macedonia, died in a Washington hospital early yesterday morning. She had been sick sometime with "flu" and later suffered with an infected ear. Other troubles developed and she was carried to the Washington hospital about ten days ago where several operations were performed. The trouble had gained such headway it could not be arrested.

The burial was in the family burying ground near the home today.

Worms Destroy Tobacco Plants

The first set back in growing tobacco this season has been reported by many farmers where cut worms have destroyed 50 per cent of the plants. Certain sections in the county have suffered a damage from the worm estimated to be over 50 per cent and in those cases the farmers are said to be resetting their crop.

The damage this season is said to be greater than usual because the cool nights have made it possible for the worm to be more active.

Liberty Bonds To Be Paid on November 15th

Order Calls for Payment of Second Issue Bonds Only

Washington, D. C., May 9.—Secretary Mellon has called for payment on November 15, 1927, all outstanding Second Liberty Loan bonds. Interest on these bonds will cease on November 15, 1927. Approximately \$1,700,000,000 of these bonds are now outstanding.

While the bonds will be paid on November 15, 1927, it is quite probable that during the next six months the Treasury will extend to the holders of the Second Liberty Loan bonds an opportunity to exchange them for other Government securities. No announcement has as yet been made as to the type of security to be offered in exchange, or the date on which the exchange offer may be expected.

The Treasury explains that the terms of the bonds require that a notice be given to the public six months in advance of the redemption date. The Secretary's announcement, therefore, does not mean that the bonds will be paid at the present time, but merely places the holders on notice that their bonds will be redeemed on November 15, and will cease to bear interest on that date.

Steal Tires From Truck Last Wednesday Night

Sometime during Wednesday night, thieves robbed a truck belonging to Mr. J. T. Savage of its tires. Mr. Savage, who lives on the Staton farm near here, had loaded the truck late Wednesday with tobacco plants ready for an early start yesterday morning. The thieves were evidently in need of tires only, for Mr. Savage found the truck as he left it with the exception of the tires which were gone.

Local Girl to Censor Movies for Students

Miss Velma Harrison has been appointed censor for Salem College, at Winston-Salem, for the balance of the current term and the next one. This is one of the highest honors that could come to her, since it is an expression of confidence by the faculty of the college in her judgment and discretion as to what is suitable for the young ladies of the institution to see at the moving picture theaters.

The college students are permitted to attend the theater once each week, if accompanied by a teacher. They, however, will not be permitted to see any picture without the approval of Miss Harrison.

Williamston feels justly proud that such an expression of confidence has been delegated to one of her daughters.

Only Six States Spend Less Than North State

According to latest reports, North Carolina ranks forty-second in the 48 State in expenditures for all purposes; that is to say, only six States spend less than we do.

The following are the items embraced and our rating on each: For general government expenses, we are 40th; for agriculture, 36th; for fighting communicable diseases, sixteenth; highway supervision and maintenance (not road building), twenty-sixth; charities, thirty-fourth; education, forty-fourth; recreation, thirty-first; miscellaneous, mainly for pensions, twenty-fourth. The total is \$6.09 for each inhabitant.

It is gratifying to see our rank is higher in the charities and benevolences than in any other of the lines of expenditures.

Mr. J. T. Chase of the Virginia Electric and Power company, Roanoke Rapids, was in town this morning attending to business matters for his company.

Painfully Hurt In Auto Wreck Near Parmele

Amelec Gurganus Held Under Car For Half Hour

Amelec Gurganus, a young man about 21 years old, wrecked his car, a Ford runabout at a bridge near Robersonville early Saturday morning. Mr. Gurganus who lives in Tarboro left that town early in the morning to visit his brother, Mr. W. S. Gurganus, who lives near Everetts.

Mr. Gurganus thinks he went to sleep and allowed his car to swerve from the road until it struck the abutments of the bridge, causing the car to turn over and pin him down. In that position he remained for a half hour with the gasoline from the car's tank leaking on him. Fortunately the gas did not catch fire, but it burned him, almost blistering him by seaking him so long. When people reached the scene and removed the car they found his left knee and face badly cut and many other wounds on his body. For a time it was thought his wounds would prove fatal, but the last report stated he was out of danger and getting along well.

It was at this same bridge that a colored man was killed last year when his car struck the bridge and turned over.

State Dentist Goes to Jamesville Next Week

Dr. L. H. Butler, State school dentist, will be in Jamesville five days of next week, according to an order issued by the State department of health. Dr. Butler completed his work in the local school several days ago, and since leaving here he has been examining and treating teeth of school children at Everetts.

The work at Jamesville, which is scheduled to begin next Monday and continue through Friday, is being offered with the hope that as many children as possible will see the doctor and have their teeth examined. The examinations are carried on under State supervision and are offered free to all children between the ages of 6 and 12 years.

Refuse To Give Them Food Convicts Quitted

Food was refused 350 convicts last week at the Caledonia State farm when they engaged in a mutinous riot and destroyed \$5,000 worth of State property. Nearly two days of hunger brought them to their senses and caused them to vouch for their general behavior in the future. All the prisoners with a few exceptions were given their same privileges after the riot, but the leaders of the gang are now being held for investigation and may face trial for causing the riot to take place. They have no more right to break the law while prisoners than free men have.

The riot started at the prison when a strike was called to demand a 10-hour working day on the farm.

Mrs. Martha Jane Cross Dies Near Biggs School

Mrs. Martha Jane Cross died Sunday evening at her home near Biggs school house in her 72 year. Mrs. Cross had been an invalid for a long number of years. Mr. Cross who survives is also an invalid.

She had but one child, a son James, who left home several years ago and who has not been heard of in the past few years.

She was the daughter of Henry Bailey and leaves one brother, John Bailey, of Jamesville.

The funeral was held by Rev. C. H. Dickey, her pastor. Burial was in the family plot on the home farm.

Hurt By Hit and Run Driver Saturday

A hit and run car struck Perlie Whitehurst, of Bethel, as he was leaving Robersonville for his home on a motorcycle about midnight last Saturday. Whitehurst's collar bone was broken, his left hip bruised and his face hurt. He is now getting better. The driver of the Chevrolet car did not stop and could not be identified.

Citizenship Department To Meet Thursday, 4:30

The Department of American Citizenship will hold its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. T. W. Lee, Thursday afternoon at 4:30.

The following program has been arranged. Reading, Mrs. Lee, "The Industrial History of Williamston" by Mrs. John D. Biggs; vocal solo, Mary Grady Gurkin; "History of the Churches in Williamston", Rev. A. J. Manning; instrumental solo, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, jr.

DR. HUBERT M. POTEAT PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT JAMESVILLE EXERCISES

April Report of County Agent

Sell Demonstration Fed Hogs on Richmond Market

Following is the report of County Farm Demonstration Agent Brandon, as submitted to the county commissioners at their meeting here last week, for the month of April:

Days spent in field work, 19; 7 days spent in office work; 90 office conferences; 84 telephone calls; 114 letters written; 64 farms visited; 705 miles traveled on official duties; 2 articles written for local papers; 2,000 hand bills distributed.

356 head of hogs treated during the month.

One car of farm drain tile delivered, making 4 cars since first of year.

Two cars of demonstration fed hogs sold in Richmond. First car sold, tops, \$11.50; second car \$10.75.

One car of poultry sold; 6,514 pounds brought \$1,438.54; this making the third car for the year.

Arranged two fertilizer and variety tests for tobacco.

One demonstration of nitrate of soda on corn; one demonstration sulphate of ammonia on corn.

There will probably be one more car of poultry loaded at Williamston, and there will be four or five more cars of hogs loaded in Williamston.

Not Man's Body Seen in River Here Friday

The report made by Will Staton, aged colored man, that he saw a man's body floating down the river Friday morning was branded as false early Sunday morning when a two days' search revealed nothing but a hog's body.

Staton saw the carcass drifting down the Roanoke early Friday morning and thinking it was the body of a white man, he was afraid to drag it ashore. He reported his findings and the County Coroner, S. R. Biggs, had several to search for the drifting body. After a two days' search, it was agreed among those who had joined in the search that Staton mistook the hog's carcass for a human body.

It was rumored that a man was drowned at Weldon several days ago and that his body had not been recovered. Such rumors were unfounded.

Mrs. Bettie Harrison Dies at Norfolk Home

Mrs. Bettie Harrison, widow of the late Thos. J. Harrison, formerly of Martin county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Theodore Ward in Norfolk last Tuesday afternoon following an illness which lasted several weeks. She was in her eighty-first year.

Mrs. Harrison was the daughter of John Hardison who was killed in action in the Civil War and his wife, Fannie Hardison. In early life she joined the Missionary Baptist church, but in later years she changed her membership and went with the Primitive Baptist church and was baptized about 1881 by Elder Clayton Moore. She was a woman of admirable courage and character and was greatly beloved of many whom she had been able to help in her early life.

The funeral took place from her late home and interment was made Thursday in Forest Lawn cemetery, Norfolk.

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First Degree Verdict in Snyder Murder Case

Henry Judd Gray and Mrs. Ruth Snyder were each convicted of first degree murder in a Long Island, New York court yesterday for the killing of Mrs. Snyder's husband, Albert Snyder.

The trial lasted several days and brought out some of the most horrible things that the mind is capable of receiving. The date for the execution will not be set until next Monday.

Tells Graduates of Great American Game That Is Being Played

Seventeen young graduates, twelve girls and five boys, looked bewildered when Dr. Hubert M. Poteat, of Wake Forest, turned to them last Friday night at the conclusion of his commencement address in the Jamesville school auditorium and told them it was their duty, their task to go out and destroy the "Great American Game."

According to the speaker, when one is feeding the public what it demands and does so for a profit and without any hope of elevating himself in general, he is playing the "Great American Game." In Dr. Poteat's opinion, the "Great American Game" is going on in politics, religion, newspapers, magazines, books, and in the field of education.

In American politics, Dr. Poteat stated that the appeal is made to prejudice and personalities and not to issues. He cited the recent Chicago election as an example and stated that similar conditions existed everywhere in the United States. The game has played havoc with music until to-day nine-tenths of the songs are indecent, and the church has its share of such songs, stated the orator. As examples, he mentioned "In the Middle of the Night," and "Brighten the Corner."

These and similar ones should be cast aside, he said. Newspapers have no longer a code of ethics, but work with one eye on the subscription list and the other on the advertising page. The cheap magazine is lowering the ideals and feeding its millions of readers with slush and diverting their minds from elevating channels to degrading ones.

When he reached the field of education, the speaker stated that thousands of school children all over the United States are being used as laboratory material, that new methods in education are being advanced at the expense of the small school child. Instead of teaching those things that count, the schools are giving courses in dodging automobiles and whistling. The writing of movie scenarios is becoming popular in many of the large schools, becoming so at the expense of other subjects that are vital to the real training of a child's mind.

Vocationalism in its true sense is not bad, stated the Wake Forest man. The teaching of agriculture is all right, but when courses are given in whistling and dodging automobiles, it is nothing but another instance of the workings of the Great American Game.

If such a game is destroyed, the young graduate now leaving the high schools of the country has got to do it, and in its stead he must develop those things that are elevating, declared Dr. Poteat.

At the conclusion of Dr. Poteat's address, Principal J. L. Jones awarded the seventh grade certificates to a large number of pupils. Prizes were the best two reciters. Certificates of given to the best two declaimers and graduation were awarded the seventeen young graduates.

Mr. Jones announced that the majority of this year's faculty would be back again for the 1927-28 session.

Comencement Program Begins at Everetts

The commencement program of the Everetts school will begin tonight at 8 o'clock when the pupils of the fifth, sixth and seventh grades present an operetta, "The Enchanted Wood." On Wednesday night, at the same hour, the pupils of the first, second, third and fourth grades will present a second operetta, "When Polly Was Crowned Queen of May."

"The Path Across the Hill" is the name of the play which will be presented by high school pupils on Thursday at 8 p. m. The play is an unusually good one, and those taking part have been working hard for some time. The play promises to be one of the best ever presented by the school.

Friday has promise of being a big day with an address by Rev. Richard Bagby, of Washington, at 10:30 a. m., a picnic dinner and a baseball game on the schedule. The commencement will be brought to a close that evening at 8 o'clock with a musical recital and the presentation of certificates to the graduates.

Play at Farm Life School Saturday

The play, "A Daughter of the Desert," will be given by the Cross Roads School at the Farm Life School Auditorium Saturday night, May 14. The play is said to be very good by those who have seen it.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY

FRED THOMPSON and SILVER KING in

"A Regular Scout"

COMEDY and SERIAL

And a Free Ticket for Friday

FRIDAY

Rin Tin Tin in

"THE NIGHT CRY"

Always a Good Show