

New York Concern Wants To Take Over Water-Works System; Being Considered

NEGOTIATIONS NOT EXPECTED TO LAST LONG

Representative of Company Here Recently Discussing Matter

NOTHING DEFINITE

Large Holding Corporation Asks for Information as Preliminary to Submitting Proposition

Mr. William L. Eisert, of the North American Water Works Corporation, of New York, was here recently discussing with town officials the possible purchase of the town's water works. The possible purchase is in its infancy, and while the matter might develop, it is not expected that the proposition will reach any great age.

The discussion of possible purchase was brought about when the North American Water Works Corporation learned of the negotiations between the Virginia Electric and Power company and the town relative to the selling of the electric system here.

A letter received by town officials recently follows, showing the beginnings and developments in the matter:

"Our representative, Mr. William L. Eisert, visited you recently and discussed with you the possible purchase of the municipal water works. We take this opportunity of thanking you for the courtesy extended Mr. Eisert. The data which he has sent us covering your city is very in-

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RATTLESNAKES ARE INCREASING

Law Requiring Stock to be Fenced in Cause of Big Increase

The stock law, requiring all stock to be fenced in, has caused an increase in rattlesnakes in many sections of the county. Or rather this is the cause assigned to the increase of the rattlers by people in the Smithwick Creek section.

Last week, Mr. James E. Roberson in that section killed a rattler having nine rattles and a button. The snake was over four feet in length, and its body was thought to be 8 to 10 inches in circumference. Mr. Kincheon Hardison, who also lives in the neighborhood, killed a good-sized one last week. Mr. Roberson killed one in his front yard last year, it having sixteen rattles and a length guessed to be over five and a half feet.

It is almost a daily occurrence during the summer season to hear where someone has killed a rattle snake.

Sacco and Vanzetti Die After Long Legal Battle

Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were electrocuted this morning shortly after midnight in the Charles-town, Mass. prison for the murder of a paymaster and his guard at the Slater and Morrill shoe factory in South Braintree on April 20, 1920.

For seven years a fight for the lives of the two men has been waged.

The case has been reviewed by high officials of Massachusetts and presidents of colleges and universities, but in spite of the seven year battle the two men met their fate this morning.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY

TOM TYLER

in "Splitting the Breeze"

Also "RUN TIN CAN"

Comedy and

FREE TICKET FOR FRIDAY

Always a Good Show.

START BRINGING TOBACCO HERE FROM DISTANCE

W. M. Hardison Brings Truck Load of Fine Quality Weed

FROM NEAR EDENTON

Farmers in This Section Busy Grading Their Crop; About Fifty Graders At Work Here in Town

Farmers from as far away as Edenton have already started bringing their tobacco here. A truck load brought in here yesterday by Mr. W. M. Hardison from near Edenton to be graded, carries those qualities that are hard to beat. Several who have seen the load of tobacco state that it surpasses any they have seen thus far.

Mr. Hardison brings his tobacco here long before the market opens to get it worked, knowing well that when the time comes to sell he can get as much for his tobacco here as he can anywhere.

Farmers all over this section are busy preparing their crop for the market. Around fifty graders are at work right here, and if the weather clears and remains favorable from now until to sixth of next month, a large quantity of the crop will be ready for sale when the market opens.

EXPECT ANSWER FROM V. E. P. CO.

Directors Now Considering Town's Counter-Offer To Their Proposal

The proposal made by the town commissioners, offering to sell the town municipal power system for \$100,000 to the Virginia Electric and Power company is now before the directors of that company, and an answer is expected within the next few days. No opinion as to the outcome of the proposal has been made public by either officials of the town or power company, and it is a matter of waiting until the directors report back.

Proposals and counter proposals have been made, ranging from fifty to \$150,000 for the system during the past few months, and in each case the offer has been through the regular channels of acceptance or rejection.

It could not be learned just how long a time would be required for the directors of the power company to get to and pass opinion of the \$100,000 proposal. However, it was stated in a letter from Manager J. V. Chase to Mayor R. L. Coburn that the proposal was before the high officials of the company and that an answer could be expected within the next few days. It was only a few days ago that Mr. Coburn heard from the power company's manager.

TOLER TO BUILD GUANO FACTORY

Contract Calls for Completion in November; First Story of Concrete

S. S. Toler and Son, of Rocky Mount, have been given the contract for the construction of the factory building for the Standard Wholesale Phosphate and Acid Works. Contracts for the two other buildings have not been let.

The factory proper will be 88 by 220 feet and three stories high. The first story will be solid concrete.

The contract does not include machinery which will be installed by the company's special plant engineer.

A rush job is called for and the building is expected to be completed by November. This will give the company time to prepare for the trade during the early trucking season as well as handle the regular business in the coming year.

MRS. SIMON COREY DIED LAST FRIDAY

Well-Known Woman of Smithwicks Creek Dies After Brief Illness

Mrs. Simon Corey, of Smithwicks Creek, died Friday at her home after a brief illness. She leaves a husband and eight children, ranging in age from 18 down to 2 years old.

Mrs. Corey was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Manning. Her mother, three brothers, W. D. B. R., and Stephen E. Manning and three sisters, Mrs. J. A. Roberson, Mrs. J. G. Peel and Mrs. George C. Griffin survive.

Elder W. B. Harrington, her pastor, conducted the funeral ceremony and burial followed at the Tice burial ground Saturday afternoon with a large number of friends and relatives present.

CITIZEN WANTS DRAIN CLEANED

If it is the duty of the town to clean the drain in the rear of the Atlantic Hotel, the time is now for doing something. The condition of the drain may not cause sickness, but it is nauseating to look into it when passing. The public place it occupies makes matters worse, and it should be attended to at once. If not today, why not tomorrow? A. CITIZEN.

SCHOOLS OF OAK CITY WILL OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 5

Pupils Urged to be Present on Opening Day and Bring Parents

ANNOUNCE FACULTY

Oak City School Trying to Provide Rural Children Equal Instruction Provided Children in Cities

Oak City, Aug. 21.—The annual opening of the Oak City high school will be held in the school auditorium Monday, September 5, at 10 a. m.

All pupils are urged to be present on the above date. Mothers bring the children, fathers come with your sons, see that they are classified and learn the requirements of your school. "Democracy and education go hand in hand." Oak City school motto: Equality of opportunity for your child. The advantages, rewards, and honors are offered to all alike.

Oak City rural school trying to meet a big problem as follows: Attempting to provide as adequate instruction in both the elementary and high school subjects, for the country children as is now provided for the city children. This, of course, means just as good a school environment, just as well qualified teachers, equal supervision, same provision for play and physical development. With this aim in view the following teachers have been elected for school year 1927-28.

Miss Bettie Roe Taylor, section A first grade; Miss Leona Newton, section B first grade; Miss Alice Mallard, second grade; Mrs. Emily Bell, third grade; Miss Tricie Jenkins, fourth grade; Mrs. W. D. Smith, fifth grade; Miss Annie Woodley, sixth grade; Mrs. Glennie Eakes, seventh grade. The high school, Miss Winifred Dosier, English and French; Mr. H. B. Russell, history and science; Miss Thelma Fraizer home economics; Miss Lila Compton, public school music and piano; Principal H. M. Ainsley, mathematics.

The principal will be in his office from 8 to 10 a. m. on the opening day for consultation and suggestions as to grades, promotions, transcripts, conditions made up during the summer, and course of study.

Supt. Pope, local board, principal, teachers, truck drivers and janitor will be present for service. May we expect you?

REPLY TO PETITION FOR EARLY OPENING

Carrington Says It Is Too Late Now To Change Opening Date

Mr. A. B. Carrington, president of the United States Tobacco association who has recently been besieged with thousands of petitions to set an earlier date for opening the tobacco markets of the east says he sees that September 6th is too late but the time is too short to make the change now.

It was generally thought by most of those who signed these petitions that the change could not be made this year. Yet they signed in the hope that they might receive some consideration in future years.

REGULAR MEETING MASONS TONIGHT

Officers-Elect Urged To Be Present For Installation Ceremony

Members of Skewawake Lodge, No. 90 are scheduled to meet tonight in the hall at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present so as to permit the complete installation of officers.

Expect Law to Prevent Future Long Air Flights

High officials in the naval department at Washington predict that the next Congress will pass a law prohibiting long flights in the air without first complying with rigid restrictions.

There also comes many unofficial predictions that the destruction of three out of five planes attempting to fly the Pacific will greatly restrict the flights.

CLEAN CARNIVAL IS PROMISED BY FAIR'S MANAGER

Nat Reiss Shows Also One of Largest Touring in South This Year

SEPTEMBER 27, 28, 29, 30

One of Owners of Nat Reiss Shows Active in Organization of Agency To "Clean Up" Carnivals

Mr. J. L. Rodgerson, manager of the Roanoke Fair states that besides having one of the largest shows traveling South this year, this section is to have one of the cleanest it ever had.

Harry G. Melville, one of the owners of the Nat Reiss Shows, engaged to furnish the amusement features at the fair here, September 27-30, is one of the youngest owners of a big carnival organizations in America. He was active in the organization of the carnival clean-up agency and has always favored the providing of decent amusements in every community. His policy, based on a square deal to all with whom his organization comes in contact, has won many friends for the Nat Reiss shows and has stamped it as one of the most successful show companies in the country, successful because it is always able to play return engagements in every city where it exhibits.

FARMERS ENJOY TOUR OF EAST

Rockingham Paper Carries Long Article About Farmers' Tour

That the Richmond county farmers had a most enjoyable tour through this section recently is evidenced by an account of their trip appearing in the Rockingham Post Dispatch. In more than three columns in that paper the trip is well "covered" by Mr. Dove, one of the managers of the trip.

In his article, Mr. Dove praises the farmers of this section for their splendid crops, and makes a note of appreciation for the hospitality displayed by those towns where the party of farmers stopped.

The trip well paid for itself and it did not stop when the members of the party returned home; its happenings were passed on to the neighbors. One man writing in the Post Dispatch and who had some of the details of the trip told him, says, "It is interesting to hear those fellows tell of the good times they had on their trip over the fifty counties; they had a good time. They tell of the fine crops where they have been."

BIG COLLECTION SNAKES AT FAIR

Loathsome But Interesting Is Way Press Agent Describes Exhibit

One of the greatest collections of snakes imaginable will be brought here September 27 when the Roanoke Fair association opens its sixth annual show.

Snakes are loathsome creatures, but to many persons they are interesting, and its history that a snake is blamed for the eating of a certain apple by two of our remote ancestors. It must have been a king of snakes to tempt Adam and Eve to disobey orders and forfeit their paternal garden home, and if it was a king he must have been an ancestor of a snake that will be on exhibition here during the fair.

There are boa-constrictors and pythons, both of which reach enormous size but the snake that will be here in one of the attractions of the Nat Reiss shows is said to be the largest python ever imported to this country. He weighs more than 400 pounds and is past his second century in age. Chester Smith, who will be in charge of this regal reptile, is a native of Calcutta, India, and the mammoth python was shipped direct to him for exhibition purposes. It is indeed a

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RAINS ARE CAUSING DAMAGE TO COTTON

Cotton Shedding and Boll Weevil Increasing in County

The heavy rains in the eastern half of the State are causing cotton to shed and the boll weevil to spread, according to reports coming from farmers around the county.

The rains have been unusually heavy in the Gatesville, Elizabeth City sections this week. The long wet season is also giving some tobacco farmers in this section much trouble about their crops getting in too high order.

BREAKS OUT LOCAL JAIL; LEAVES ADDRESS, BUT SAYS WON'T BE AT HOME

CREW HERE TO BEGIN WORK ON SPUR TRACK

Will Require Force of 20 Men About Month To Complete Job

WORK BEING RUSHED

Now Clearing Old Track of Vines, Bushes and Trees; Additional Material Ordered

Mr. A. C. Joyner with a large crew of men started work on the spur track to the river last Saturday. The clearing of the right of way will be about completed tomorrow but enough of the track has been cleared so as not to interfere with the work of the additional men that came in last night. Mr. Baker, who has been working on the main line of the A. C. L. and who arrived last night with 20 men, will have charge of placing the cross ties and track work. Mr. Joyner will have charge of the trestle work after he finishes clearing the track of vines, bushes and trees.

The exact time that will be required to put the track in shape for trains to run on is not known, but according to Mr. Joyner it will not be less than a month.

After a close inspection of the trestles, Mr. Joyner states that many of the old timbers can be used. It will take longer to rebuild the trestles than it would under ordinary circumstances, however, since many of the timbers will have to be removed and some cut off and spliced.

Additional cars of cross ties are expected to arrive as they are needed within the next few days. The work will be rushed to completion, but at the best, it is thought that more than a month will be required to put the track in shape.

EVERETTS LOSES TO CRESWELL, 4-3

Creswell, Outhit, Profits by Poor Base Running of Everetts Boys

Creswell's ball club won a four to three decision at Everetts last Saturday which was a pitcher's battle throughout the entire nine innings. Bond for Creswell gave up eight hits while Cherry dished out only five.

Gaylord and Brown for Everetts featured in hitting, each connecting for two and three bases respectively. Gaylord attempted to lengthen his to three bases and was thrown out on a close play. A slide would have possibly left him on third to score on Brown's three base wallop and thus a tie and extra innings would have been in order.

Everetts was slightly off on base-running which mainly accounts for the loss.

Wynne, playing centerfield, made a number of splendid catches which aided Everetts in contending for the game until the last out was registered.

LOSES TOBACCO BARN BY FIRE

Barn Owned by J. G. Godard Burned Late Saturday Afternoon

A tobacco barn belonging to Mr. J. G. Godard and located on his farm near here on the Washington road, burned last Saturday about dusk. No one was at the barn when it first started to burn, and no cause could be assigned as to how the fire started. Frank Scott was at the barn about 25 minutes before it burned and he stated that the tobacco leaves were not more than half dry and that the heat was a little below 140 degrees.

So far as is known, very few tobacco barns have burned in the county this year, and this is the second one in this section to be lost by fire. No insurance was carried on the barn burned Saturday.

OAK CITY MAN IS MADE GAME WARDEN FOR MARTIN

Mr. J. W. Hines, of Oak City, was appointed game warden for Martin county yesterday by Wade H. Phillips of the Department of Conservation and Development.

Mrs. H. D. Taylor and son, Raymond and Cecil, spent Sunday in Greensboro.

PICKS LOCKS BY MEANS OF KEY MADE OF SPOON

Is First Man to Break Out of New Jail; Was Held For Making Liquor

SAYS HE'LL BE BACK

Leaves Notes for Sheriff Expressing Regret for Leaving "Like This, But I Couldn't Get Bond"

The first delivery from the new Martin county jail came early this morning when Grover Pauley gained his freedom after picking two of the locks. His escape was unaccompanied by noise, and it came as a surprise to both fellow prisoners and officers this morning.

Officers think Pauley started planning his escape last week when he asked one of the jail helpers to allow him to see the jail keys. It is thought he secured a pattern of two of the jail keys by pressing them in a bar of soap, later making two keys from spoon handles. According to Simon Shepperd, a colored prisoner, Pauley tested his keys late yesterday afternoon and found that they worked perfectly. It was then that Pauley asked Shepperd if he wanted to escape. Pauley offering to make a key that would fit the door's lock behind which Shepperd was held. The colored prisoner refused, stating that he preferred to serve his term. Pauley stated to Shepperd that he would not mind staying, but he had more than

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DEPUTY GRIMES WINS HARD RACE

Fell Down Several Times, But Finally Caught His Man

Deputy Sheriff Grimes won the hardest race in his official career last Friday when he and Deputy H. O. Daniel, of Everetts, visited near the Staten Peel plantation between Bear Grass and Everetts. The officers observed three men at a still for a while and later saw two others come up. Yet, the deputies were not able to recognize a single one of the men. They drew up within about 20 yards and rushed them. Grimes says he selected the one that had been doing most of the work at the still. The chase carried Grimes across a canal in a circle and back across the canal. In the run, Grimes says he got tangled up in his own boots and fell three times, but pushed on and finally after a run of several hundred yards overtook his man, who gave his name as Bert Wynn, a young married man not yet 20 years old.

Wynn claimed the still which was a 60-gallon copper kettle. He found no liquor, but there was eight barrels of beer by the still.

The officers thought the still had been run on this stand before. Mr. Wynn was required to furnish bond for his appearance before the recorder here today.

Deputy Grimes says it was by odds the hardest moonshine race he has ever taken part in and that when the catch was made, both he and Wynn had to rest for some time before they could return to the party.

On Saturday, the deputy got another call to the Gold Point section where he found six barrels of beer and hot ashes, but no still. He found the still's cap and worm, however.

About a mile and a half away he found more beer and a place where a still had been run during the day. No one was seen at either place.

S. D. MATTHEWS IS TOMATO GROWER

And Not D. G. Matthews, As Reported in This Paper Friday

The title of champion tomato grower given Mr. Don Matthews should have gone to Mr. Matthews' father, Mr. S. D. Matthews. We thought it a bit strange for a young man like Don to know how to raise such big tomatoes.

JUNIOR ORDER TO MEET THURSDAY

Members Urged To Be Present at Important Session

There will be a meeting of the Junior Order here next Thursday night at 8 o'clock. All members of the order are urged to be in attendance upon the meeting.