

\$46,500 ASKED FOR TO IMPROVE THE MOUTH OF RIVER

Bill Will Provide Minimum Depth of Ten Feet at Roanoke's Mouth

ASK \$1,000 ANNUALLY

Bill Comes Up for Consideration in the House of Representatives Friday of This Week

(Special to The Enterprise)
Washington, April 19.—When the Rivers and Harbors Bill comes up for consideration in the House of Representatives on next Friday, Congressman Lindsay C. Warren, of the First North Carolina District, has the distinction of having more projects and surveys in the bill for his district than any other one in the nation. Mr. Warren has nine approved projects and six surveys. The first district projects call for a total expenditure of \$925,500. The leading item for the district is for the restoration of the lock in the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal, which will cost \$500,000. The Rivers and Harbors Committee today ended the five-year fight by providing for this lock on condition that local interests contribute \$100,000. An effort will be made either in the House or Senate to eliminate the contribution feature.

Mr. Warren, who has worked night and day for the lock, said it would save from almost complete destruction one of the greatest sections of America. When the Government took the lock out of the canal in 1922, it started a flow of salt and polluted water from Chesapeake Bay and Norfolk Harbor into the fresh waters of Currituck Sound. This has almost completely ruined the fine celeries and grasses on which migratory wild fowl feed; has destroyed the black bass industry, ninety percent of the nation's output coming from Currituck Sound, and has also caused a swift current to pass through the canal which considerably annoyed and hindered northbound traffic. The legislatures of North Carolina and Virginia petitioned Congress to remedy the condition the Government has created, and the Governors and other high officials of the two States cooperated. It is estimated that the annual maintenance of the lock will be \$18,000.

Other projects of Congressman Warren included in the bill are:
Mouth of Roanoke River, so as to give a minimum depth of 10 feet, to cost \$46,500 with \$1,000 annually for maintenance.

Edenton Harbor to provide for a depth of 12 feet, to cost \$57,000, with \$500 annually for maintenance.

Pamlico River to provide for a 12-foot depth to Washington at a cost of \$98,000, with \$20,000 for maintenance.

Knobbs Creek, Elizabeth City, to provide for a 10-foot depth at a cost of \$79,000, with \$500 annually for maintenance.

Belhaven Harbor to provide for a 12-foot depth at a cost of \$55,000, with \$5,000 annually for maintenance, with provisions that local interests shall construct a suitable public terminal.

Far Creek, Engelhard, to provide for a 7-foot channel, to cost \$30,000, with \$2,000 annually for maintenance, with provision that local interests shall contribute \$10,000.

Mackey Creek, at Mackey's Ferry, to provide obstructions at a cost of \$1,100.

Silver Lake, Ocracoke Island, to provide for a 5-foot channel to the entrance of Silver Lake at a cost of \$11,000, with \$900 annually for maintenance, and with the local contribution feature eliminated.

The bill also carried the following surveys introduced by Mr. Warren: Rollinson Channel, leading from Pamlico Sound to Hatteras; Shallow Bay to Manteo; Channel from Stumpy Point to Pamlico Sound; Channel from Deey Bay to Swan Quarter Bay and to the town of Swan Quarter; Waterway from Norfolk to the Sounds of North Carolina, including the Dismal Swamp Canal, with the view of required facilities for navigation; Any canal from Fairfield to the intersection of said canal with the Inland Waterway between Alligator and Pungo Rivers.

Mr. Warren stated that he was disappointed that over a year ago the engineers had disapproved his survey for the improvement of the Tar River from Washington to Greenville, and from Greenville to Tarboro, as it developed that two locks would be required and that the cost would be over \$2,000,000. He said that shipping interests in Greenville, after reading the report, felt that they could not overcome same, and advised its abandonment for the time being. A flood control program for Tar River is now under consideration by the engineers.

Called Home Account of Father's Death Friday

Miss Pearl Haywood, teacher in the local high school, was called to her home in Rockingham last week by the sudden illness and death of her father, Mr. J. M. Haywood.

Mr. Haywood, aged 67, died at his home Friday morning from paralysis suffered the previous Wednesday. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon.

Judge Sinclair's Case Goes Before Wilson Court Today

Waives Preliminary Hearing, Judge N. A. Sinclair Has His Case Carried Before Judge Meekins Today in Federal Court in Session at Wilson

The case charging Judge N. A. Sinclair with transporting liquor is being heard in the Federal court at Wilson this afternoon, the Judge having waived preliminary hearing scheduled before United States Commissioner I. W. Massey, in Selma.

The outcome of the case could not be learned at 3 o'clock today, reports coming from the authorities at Wilson at that hour stating that no definite turn had been made in the case. Several witnesses, Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Rose, Officers Daniel and Allsbrooks, Deputy J. H. Roebuck and Federal Agent Coats, left here early today for the trial in Wilson. They were summoned late yesterday to appear before the court there today, but as far as it could be learned they had not been questioned by the grand jury

up until two o'clock this afternoon. According to unofficial reports, it is understood that the defense is strengthening itself by casting the blame on William Harold Everett, local boy, Judge Sinclair and his several attorneys referring to the case as a frame-up.

Young Everett was not summoned as a witness in the case, and as far as it could be learned he is not attending the court.

The case is attracting much attention throughout the State, and it is understood that it has been on the air on one occasion.

The Judge was stopped the latter part of March near Tarboro, the officers making the find finding a pint of liquor in his handbag.

JAILED HERE ON ARSON CHARGE

Henry Sherrod Is Charged with Burning House at Warren Neck

Charged with burning a house on the Warren Neck farm, owned by Mr. G. W. Blount, of this place, Henry Sherrod, colored, was placed in the jail here this morning.

Few particulars could be learned in the case this morning, but it is understood that Sherrod will be arraigned on an arson charge.

Apparently worried with the landowner, Sherrod is said to have fired the building, valued at \$500, following an argument with the occupants. It is understood that William Sherrod and his family were living in the house at the time, but it could not be learned whether the loss was confined to the building alone.

The case was reported to Sheriff Reid, of Washington county, soon after the fire late last night, and he made the arrest. The prisoner was brought to the Martin County jail early this morning by Sheriff Roebuck.

Sherrod is said to have been drinking last night and openly threatened to destroy the home. He is said to have denied any connection with the act this morning, however.

LIST 25 PERCENT OF PROPERTY

Only Seven More Days Left in Which To Complete Listing of Property

According to reports from the several townships in this county, less than half the taxpayers have listed their property, with only seven more days to list.

Messrs. Roy Griffin, of Williamson Township, and Bob Grimes, of Robertsonville Township, tax listers in two of the largest townships in the county indicate that only about 25 per cent of the taxable property has been listed in their townships.

Personal property, in practically every township, is receiving a marked decrease. Poor crop years and the scarcity of money, feeds, livestock and chickens are held responsible for the slump in valuation of personal property.

The large property owners are holding back in their listing, while the colored and poorer class of whites have already given in their holdings.

The list-takers insist that unless the people act more promptly within the next few days, it will be impossible to get their property listed in the time specified by the law and extra cost will be added after April 30.

Runs Automobile Into Mules Near Jamesville

Rounding a curve, with the headlights of his car illuminating the woods rather than the road, Leslie Hardison, accompanied by Russell Martin drove into four mules Saturday night about one o'clock, between Jamesville and Dardens.

No personal injury was received by the boys, but the car was wrecked and one of the mules was so badly injured that it had to be shot.

The mules broke out from the farm of Messrs. Ransom Roberson and C. C. Flemming and were attempting to cross the road as the Hardison car turned the curve.

Woman's Club Will Meet Here Thursday Afternoon

On Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the regular monthly meeting of the local Woman's club will be held at the hall. At this time representatives to the State meeting at Pinehurst will be selected. All members are urged to attend but if there are those who are unable to do so, they are requested to send their yearly dues as next month the treasurer's books will be given over to the new treasurer, Mrs. J. G. Stator and it is hoped that all dues will be paid before then.

NEGRO KILLED ON RIVER FILL LAST EVENING

Brodie Childs Dies Suddenly when Hit by Dr. E. P. Norfleet's Automobile

SKULL WAS CRUSHED

Dr. Norfleet Released; Ben Gurley, Colored Held in Connection With Childs's Death

Brodie Childs, colored man around 38 years of age, of Speed, was killed on the Roanoke River fill, near here, shortly before 7 o'clock last night when struck by a car driven by Dr. E. P. Norfleet, of Roxobel. Childs, walking along the road toward Windsor, suffered a crushed skull, death following instantly.

Stating that it was his first accident, Dr. Norfleet explained that the death resulted when he was forced to the side of the road by another car driven by Ben Gurley, young colored boy, of Bertie, who with five other colored people passed him. Child's position on the road at the time he was struck, could not be definitely determined, Leo Tyler, young white man in company with the doctor, stating that he believed the man was walking on the edge of the concrete. Rushing back to Childs, Dr. Norfleet and Mr. Tyler reached him just as his heart was beating its last. Gurley and his friends continued on their way, but following the report of the coroner's jury, Gurley was arrested and ordered held on a reckless driving charge with the possibility that a manslaughter charge might be preferred later.

Questioned by a coroner's jury, composed of Messrs. Joe Byrd, A. E. Cowan, Will Butler, T. W. Thomas, Lang Bazemore, and Jesse Waters, Dr. Norfleet stated that Gurley attempted to pass him just across the bridge, and in the second attempt, which was successful, he hit the front fender of the death car. "He crowded me off and forced me into the man," the doctor concluded. Leo Tyler corroborated the evidence offered by the doctor, but Mrs. Tyler and her sisters, who were riding in the death car, were not questioned.

Gurley, before the jury headed by Temporary Coroner J. E. Smith, admitted that he struck the Norfleet car, but that he passed it approximately 100 yards from the spot of the killing. Both of the cars figuring in the killing were examined by the jury, the scratches supporting the evidence offered by the three witnesses.

The accident was classed as unavoidable as to Dr. Norfleet, but Gurley was ordered held on a reckless driving charge with the possibility that a manslaughter charge would be preferred later.

Thurston Lee, colored man and a fellow workman of Childs', stated that Childs was returning from a visit to his family in Speed, that he had been working in a logging camp over in Bertie for Frank Scott, of Hobgood, for several months.

Trudging along the highway, probably the greater part of the way from Hobgood, Childs was returning to his work with a few provisions, such as Irish potatoes and cabbage, which were found scattered around his dead body.

ORDER DOGS MUZZLED
The county board of health, in a resolution passed at noon today, ordered that all dogs running at large be muzzled by their owners. Failure to comply with the requests will subject the owners to a fine or imprisonment, it was stated.

County Tax Payers Hold Second Meet Here Friday

Urge Full State Support of Six Months School Term and The Maintenance of Principal Roads; Discuss Financial Condition of County and Townships

Holding a meeting here last Friday night, the second within the past few days, a goodly number of taxpayers and interested citizens discussed the county's financial condition, endorsing at its close, in a general way, all the recommendations passed by a State tax meeting held in Raleigh a few weeks ago. At the State meeting, it was recommended that the schools be placed on the State and the principal county roads be included in the State system. The local meeting also recommended a sales tax on luxuries and foreign stocks, stressing at the last foreign in government.

Chairman G. H. Cox, presiding over the last Friday evening meeting, explained why the tax relief meetings are being held in the State and various counties.

Messrs. T. B. Slade, chairman, and Henry S. Everett, a member of the county board of commissioners, pointed out the county's needs when called upon by Chairman Cox. Mr. B. M. Worsley, a member of the county board of education, was also asked to explain the condition of the finances of the schools and the prospect for any relief from that point. J. Sam Getsinger, registrar of deeds and auditor, gave a review of the county's financial condition.

The county's bonded indebtedness is now \$930,000. In addition to this,

Machinery Set Up Saturday For June Primary In This County

305 Convicts Lose Lives In Ohio State Prison Fire

PRISONERS ARE SAID TO HAVE STARTED BLAZE

SECOND MEET OF TAXPAYERS HELD MONDAY

Pass Resolution Requesting Governor To Call Special Legislative Session

397 ATTEND MEETING

Editor Josephus Daniels Thinks Sales Tax Should Be Collected and Foreign Stocks Taxed

At a second state-wide tax meeting held in Raleigh yesterday, 397 delegates representing forty-six counties heard the tax problem as it now affects North Carolina, discussed from every angle.

Dr. Carl Taylor presented a strong argument against a sales tax and expressed himself as favoring a change in the constitution authorizing the classification of property so that the rate of property that cannot be seen will be lower than the rate on tangible or visible property. He advocated high income and inheritance tax.

Josephus Daniels urged that a sales tax be collected and opposed the proposed amendment to classify property. He also advocated a tax on foreign stocks.

Stressing the economy feature, Dr. Oscar Haywood advocated several changes. He stated that State stenographers are receiving from \$150 to \$200 per month while stenographers outside are being paid \$75 per month.

The unanimous adoption of a resolution requesting Governor Gardner to call a special session of the incoming General Assembly immediately after the November election and the strong indication of a majority sentiment against the tax exemption of stocks in foreign corporations and in favor of a sales tax were the high lights of the meeting, it was stated by representatives from this county upon their return here.

Governor Gardner, who had expressed opposition to the original movement for a special session of the present Legislature this summer, declined to comment on the resolution passed yesterday, explaining that he desired more time to consider it.

One of the Governor's reasons for opposing the summer session on taxation was that he wanted the Tax Commission's report completed before the matter was taken up. The commission's report, however, cannot be completed until some time after the election for its recommendations will be largely affected by the passage or failure of the amendment to classify property for taxation which will be voted on at the same time the new Legislature is chosen.

The loose convicts were being driven into the dining halls. Troops were having trouble controlling the men who, earlier in the excitement, had pitched in and aided in rescue work.

The first intimation that the first fire was of incendiary origin came from State Fire Marshal Ray Gill. He said he believed the fire was set in several places simultaneously, in the I and K cell blocks. The later fires in the cotton mills were incendiary, he said.

Chief of Police Harry E. French, of Columbus, helping to command the situation in the prison enclosure, ordered all women nurses from the penitentiary at 9:45 p. m. He said he issued the order to insure safety for the women.

The convicts in the yards, prodded by soldiers and guards, were thinning out, and it was believed all men would be in their cells within an hour.

CALL TWO CASES IN COURT TODAY

No Cases Called Yesterday by Special Term Now in Session Here

After taking yesterday as a holiday, the Martin County Superior court in special session here for the trial of civil cases called only two cases today. The first case called by Judge Moore was that of D. Gray and wife and J. W. Watts and wife against Julius S. Peel and W. J. Hunter, trustee. After spending practically all the morning in the trial, the judge ordered a mistrial that other parties, defendants, might be brought into the case.

The second case called is that of Davis against Hinson in which the location of a land line is the main question. This case is expected to consume the remainder of the day.

Music Department Will Give Recital Here Friday

The music department of the local schools will give a recital in the new high school auditorium here next Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The evening's entertainment features a group of carefully chosen selections and a performance by the toy orchestra. The boys' quartette will also appear on the program, it was stated. Another feature will be the girls' glee club chorus.

The partitions of the school and the general public are cordially invited to attend.

Harold Everett Recovers Stolen Car in Tarboro

The Ford coupe, belonging to Harold Everett, of this place, was recovered in Tarboro late last night after it was missed from the streets here about 7 o'clock last Saturday evening.

NO PARTIALITY SHOWN IN THE APPOINTMENTS

Bailey Forces Reported as Well Pleased With the Primary Machinery

MANY REAPPOINTED

With New Australian Ballot System the Board of Elections Finds Its Tasks Greatly Complicated

Martin County's machinery for the primary on June 7 was selected by the county board of elections, Messrs. Sylvester Peely, chairman, C. B. Fagan and J. R. Winslow, in session here last Saturday morning. The meeting was without features, the board reappointing in the main, all the old registrars and poll holders.

While the reappointment of former primary officers vindicates the board of favoring either Senator Simmons or Mr. Bailey, it is generally understood that a majority of the pollholders and registrars are in sympathy with Mr. Bailey's candidacy. That this would interrupt a fair vote at the primary, is denied.

The appointments follow by precincts, the last named being a Republican:

Jamesville: A. Corey, registrar; Jno. Allen, poll holder; Roscoe Stallings, assistant poll holder; and Charles Davenport, poll holder.

Williams: Lee Hardison, registrar; J. W. Hopkins, poll holder; Charles Daniel, poll holder.

Griffin: Geo. C. Griffin, registrar; T. W. Roberson, poll holder; J. Eason Litley, assistant poll holder; George Ed Peel, poll holder.

Bear Grass: A. B. Rogerson, registrar; A. B. Ayers, poll holder; H. D. Cowan, poll holder.

Williamston: J. L. Hassell, registrar; Roy Griffin, poll holder; Luther Peel, assistant poll holder; Charles H. Cowan, poll holder.

Cross Roads: J. S. Ayers, registrar; Joe B. Barnhill, poll holder; Willie Ausbon, poll holder.

Poplar Point: W. S. White, registrar; W. S. Leggett, poll holder; Herman Harrison, poll holder.

Robertsonville: J. L. Roberson, registrar; Eli Rogers, poll holder; J. L. Whitefield, assistant poll holder; R. K. Adkins, poll holder.

Gold Point: J. L. Croom, registrar; J. Henry Roberson, poll holder; H. L. Keel, poll holder.

Hamilton: R. A. Edmondson, registrar; J. B. Purvis, poll holder; J. S. Ayers, poll holder.

Goose Nest: Tom H. Johnson, registrar; C. C. Allsbrooks, poll holder; J. T. Savage, poll holder.

With the new Australian Ballot System being used generally for the first time, the county board of elections is facing a complicated task this year. Already the chairman has busied himself in checking past records in placing orders for booths. Forty-one of the steel frames with curtains have been delivered here ready for distribution to the eleven precincts a few days before the primary. The board is also handling the books for the various candidates, a few having already filed at this time.

The primary election calendar, mentioning the time for the opening of the registration books May 3, follows:

May 3rd: Date of opening of the registration books by the registrars at the polling place at 9 a. m. for registration of new voters. Registration books are to remain open for registration until sunset on every Saturday through Saturday, May 24th, for registration.

May 23rd: Last day for candidates for selection as the nominees of any political party for the office of State Senator, member of the House of Representatives, and County and Township offices to file notice of candidacy with the County Board of Elections.

May 26th: Last day for the Chairmen of the County Boards of Elections in the Senatorial Districts composed of more than one county, where there is no agreement as provided for in Section 6014 of the C. S. to certify to every other chairman of the county boards of elections in such senatorial district, the names of all candidates who have filed notice of candidacy in their respective county for the office of State Senator.

May 28th: Last day for statements of expenditures to be filed by candidates. All candidates for State and District offices shall file such statements with the Secretary of State. All candidates for State Senator in districts composed of only one county, members of the House of Representatives, and all county offices shall file such statements with the clerk of the superior court of their county.

May 31st: Day for the registrars to attend the polling places with the registration books, from 9 a. m. until 3 p. m. when and where the registration books shall be open to the public for inspection for the purpose of challenges.