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PLAN BUS LINE BETWEEN HERE AND RALEIGH

Many Interested Citizens To Appear Before State Corporation Commission

ASK FOR FRANCHISE

Towns in This Section Badly in Need of Improved Service to the Capital City

Coastal Lines, Incorporated, a new corporation will apply to the State Corporation Commission in Raleigh tomorrow for a franchise to operate a bus line direct from Williamston to Raleigh. Much interest is being shown in the proposed line by people here and in other towns along the route. The Coastal Lines will maintain connecting schedules with the Norfolk and Washington busses, giving three daily trips to and from the capital city. In making connection with the Norfolk-Washington busses, transportation to Raleigh would be made possible for Hertford, Elizabeth City, Edenton, Windsor, Williamston and Washington as well as the other towns along the route including Everetts, Robersonville, Parme and Bethel.

At the present there are three lines between Williamston and Raleigh, but only one service per day is possible over all three from this point, which means that towns in this section are badly in need of a more direct line. Leaving by train here in the early morning, the traveler spends a greater part of the day reaching Raleigh. Connections to other towns and cities west of Raleigh are also limited just because there is an inadequate service from this point to Raleigh.

Citizens in Elizabeth City and other towns along the route will join a party from here tomorrow and go before the corporation commission in behalf of the establishment of the line, according to plans announced by Mayor R. L. Coburn, of this place, yesterday.

62 REGISTER FOR POWER ELECTION

Everetts Citizens Will Vote On Power Company's Offer Saturday

Holding a special election next Saturday, the town of Everetts will vote on the proposed sale of its light and power system to the Virginia Electric & Power Company. Sixty-two citizens there have registered for the election, according to a report received here last night.

The Virginia Electric and Power Company is offering the town \$10,000 for the franchise there. Acceptance of the proposal will provide an eight and one-half cent lighting rate as compared with the ten-cent rate paid by the light consumers there at the present time.

According to information received from several of the town's citizens, the sale is considered with favor, as a whole, and the sale is likely.

The registration is said to be an unusually large one, making 32 votes necessary for the passage of the proposal. The election will be held under the new Australian ballot law.

County Council of Clubs To Be Held Thursday

The second county council of home demonstration clubs in this county will be held in the office of Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home agent, here next Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. It was announced yesterday. The Holly Springs Club will have charge of the program, it was stated in the announcement.

In a letter addressed to club members, Miss Sleeper stated, "There is much business for this meeting, selecting a county program committee, reports from clubs, report of constitution committee, plans for county-wide 'Live-at-Home' dinner and style show, plans for county exhibit at the fair in Tarboro. Every officer of home demonstration clubs should attend this meeting if possible."

Local Man In Auto Wreck Near Washington Sunday

Richard Smith, young man of this place, was injured in an automobile accident at Cherry's Run, a few miles this side of Washington, last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Smith suffered several bad cuts about the hands and painful bruises about the body, but his injuries are not considered serious. His car, a Ford coupe, was completely wrecked, a mechanic stating that one light and the seat cushion were left unimpaired in the wreck.

According to reports received here, Mr. Smith was traveling toward Washington and was driving on his side of the road at the time of the accident. A truck is said to have attempted to pass another car, and failed to complete the attempt, throwing the two machines into a head-on collision. Several colored people, riding in the truck, were hurt, but not seriously.

Fifty-Seven Candidates Are Seeking Office in This County

Prepare Injunction To Stop Paving Program

That an effort to check the proposed paving program for the town would be made was practically reported as certain this morning when it was learned that a petition was being circulated against any paving.

Attorney Hugh G. Horton has been employed to handle the case, and it is understood that a petition will be carried before a judge in the district at an early date, asking for an order restraining the town from continuing its paving program.

In the event that such action is taken, the project will be delayed for a while at least, as the order for hearing will likely run for 20 days. Then if the petition is sustained, the injunction will be made permanent and the case will be heard in court by a jury, which procedure will, no doubt, require many months.

The petition is being circulated by Mr. W. T. Meadows, it is understood.

SHERIFF STOPS POKER GAME

Players Run To Safety In Woods; One Reported Hurt While Running

Going into Bear Grass last Sunday evening shortly before nine o'clock, Sheriff Roebuck and other officers accidentally ran across a big card or poker game. With a small light and a table placed in the woods, the young men, all white, were busily engaged in the game when the officers happened along. The place of play was only a few yards from a pop store and bordered by an automobile burying ground.

The officers, telling of the escape of the young men, described it as one of the greatest comedies they had ever seen. Jumping from their seats when they saw the sheriff, the young men knocked over the light and scrambled for places deeper in the woods. In making their escapes, the players ran headlong into the old cars and bruised themselves. The old iron objects did not stop them for long, as they recovered rapidly and complaining ran out of the hands of the law.

According to reports, the gamblers played all day Sunday, and almost in sight of a church where services were held. No chips or money were found on the table, but it is believed that matches were used for chips.

FILE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES

Such Procedure Considered Practically Unnecessary In This County

According to the election laws, all candidates out for public office are scheduled to file with the clerk of the superior court today the amount of expenditures in conducting their campaigns. Such procedure has been unnecessary in this particular section, in the past, and with conditions as they are now it is reasonable to expect that there would be no need for filing of expenditures this year. However, it is rumored that much money is being spent in aiding the candidacies of several. On the other hand, it is heard from reliable sources that the majority of the county candidates are spending very little in the campaign.

Completing Plans for Outing at Camp Leach

Plans are being completed this week for the junior 4-H camp to be held at Camp Leach May 31-June 7. It is expected that three trucks will be necessary. Mr. Nicholas Griffin will drive one truck from his home to Farm Life school, leaving Farm Life at 1:15, proceeding to Jamesville schoolhouse, leaving there at 1:45, on to Williamston, the Texaco Filling Station. One truck will come from Robersonville, and it is hoped one other truck may be secured from Williamston or vicinity. Space will be well filled, and those who have failed to let Miss Sleeper know will no doubt have to forfeit any chance of getting in the last minute.

Autos Damaged in Wreck Near Here Last Sunday

Dr. Harrell, of Murfreesboro, narrowly escaped serious injury last Sunday evening about 9 o'clock when his car, a Chrysler, was wrecked by a truck near the Old Mill Inn on the Washington road. Sam Rodman, driver of the truck, also escaped injury. Both machines were wrecked, damage being limited, however, to one or two broken wheels and smashed fenders.

Rodman was arrested by a highway patrolman and is being held for an investigation.

38 FOR COUNTY OFFICES; 19 FOR DISTRICT POSTS

Vacancies Result When No One Files for Places on Certain Boards

9 COUNTY CONTESTS

Democratic Executive Committee 'Is Likely To Be Asked To Make Necessary Appointments'

Lowering the curtain last Friday at midnight, Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections, found 57 candidates on the county's political stage when he made the final count. Thirty-eight of the number are out for county offices, that is, including the two candidates for seats in the general assembly, and nineteen filed for township offices. A new situation presented itself Saturday after the filing period closed Friday at midnight when it was learned that several prospective candidates had failed to file. The jobs in question are limited to township posts, and as far as it could be learned today, no solution has been offered. In this connection, the chairman of the county board of elections stated Saturday that as far as he knew at that time, it would be impossible to add more names at this late hour. As it is understood now, there are several vacancies in two or three offices in the various townships and no method is in sight for filling them just at this time.

It is understood that the Democratic Executive committee has the power to appoint the nominees to fill the vacancies in question, the board of elections certifying the appointments. No contest is possible in the primary in this case, but in the general election others may form an independent ticket and run against those appointed, it is understood.

According to an unofficial report, there will be nine races for county offices. The exact number of races cannot be officially announced, however, until the chairmen of the boards of election in the several counties certify the candidacies, if any, for a seat in the State Senate. As it stands now there will be no race in this county for a seat either in the house of representatives or in the senate, Mr. J. C. Smith, of Robersonville, being unopposed as the Democratic nominee for the house, and Messrs. E. S. Peel, of this place, and H. S. Ward, of Washington, being without opposition in the race for a seat in the senate from this the second senatorial district. Their names will not appear on the primary ballots.

In the townships there are two candidates without opposition, J. F. Crisp being unopposed for justice of the peace and H. D. Pearson being without opposition for constable in Goose Nest. The names of these candidates will not appear on the township ballots, the chairman of the board of elections declaring them to be the party nominees.

Aside from the State tickets, the following list constitutes the county and township democratic ballots that will be used in the primary, June 7.

For Clerk of Superior Court—R. J. Peel, J. L. Rodgers, J. D. Lilley.

For Register of Deeds—J. Sam Gensinger, F. S. Powell.

For Sheriff—C. B. Roebuck, R. B. Brown.

For Treasurer—C. A. Harrison, W. H. Carstarphen, J. E. Pope.

For Judge of Recorder's Court—J. L. Hassell, J. W. Bailey.

For Solicitor of Recorder's Court—W. H. Coburn, H. O. Peel.

For Coroner—S. R. Biggs and B. S. Courtney.

For County Commissioner—T. C. Griffin, J. A. Everett, V. G. Taylor, J. D. Woolard, Joshua L. Coltrin, B. S. Cowin, J. Haywood Rogers, T. B. Slade, H. S. Everett, L. P. Holliday, J. G. Staton.

For Board of Education—J. Eason Lilley, W. O. Griffin, R. W. Salisbury, J. T. Barnhill, B. M. Worsley, H. C. Norman, J. A. Getsinger, Javan Rogers, K. B. Crawford.

Township Offices

For Road Trustees, Williamston township—S. C. Griffin, J. M. Bowen, G. H. Harrison, A. F. Taylor.

For Road Commissioners, Griffins township—B. F. Lilley, J. Edward Corey, J. C. Gurkin, N. T. Tice, N. R. Peel. This township, it is understood, has five commissioners and the names of those filing will not appear on the ballots.

For Road Commissioners, Jamesville township—Monroe Holliday, Joe H. Holliday, H. L. Davis, J. F. Martin.

For Constable, Jamesville township—J. R. Manning, Ola G. Carson.

Rains Fall In Scattered Portions of the County

Rains falling in this section late last Saturday are said to have greatly aided crops, but still farmers are of the opinion that J. Pluvius is again needed. The showers were scattered, the Cross Roads and Robersonville sections reporting very light rains.

DROP CHARGES AGAINST MAN IN AUTO FATALITY

B. C. Langley Cleared of Blame in Mrs. Roebuck's Death; Hearing Today

Charges against B. C. Langley, of Wilson, in connection with the death of Mrs. Augustus Roebuck in Everetts last Thursday night, were dropped at a preliminary hearing held by Justice of the Peace C. B. Riddick in Everetts this morning after a thorough investigation of the tragedy had been made.

Mr. Langley was represented at the hearing by Attorney Swindell, of Wilson.

The eye witnesses to the tragedy, including Jim Roebuck, Herman Moore, Charlie Keel, Charlie B. Stalls and Virginia Rogerson, all testified that the Langley truck was not going more than twenty miles an hour when the tragedy occurred, that James Roebuck drove a car from J. B. Barnhill's filling station into the highway, that Langley turned to the right to miss the Roebuck car and upon applying the brakes caused the loaded trailer to skid and crush Mrs. Roebuck against the brick wall of Barnhill Brothers' store. Mrs. Roebuck was walking about two feet from the brick wall when struck, it was stated by the witnesses.

It was the expressed opinion of Mr. Langley and the witnesses that his effort to prevent striking the car by applying brakes caused the trailer to skid, that if he had made no effort to stop the accident would probably have been avoided.

The court, after hearing all the evidence in the case, referred to the accident as unavoidable and bond was released.

LEAGUERS HOLD MEETING HERE

Seventy Young People from Other Charges Attend Meet Here Yesterday

The Epworth League Union met in the local Methodist church yesterday with Miss Mary Pruden, president, presiding over the session. About seventy young people from the Roper, Windsor, Columbia, Plymouth and Williamston charges were present and took a part in the program.

The Union has been formed only a few weeks, the delegates yesterday naming the new organization, "Roanoke Union."

After conducting the devotional service, Rev. P. O. Lee, of Windsor, made an appropriate address on the theme, "Life is Made up of Little Things." Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Baum, Conference Epworth League officials were present and offered many helpful suggestions for the meeting and the union. Mr. Baum directed a play program on the lawn after the meeting in the church.

The visitors were served sandwiches and iced tea by members of the local Epworth league.

The next meeting will be held in Windsor the third Monday in August.

Martin County Man Makes Good at Lexington, Ky.

Howard F. Brown, of Oak City, will graduate with honors from the University of Kentucky this spring. Mr. Brown, the son of N. F. Brown, of Oak City, graduated from the high school in Oak City and entered the university in Lexington, Ky., in the fall of the same year.

He took a general course, and in addition took a military training course for four years. He then taught military science for one year in the university and was commissioned second lieutenant from 25 applicants for the position.

He will receive his degree in mechanical and electrical engineering on June 2nd.

He will then go with the Midwest Utilities Company in Chicago, where he will hold a position in the engineering department.

Floors Enemy With Piece of Scantling In Fight Here

Gabriel Wiggins, jr., colored, was badly hurt when struck on the head by a piece of scantling in the hands of Larry Johnson, also colored. The two were quarreling early Sunday evening, Johnson departing rapidly from the scene when he floored Wiggins with the timber.

No arrest has been made in the case up until this time.

Better Chevrolet Company Opens Branch Agency Here

During the summer months, the Better Chevrolet Company, of Robersonville, will operate a branch agency in Williamston, at the Peel Motor Company, on Washington Street.

Mr. L. H. House, of Robersonville, sales manager for the Better Chevrolet Company, will be in personal charge here every Tuesday and Thursday. New and used cars will be displayed, and the public is invited to visit and ask for a demonstration of the cars.

Injunctions, Stopping Tax Sale Dissolved By Judge Sinclair

CRIME IS MORE COMPLICATED AT BATTLEBORO

Withdraw Charges Against Girl's Father and Young White Man

The withdrawal of charges preferred against Joe Powell, chief of police of Battleboro, and Walter Brantley, young white man, of that place, further complicates the shooting of Frank Crickmore and the alleged criminal attack upon Elizabeth Jane Powell.

Powell and Brantley, who had been under bond of \$2,500 each to answer charges of felonious assault, appeared in recorder's court at Tarboro yesterday for a preliminary hearing. Instead of being given a hearing, they were dismissed and the bonds released.

Sheriff W. E. Bardin, of Edgecombe county, while admitting officers apparently had no solution to the shooting, was still unwilling yesterday to believe Miss Powell's story.

"I feel that Miss Powell is able to give us more information than she has," he said, "and if there is any way in which we could hold her we would arrest her. However, I know no way of holding her in jail."

FARMERS HERE IMPORT PLANTS

Last Effort Being Made To Complete Tobacco Transplanting

A last effort is being made by many farmers in this county to secure tobacco plants for transplanting their crops. Several truck loads of plants have been hauled from points miles away, and while the season for transplanting is practically spent, the farmers whose beds failed are hoping against hope for success in their late efforts.

All kinds of reports relative to the crop are being received here. The cut worms are playing havoc with the young plants in certain sections, the reports state. Poor stands are general, and dry weather has hampered the growth of the plants throughout the section.

A shortage in the crop is certain, but no great acreage reduction is expected in this immediate section if late settings mature.

Speculation in tobacco is said to have started in the plant beds this year for the first time. In those sections where plants were plentiful, several financiers learned of the shortage in other sections and bought the beds when the farmers in their section finished with the transplanting. Farmers in this section, it is understood, have found it necessary to deal with the speculators in a number of instances.

School Officials Seek Aid From State School Fund

Representatives from a dozen or more eastern counties are meeting in Raleigh today with the State Equalization Board in an attempt to have the determined value of real estate lowered, whereby more aid from the fund could be had for the particular counties where crop failures were many.

A district meeting of school officials was held here last Thursday afternoon when plans and resolutions were prepared in petitioning the State body for a change in valuation today.

Superintendent R. A. Pope, T. C. Griffin, Elbert S. Peel and others are representing this county at the meeting today.

Woman's Club Holds Regular Meeting Here

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's club was held here in the club rooms last Thursday afternoon with very few members in attendance. On account of the small attendance, business was limited, the president appointing committees to handle one or two business matters.

The club continues work on the lot near the courthouse, and while developments are progressing slowly, it is the intention of the club to complete the work undertaken in creating a public playground.

The last meeting of the club will be held the last Thursday in June, after which time the sessions will be closed until September.

Few Voters Attend First Two Political Speechings

According to reports received here, few people heard the first two public speeches in the U. S. Senatorial race at Robersonville last Friday afternoon and at Farm Life last Saturday evening. The voters were probably too busy to leave their work in the afternoon, and rain is said to have limited the attendance at Farm Life. Mr. Corey did not attend the Farm Life speaking.

STEAL FLOWERS FROM PORCHES

Virginia Man Steals Flowers from Mrs. Roebuck Last Saturday

Stealing took on a new form here last Saturday, when a young man stole flowers and plants from the front porch of Mrs. A. L. Roebuck on Main Street. Advanced by hunger or other urgent necessities, stealing has been reported in many sections, but this is the first time that daring thieves have entered a front porch and in broad daylight carried flowers from a porch.

The thief, a young white man, was accompanied by a young white woman and another white boy, a "bumming" guest. Following the theft here, the "bummer" or third passenger feared for his safety and turned back to the highway with a more respectable party. According to the boy's story the couple picked him up near Robersonville. Upon reaching that town, the driver of the car picked out and stole choice potted plants and other flowers from the porches there. The store here for a similar purpose was too much for the boy, and he left the car, he stated.

Mrs. Roebuck had just completed the task of arranging the flowers on the porch when the car, traveling toward Windsor, was stopped and turned around. A neighbor watched from across the street, and saw the young man go into the yard, but the young woman in the car cursed at her and she lowered the window shade. The theft was executed rapidly, and the two were gone with the flowers before a report could be given.

Efforts are being made to check the license number on the car, but until this morning no information had been gained. The car bore a Virginia license tag, it was stated.

REGISTRATION IS 178 IN PRECINCT

Largest Registration Ever Recorded in Any One Precinct In County

From 126 reported last Thursday, registration in this precinct for the coming primary jumped to 178 before the books closed last Saturday, it was learned from Registrar Luther Peel yesterday afternoon. The registration is one of the largest ever recorded in any precinct in this county, it is understood; that is, aside from a new or special registration.

Citizens desiring to vote in the primary and who have not entered their names on the books may do so by offering a valid excuse for their failure to do so to Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the county board of elections. After completing the check on new voters, Registrar Peel stated that there might be some who have failed to register, but that number is considerably less than many expected.

Raise \$115 For Orphanage At Concert Here Friday

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class appeared in a concert before a good-sized audience in the high school auditorium here last Friday evening, the singers receiving a hearty endorsement for their entertainment. The program reflected careful training and intensive practice, several of the numbers comparing with those offered by talented players.

Approximately \$115 were raised by open subscription, it was reported. It was the first appearance of a singing class from the orphanage here in several years, and contributions were received from old and young.

Announce Topic for Service At Courthouse Tomorrow

"For the Great Day of His Wrath Has Come, and Who Shall Be Able To Stand," is the text for the Pentecostal service in the courthouse here tomorrow evening. Rev. Jesse James stated in an announcement this morning.

A series of services, was started in the courthouse last Sunday, and worship is held each evening at 8:00 o'clock. The meeting will continue through Sunday when Rev. Mr. James will conduct three services.

Sally Ann Bakery Is Reopened Here Yesterday

The Sally Ann Bakery was reopened this week after being closed for several months and will be run under the management of its former owner, Mr. W. H. Gurkin.

Mr. Gurkin will be more closely connected with the bakery than on former occasions and will see that each customer receives his personal attention.

ADVERTISE TAX DELINQUENTS IN COUNTY JUNE 6

Approximately 870 Parcels of Land Scheduled for the Auction Block

TOWN LIST INCLUDED

Approximately \$40,000 In Taxes Involved; Collectors Are Preparing List of Delinquent Payers

The injunctions issued the 8th of this month restraining the local and county tax collectors from advertising land for delinquents taxes the 9th of this month were dissolved by Judge N. A. Sinclair in Wilson last Saturday afternoon. As a result, the delinquent tax list will be advertised next week, probably on Tuesday, but not later than June 6.

When the plaintiffs, J. W. Biggs and others, brought the action the early part of this month, the court replied, "In order to permit the plaintiffs to present their view of the law, a temporary restraining order was issued, and the issue of law set down for hearing and determination by the court at Wilson on May 24, 1930."

In dissolving the temporary injunctions, Judge N. A. Sinclair stated, "Upon the hearing, after argument of counsel, the court being of the opinion that the County Finance Act repealed Sec. 8012 of Michie's Code, and being further of the opinion that even if said section, 8012, applied, the act is without power to direct or control the exercises of discretion vested in the county commissioners by law.

It is, thereupon, considered, adjudged, and decreed that the petition of the plaintiffs be denied, and that the restraining order heretofore issued be and the same is hereby, dissolved, and that the defendants recover their costs of the plaintiffs."

The defendants in the case were ably represented, but under the law, it was believed that the case would not stand and that the dissolution was the only possible procedure.

The town and county collectors are now turning again to their unpaid accounts, preparing the list of delinquents. The size of the lists have not been fully determined at this time, as the officers stopped work on the lists when the restraining orders were filed, and until today they have not been able to prepare the full lists. It is understood, however, that there will be around 170 parcels of land advertised for town taxes and approximately 700 parcels for county taxes.

The last report from the town treasurer are now approximately \$7,900 unpaid taxes. Personal property comes in for a share of the unpaid accounts, however, and limits the advertising to 68 white and 109 colored property owners.

The number of parcels of land subject to sale for county taxes has not been determined at this time, but unpaid taxes on real estate will amount to approximately \$35,000 or more, it is estimated, representing a sum of around \$18,000. Considering the unfavorable conditions existing in this section this year, tax collections have been unusually good.

Chief W. B. Daniel, collector for the town of Williamston, and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, county collector, are issuing warnings today, urging the property owners to make settlements by June 3.

Laymen's Day at Local Methodist Church Sunday

Sunday will be Laymen's Day at the Methodist church. At the morning hour Mr. D. J. Spruill will speak. Mr. Spruill is from Columbia, and is Lay Leader of the Columbia Charge.

Local laymen will participate in the evening service. It will be a Minute Men's service. The following men will speak from three to five minutes each: Mr. R. L. Coburn, Mr. R. A. Critcher, Mr. R. F. Pope, Mr. G. W. Blount, Mr. W. R. Watson and Mr. R. A. Pope.

Mr. R. S. Critcher will conduct prayer service Wednesday evening.

Rev. D. A. Petty left today for Roanoke Island where he will assist Rev. E. H. Davis in a ten day revival. Mr. Petty's pulpit is being filled by laymen Sunday.

Citizens Seek Office But Are Unable To File

Seven persons have announced their desire to run for road commissioners in Bear Grass township, but in each case not one filed. Three of the seven were selected a recent meeting of the citizens of that township and four announced today. Messrs. B. B. Rogerson, Will Brown and J. D. Wynn were selected at the meeting while Messrs. Claude Whitehurst, John H. Rogerson and Thos. Bullock and J. W. Green announced yesterday.

Similar situations are reported in other townships, but no solution has been offered as far as it could be learned here today.