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\$3,000 SUGGESTED FOR IMPROVING ROANOKE RIVER

Board of Engineers Recommend That Sum to House Committee

WILL DO LITTLE GOOD

Other Appropriations for First Congressional District Include \$32,000 for Pamlico and Tar Rivers

A huge sum of money has been fixed for improvement of the nation's waterways by the Army Engineers, but recommendations call for a meager sum for improvement of Roanoke river. Three thousand dollars, an amount too big to throw away and yet not large enough to prove of any value whatever, have been recommended for the river's improvement. Where the Roanoke is scheduled to get three thousand, Pamlico and Tar rivers will likely get \$32,000. The Pagan and Nansemond rivers, in the same district as the Roanoke, must be in perfect condition, for they have \$4,000 between them.

People acquainted with the waters of the Roanoke are at a complete loss to understand the recommendations that have been made. But for its mouth, the Roanoke river is one of the deepest streams in the State, and at the present time an enormous amount of commerce is handled on it. The shoals at the mouth prevent large boats from entering the river, and when an appropriation of ten or twelve thousand dollars would put it in good shape, three thousand are recommended.

The limit set by Army Engineers which could be profitably expended on the ordinary development and maintenance of the nation's waterways during the year beginning next July amounted to \$55,886,314. The Roanoke runs at the tail end of the limit.

RAINS HOLD UP WORK ON FARMS

Cause Delay in Picking Of Peanuts; Water High In Streams

The heavy rains of the past few days have caused a delay in the picking of peanuts in this section. Farmers were forced to turn their attention to other farm chores when the rains made work in the fields impossible. Many farmers state that the recent rains were the heaviest this section has had during the past several months and that the ground has more water in it at this time than it has for around two years.

The water in the streams all through this section is running high and swiftly. The river, however, continues within its bank, but a swift current is flowing there.

Wreck on Street Here

While running from the cold weather, Sam Faulk's ice truck hit a Ford touring car on Main street here at noon today. Mr. Willie Harrison, driving the touring car was going up the street and was hit by the truck as it started to turn in the driveway next to the Farmers and Merchants bank. The damage included the destruction of two front wheels, one on each car. No one was hurt.

Republican Convention In Kansas City June 12

The Republican National convention will be held in Kansas City June 12, 1928, that city being chosen after twenty ballots were cast. San Francisco ran a close second for the convention.

The Democratic committee has not selected a place for its convention. It is certain that it will be held after the Republican convention.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY
KEN MAYNARD
in
'THE HAUNTED RANGE'
Also
Two-Reel Comedy
And Serial
'SCARLET BRAND'
Always a Good Show.

NEW AUDIT OF POWER PLANT

W. T. Meadows, Treasurer of Town Submits Audit And Statement

Disagreeing with the audit prepared by McRae and Company, certified public accountants, Mr. W. T. Meadows, treasurer of the town, presents an audit of his own in this issue. Mr. Meadows disagrees with the certified accountants as to depreciation. Where the accountants took depreciation into consideration, Mr. Meadows would let the cost of street lighting and water pumping care for that unavoidable evil.

Mr. Meadows is firm in his convictions, and states, "Vote like you please, I am going to do the same; and I may fool you all and vote to sell out and I may not. Who knows?" A complete text of Mr. Meadows' statement can be found on page three of the first section this paper.

1,724 HUNTING LICENSES SOLD

429 Issued in November; Williamston Township Leads in Sale

Game Warden J. W. Hines states that there were 405 county hunting licenses, 21 State licenses and three non-resident licenses issued in November in this county. Williamston township led the list with 134 county, 14 State and three non-resident licenses. Goose Nest sold 43 county; Hamilton sold 63 county and four State; Robersonville was second with 89 county and three State. Jamesville was lowest with 25 county and no State licenses. Cross Roads reported 51 county licenses sold.

The total number of licenses issued since the law went into effect in September reached 1724 last month. Of the number, 1589 were county licenses while the others were resident state, 130 and non-resident five.

Local Residents Lose Property at Exposition

Many valuables were lost by local residents while attending the second annual peanut show at Ahsokie last Monday night. A check made of the valuables after the owners were awakened from a short sleep showed where.

King Vestal, of Italy, lost one nice little brown mustache and a Mussolini flag.

King Baldwin, of France, was also short a mustache, of little value however, one goatee and a big cigar.

Leonon Barnhill, who so nobly bore the thirteen stripes and the forty-eight shining stars, lost much of the dignity characteristic of Uncle Sam when he lost his beautiful goatee.

Hubert Morson, the Irish Red, lost the proud rag of the Emeralds, and ole Ireland had no colors to wave in the breeze.

King Baugham, of Spain, is charged with the loss of two beautiful sideburns.

Joe Horton, who was crowned King of Tobacco, says he is glad he held his own and returned home with all his valuables.

'White Gift' Service Is To Be Featured Again

The town of Williamston had its first elaborate "White Gift" service last Christmas when the Baptist congregation invited the general public to the church at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the Sunday nearest Christmas, to witness the service.

It was announced today by a representative of the church that there would be another "White Gift" service on Christmas day. This was one of the most impressive services ever held in this community, and the congregation and friends of the local church are anxious to have a similar service this Christmas.

Since Christmas comes on Sunday this year, the Baptist people plan but two services, both to be held on Christmas day.

The "White Gift" service will be in the morning, while the "Twilight Service" will be held in the afternoon of Christmas day at 5 o'clock.

Beauty Contest in School Closes Tomorrow Night

High school students here are eagerly awaiting tomorrow night, the time set for counting the votes cast for the prettiest girl in the senior class. The winner will be announced tomorrow night.

While there have not been a great number of votes cast, the contest is expected to show close returns tomorrow night. The contest will be checked at Clark's drug store where the voting is being carried on.

The chosen girl will have a page devoted to her in the high school annual.

FORMER MARTIN MEE AT SCHOOL MONDAY NIGHT

Joint Meeting of Parents-Teachers and Woman's Club Scheduled

GAVE \$5,000 IN LIQUOR

Col. Charles R. Forbes, in New York World, Tells of Darden's Activities in Teapot Dome Affair

Reports of the national oil scandal show where Jim Darden, originally of Dardens, this county, played a leading role in the nomination of Warren G. Harding for the presidency by furnishing \$5,000 worth of liquor. Darden's rise came about in an almost unbroken chain. After leaving here he made money in the textile business, later he squatted on the national oil reserve, Teapot Dome, and where he encountered many difficulties. At Washington he made money and became a close friend of Warren G. Harding. He was one of the main supporters in procuring the nomination for Mr. Harding to the presidency.

Col. Charles R. Forbes, writing in the New York World, speaks of Darden, "I recall that when I was talking with Mannington about the Carden appointment Jim Darden came in. Darden, who was from the South, was then a textile operator, and later, I believe, became an oil man. It may be interesting to relate how Darden came into the picture. He met Harding through Daugherty and made a \$5,000 contribution to the Harding pre-convention campaign. I recall this contribution very well. The money was turned over to Dr. Sawyer, who bought \$5,000 worth of whiskey with it. The liquor was stored at Dr. Sawyer's White Oak Sanitarium, at the Marion Club and at Harding's residence. Whenever the supply ran low at the Harding house it was replenished from one of the other depots.

"During Albert B. Fall's sojourn there it was necessary to keep the larder at the Harding home well supplied. But he was not the only one who drew upon it; indeed, the \$5,000 worth of whiskey was far from sufficient to quench the thirst of the office seekers who descended upon Marion. I don't want it to be inferred that Mr. Harding himself was dispensing the liquor. It was kept in the bottom section of the sideboard in the Harding dining room.

The editor of the News and Observer writes, "Darden was head of an oil company which had a claim on Teapot Dome and which moved a drilling rig onto the reserve about the time that Fall leased it to Harry Sinclair. Fall sent a squad of marines under Capt. George Shuler to eject the Darden outfit.

"In describing before the Walsh committee of the Senate how he received his orders from Fall, Capt. Shuler testified that Fall told him there had been a talk that morning between Fall and President Harding, at which Fall informed the President of his intentions. Fall said the President objected, declaring that Darden was his friend and had contributed \$5,000 to his campaign fund. Fall quoted himself as replying: "Well, Mr. President, your friend is a low down ——" to which Fall said the President rejoined: "I suppose he was all of that when we got his check, but it didn't prevent us from using the money."

Young Colored Boy Struck by Automobile

What could have easily been a serious accident resulted only in a terrible scare and a negligible cut on the lip of a little colored boy named Bush yesterday afternoon.

The boy was riding on the back of a truck and hopped off near the railroad underpass at the end of Main street in front of Mrs. J. G. Staton's car. William Chase who was driving the car at the time attempted to miss the boy, and when he failed to do so the colored lad was sent head first into a ditch nearby.

The child's mother said that the boy had been hanging on the backs of trucks all during the day and that she had almost expected an accident.

Rev. Clarence O. Pardo Is Very Much Improved

Reports coming from the bedside of Rev. C. O. Pardo state that his condition is much improved. For several days he was critically ill, but is now doing well and is expected to be able to be up again soon.

'Ben Hur' To Be Seen Here January 2, 3, 4

"Ben Hur", one of the screen's greatest pictures, has been booked for the management of the Strand theatre for showing here the 2, 3, and 4 of next month. Many people here have seen the picture, and they say it is one of the best on the screen today.

SMASHES INTO TREE; RUINS CAR

J. A. Cheek and Companions Unhurt in Wreck Here Early Yesterday

Messrs. J. A. Cheek, employee of the Dunn Plumbing Company here, William Faulkner, of Maryland, and Robert Harrison, of Pantego, had a miraculous escape from death about one o'clock yesterday morning when Mr. Cheek ran his Chevrolet car into a tree near the warehouses here.

Cheek was attempting to make the curve at the warehouses when the speed of the car forced him to run to the right of the road and into the tree. The car's front left light hit the tree and bumper, axle, fender and a part of the engine lashed only a few inches of encircling the tree. The embrace was so firm that the front end held tight to the tree while the rear end swung almost completely around. The occupants were thrown a few steps toward up town, and with the exception of a few minor cuts and bruises they appeared unhurt.

The wreck was pronounced to be the most complete ever seen here. During yesterday hundreds of people looked it over and wondered how the occupants escaped sudden death.

Give Reception for New Minister of Methodists

Last night from 8 to 11 o'clock, a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Harrison, honoring Dr. and Mrs. O. P. Fitzgerald, Dr. Fitzgerald having recently accepted the pastorate of the local Methodist church.

Mrs. W. H. Crawford received the guests at the door and Miss Anna Pope. Pope showed them upstairs where Miss Margaret Rodgers served punch and Mrs. J. W. Watts, Jr. served Mrs. Anna Harrison introduced them to the receiving line composed of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Harrison, Dr. and Mrs. O. P. Fitzgerald, Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, Mrs. W. E. Warren, Mr. J. E. Pope, Mr. R. S. Critcher, and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Pope. Mrs. W. C. Liverman invited the guests to the dining room where Miss Mary Clyde Leggett, Mrs. T. B. Brandon, Mrs. E. P. Cunningham and Mrs. W. H. Booker served ice cream and cake and mints.

Mrs. Harper Holliday sang several selections during the evening and Mrs. W. C. Manning, Jr. played a number of piano solos.

About seventy-five guests called during the evening.

Kiwanis To Sponsor Christmas for Poor

The Kiwanis club is sponsoring a movement to have a "community chest" and Christmas opportunities in and around Williamston.

The club finds many people who are willing and ready to help the helpless, but who never have time to find out the details of the needy. The movement the club is undertaking will bring the rich and the poor together and save possible suffering in the community as well as revive the hearts of the poor.

The cooperation of the public is urged in making the undertaking a successful one.

Error in Sales in Farmers Warehouse Advertisement

In the advertisement of the Farmers Warehouse in this issue the wrong sales are given. The sales for next week should be: Monday, 2nd; Tuesday, 2nd; Wednesday 1st; Thursday, 3rd; Friday, 2nd.

FIRST YEAR OF SALARY SYSTEM SHOWS LOSS

Fees of Combined Offices Total \$10,953.50; Salaries Are \$14,087.50

COUNTY LOSES \$3,134

However, Report Will Show Profit of \$4,000 or \$5,000—When Sheriff Collects Taxes

Fees collected by the clerk of the court, sheriff and register of deeds of the county during the year ending last Monday failed to counterbalance the salaries of these officers and their clerks by a sum of \$3,134.00. The fees collected by the officers during the first year that the county has been operating under the salary system amounted to \$10,953.50. The salaries amounted to \$14,087.50. The collections were turned over to the treasurer last Monday.

The report of R. J. Peel, clerk of court, showed that his office received from all sources, \$3,834.59. His salary amounted to \$3,000 and that included with the deputy's salary, \$687.50, left a marginal profit of \$147.09.

J. Sam Getsinger, register of deeds, collected from all sources, \$4,417.46. Figuring in his salary and that of his deputies, a profit of \$17.40 was made in that office.

A. L. Roebuck, sheriff, collected from official sources \$2,701.51. His salary amounted to \$2,000, making his office show a loss for the year of \$3,398.49. The sheriff had no general taxes to collect during the period which the report covers, and where his office would ordinarily show a profit between four and five thousand dollars, it shows a loss this year.

START PRACTICE ON SCHOOL PLAY

Coach Arrives for "Cupid Up To Date"; To Be Staged Friday, 16

Parts for the play "Cupid-up-to-Date", sponsored by the Dramatic club of the local high school, were assigned last night to some of the town best amateur performers. The first practice was held this afternoon when the several choruses reviewed their songs and dances. The main characters of the cast will meet tonight at 7:30 for their first practice.

Miss Mabel Fountain, of the Wayne P. Sewell Company of Atlanta, arrived last evening and she will direct the play. Miss Fountain is originally from Tarboro, and her work with the Atlanta company has been highly satisfactory.

The play which will be given the 16th of this month is the first ever undertaken by the Dramatic club. Members of the organization are greatly interested in the play and they will do everything possible to make it a success.

Windsor Wins, 18-16, Over Locals in Opening Game

Williamston's high school quintet lost the first game of the season here last Tuesday night to Windsor by a score of 18 to 16. The game was played on short notice and before Coach Hood had had the opportunity to practice the boys more than twice.

Mr. Hood stated yesterday that he was pleased with the outlook for the season, and the high school was in a position to turn out a winning team this year.

Tonight there will be a double-header when the local boys and girls meet those of Pantego. A better showing is expected on the part of the boys since they have scrimmaged several times since playing Windsor.

School At Everetts Wins Opener From Washington

Everetts triumphed over Washington in its first basketball game of the season at Everetts Wednesday night, winning 28 to 11. While the team was not up to mid-season form, its members played well. Cherry, one of the best players in the county last year, showed some of last season's form when he caged fourteen of his team's twenty-eight points.

Potts for the visitors was high scorer with six points.

Coach Hix states that he is working out a schedule for this season, which he hoped to be able to announce within the next few days.

Many Couples Married First Part of Month

Register J. Sam Getsinger stated yesterday that if marriages continue throughout December at the rate established during the first few days of the month, another record will be made. Last month a record in marriages in this county was recorded.



'SHINER'S DREAM' HERE THURSDAY

Federal Agents Drive Captured Car Built for Hauling Liquor

A big Studebaker automobile as modern for its purpose as Henry Ford's new car is for flexibility, style, etc., was on the streets here yesterday afternoon. In short, it is beyond the dream of moonshiners in these parts. Encased in the back of the front seat is a space especially fitted to carry fifty gallons of liquor. The rear seat, with a unique compartment where the cushions should be, goes the front seat twenty-five gallons better and carries seventy-five gallons.

The car is so carefully arranged for liquor hauling that the keenest eye can not detect one thing out of the ordinary about it. However, when one taps the backs of the seats the knock produces a sound similar to one made on an empty wooden box. The car is fitted for transporting liquor mainly, for there are no springs in the backs of the seats.

No, there was no liquor in the car yesterday. Federal agents poured that out when they captured the car in Norlina several weeks ago. The big Studebaker was running with District of Columbia licenses attached when it was seized, and prohibition authorities think that it was a through car, transporting liquor from Georgia or Florida to some of the high-ups in the North.

J. A. Clifton, of Fayetteville, accompanied by Deputy T. C. Williams, of Winston and C. F. Alexander, of Washington, drove the car through here. Mr. Clifton is in charge of the Federal Prohibition forces in the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Baptists Announce Services for Sunday

The pastor will preach both Sunday morning and evening, preaching at the Everetts church in the afternoon.

The teachers in the Sunday School are asked to perfect, Sunday morning, whatever plans the individual class may have for its part in the "White Gift" Christmas service to be held on Christmas morning.

Mr. Julian Anderson, for some years in charge of the Every Member Canvass, has asked a number of people to meet him at the church Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock for the completion of the work so well begun last Sunday.

At Sunday morning's service, Mrs. Wheeler Martin will be at the organ, while at the evening hour, Mrs. Lettie Biggs will play.

This church extends its sympathetic interest to the Rector of the Episcopal church in his recent illness. And this church would be glad to lend its pastor to their congregation if at any time they might be able to use him while Rev. Mr. Pardo is ill.

The heart of the congregation goes out to Mrs. Eloise Bennett in the great ordeal through which she has passed.

Sunday Services At Christian Church

Services at the Christian church Sunday have been announced as follows:

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Preaching services, 11 a. m.
At 12 m. there will be a conference of the church's members. The membership is urged to be present.

Preaching services, 7:30 p. m.
The public is cordially invited to attend the services.

Sale of Automobile Tags Shows Increase

While the sale of automobile and truck licenses has shown an increase this week, Messrs. Woolard and Green, of the local bureau, stated yesterday that there were 4900 more of the licenses to be sold.

The bureau is averaging around ten daily now in its sales, but before the week is out, the number is expected to show another increase.

SUPERIOR COURT TO BE IN SESSION HERE NEXT WEEK

Judge Frank A. Daniels To Preside Over Criminal And Civil Term

LASTS BUT ONE WEEK

Nineteen Defendants to Face Judge in Criminal Actions; Few Civil Cases Will Be Tried

Nineteen defendants are scheduled to face Judge Frank A. Daniels when superior court convenes here next week. The criminal docket carries fifteen cases, one or two of them being of a serious nature, but the majority being of little consequence. Larceny and receiving charges, numbering seven, lead the list of cases, while there are two each of assault with deadly weapon and house-breaking. Cases charging defendants with carrying a concealed weapon, false pretense and operating a car while intoxicated, bring the list to fourteen.

Probably the most serious case is that of Henry Carson, charged with the murder of Emily Bazemore which occurred several weeks ago. Carson has talked very little during his confinement. He waived examination at a hearing held soon after the murder, and the nature of the defense he will offer is not known.

Four of the nineteen defendants are in jail awaiting trial, while the other fifteen are out on bonds. Yesterday, the four in jail were singing mournful notes to a poorly tuned accordion, passing the dragging moments until the time when they will face the court.

A few civil cases will be heard during the latter part of the week since only the first two or three days will be required to clear the criminal docket of its cases.

SCHOOL MAKES GOOD RECORD

32 Pupils of Everetts School On Honor Roll; Average Attendance Is 155

The Everetts school made a commendable showing during the past month when thirty-two of its pupils won scholastic honors and when an average daily attendance of 155 was made with an enrollment of 170 pupils. An average attendance of 34 out of 28 was registered in the high school.

Principal Hix stated yesterday that his students were going after both attendance and scholastic records this month. The honor roll for the month are:

First grade—Floyd Stalls, Hattie James Taylor.

Second grade—Hazel Stalls, Martell Hardy, Louise Hunter, Herbert Cullifer, Calton Hardy.

Third grade—Velma Britton, Avis Ward, Anna Louise Taylor, Margaret Mills, Loyce Cullifer, Willie Edmondson, Ashley Wynne.

Sixth grade—James Mallory, Russell Taylor Roebuck, Charlie Coltrain, Ella Cherry, Mary Virginia Daniel, Hazel Faulkner, Lola Jolly, Helen Keel, Annie Ward.

Seventh grade—Irene Wynne, Virginia Wynne, Gentry Mills, Sidney Mallory, Nora Wynne, Hattie Robertson.

Eighth grade—Thelma Peel.

Tenth grade—Kathleen Roebuck, Beatrice Wynne.

Many Attend Fiddlers' Convention at Everetts

Reports coming from Everetts this morning state that the fiddlers' convention held in the school building there last night was a great success. Fiddlers from several counties were on the stage, and played to people from all over the community.

Tonight another packed auditorium is expected when the Everetts Camp present the play, "Saved by the Woodmen." Special practice has been carried on for some time and the presentation tonight is expected to meet with much success. The Scotland Neck string band will play between the acts.

Here in Interest of Library for County

Mrs. L. B. Griggs, Secretary of the Library Commission of North Carolina, was here today in the interest of a library for the County.

Mrs. Griggs plans to return to the county later and meet the people of the several communities in an effort to provide a library for the County. Martin county, at present, is one of the forty-six North Carolina counties having no public library.

Mrs. Griggs says that money spent on public libraries gives more returns than the same amount of money spent even in our schools.